



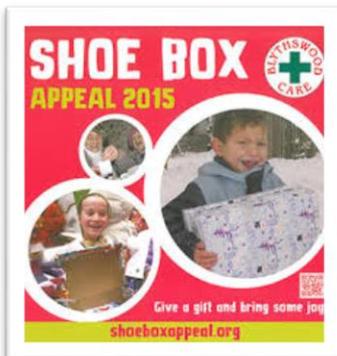
Friday 23 October 2015

## Dear Parents/Carers

*Well how time has flown! It does not seem possible that term one ends today. Don't forget that the clocks go backwards on Saturday! We have had a very busy first term, continually driving the school forward. We have shared busy times, happy times and very sad times, remaining together throughout and supporting each other. That is what a school family is all about. We are ready for a break though! While the school is closed to children over the next week, contractors will be on site fitting a new fire alarm system and replacing the fencing along the Robins play area. This will be higher than the current fencing, allowing us to keep children safe at all times. I wish you all a very happy Autumn Break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.*

## This week...

Miss McCabe and I have been busy observing learning in school again this week. We had a great time in the forest with Mrs Byatt and Peacocks Class, so much so that Mrs Byatt lost track of time and had to run all the way back to school for the Forest School Presentation. Thank you to you for coming to the Forest School presentations. We are proud to be able to offer this outdoor learning to our children. Look out for your invitation to your child's session in Term 2. I won't spoil the surprise, let's just say a welcome winter warmer treat will be in store!



On Tuesday, Susie led worship. Susie is from the charity Blythswood.

Blythswood Care provides practical help, love and support for those in need.

Whether through filled shoeboxes at Christmas, relief and development aid or social projects for young and old, Blythswood brings hope to families in Europe, Africa and Asia. For every £1 donated, Blythswood delivers more than £5 worth of grass roots aid. With the support of ordinary people like you, Blythswood achieves EXTRAORDINARY transformations and provides loving care for body and soul.

The children all brought home a leaflet detailing a checklist of what can go in shoeboxes and we have set the challenge to fill a shoe box over the autumn break. We will be pleased to receive the boxes back in school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please help to bring joy to a child less fortunate. Thank you for your support.

Robins delighted us on Wednesday when they led an assembly showing us all their learning. We loved their songs and seeing the different ways they learn. It is difficult to believe that these children have only been in school six weeks. They were brimming with confidence. Well done Robins!



On Wednesday, Miss McCabe and I enjoyed observing a PE lesson. Eagles Class were all busy on their fundamental movement skills with Mrs Ridge, enjoying also tennis and basketball. I am proud of the high standard of teaching and learning that your child benefits from on a daily basis.



## Shoot for the Stars

Miss McCabe and I have also been very busy running pupil progress meetings. We met with teachers and teaching assistants to hear all about your child's progress. We collected assessment information and analysed who is making appropriate progress and identified where extra support is required. This provides a clear action plan for the term ahead. Again, I firmly believe that we can be proud of the high standard of teaching and learning that is delivered on a daily basis with an early and timely identification of need.

It was a delight to meet with so many of you last afternoon and evening, sharing the story of your child's hard work and achievements to date. I hope that you found the discussions helpful and feel well informed to support your child in the term ahead. At the end of term 3, you will receive a new Target Tracker report, which will inform you at a glance where your child is and what is needed to move to the next steps. You can expect this termly for the rest of the academic year.



Thank you for sending your children in to school in their leisure wear today and in token of this a donation of a raffle prize for dare I say the word... I will whisper it; 'Christmas' fair. If you did not manage to donate today, please feel free to drop a prize off to the office during the first week of next term. The PTFA are very appreciative of your support in this way.

Thank you for attending the Parent Forum today. It is important for us to share with you how we have listened to your concerns and worked towards moving the school forward. It was also good to inform you about the new national curriculum and assessment without levels. I am appreciative that your input has will make us think reflectively about the term ahead and set a clear agenda and action plan.

Beech Tree Team and I had a wonderful time this afternoon celebrating their success, winning the most DoJo points this term. We called it Term Tree Team Treat (winner of 4T!) They wanted a Halloween party... we had an Autumn Festival Party. It was lots of fun! I hope that the children agree and that the treat inspired others to be the winner in the future!



Talking about future winners... On Thursday afternoon, Mrs Ridge led and organised an Intra Tree Team competition. This consisted of a number of games and activities which allowed children to excel at what they are good at and establish the tree team points for the start of the new term. This could quite easily affect the scores and future winners. Watch this space!



We did not have Celebration Worship this week. There were no Birthdays. We will look forward to celebrating these again after the autumn break. In anticipation though, I would like to celebrate the outside achievements of Max. Max our swimmer! He swam in an East Invicta (so half of Kent) championships ... Entered 11 races and won 10 golds and 1 silver!! I've said it before, I am feeling that one day I will be watching an Olympic Swimmer and proudly announcing that Max came to Hartlip School. Well done Max! We are all very proud of you.

There have been a few items of uniform that have gone astray recently. Over half term please could you check that your child has bought home the correctly named clothing. Thank you.

## We celebrate the achievements of:

### Tree team points:

#### Weekly totals

House	wk 1	wk 2	wk 3	wk 4	wk 5	wk 6	wk 7
CHESTNUT	139	143	215	141	184	200	192
SYCAMORE	175	193	141	170	205	211	207
OAK	138	169	191	143	160	207	165
BEECH	179	190	219	184	194	213	204

#### Cumulative Totals

House	wk 1	wk 2	wk 3	wk 4	wk 5	wk 6	wk 7
CHESTNUT	139	282	423	564	748	948	1140
SYCAMORE	175	368	583	753	958	1169	1376
OAK	138	307	498	641	801	1008	1173
BEECH	179	369	588	772	966	1179	1383

\*Highlighted = winning team of week

There we are! The end of term results. So close up to the end! Mrs Ridge will share the outcome of the intra tree team competition at the beginning of next term. That could set a completely different outset. Beech team have enjoyed their 4T this afternoon.

I would like to personally congratulate and recognise publicly and individually these children:

Layla, Mia, Rose, Oliver S

Zachary, Liam, Lacey, Adam S

Cherish, Imogen, Olivia C, DaisyBo

Isobel, John, Kathryn, Ben S

These children achieved 100% positive behaviour every single week. That is to be celebrated and this is what we will do! Each child will receive a certificate in recognition, a small gift and a letter home.



### New intake information meeting

Do you have friends/family due to start school in September 2016? If the answer to this is 'yes', then you may want to advise them of our open day.

This is due to take place on Wednesday 11th November. There will be a presentation from myself at 9.30am, 1.30pm and 6pm. Following those times, visitors are free to informally chat with myself and others promoting our school over refreshment. Likewise visitors are encouraged to spend time in the Robins classroom and around school. The evening timings will hopefully allow dads, working parents and extended family to come and learn about us. Will be launching at this time our new prospectus!

Spread the word! We can send personalised invites if details are shared with us. Encourage interested parties to register an interest with either Mrs Warncken or Mrs Bourne in the school office.

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Hartlip Endowed Church of England School Diary 2015-2016</b>		
	<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>
<b>Term 2 Staff Development Day Friday 18 December</b>	<b>Mon 2 November</b>	<b>Thurs 17 December</b>
<b>Mon 2 Nov</b>	Children return	
<b>Fri 6 Nov</b>	Breakfast in school	
<b>Weds 11 Nov</b>	Open session for new parents	
	Remembrance Day	
<b>Thurs 12 Nov</b>	Full Governing Body Meeting	
<b>Tues 17 Nov</b>	Eagles visit to Rochester	
<b>Weds 2 Dec</b>	Christmas Roast with your child – Robins and Peacocks	
	Eagles visit to London Planetarium	
<b>Fri 4 Dec</b>	Breakfast in school	
<b>Mon 7 – Fri 11 Dec</b>	Rehearsals for Christmas Plays	
<b>To be re-arranged</b>	Y1/2 Flu vaccines (this will be in the form of a nasal spray)	
<b>Weds 9 Dec</b>	Christmas Roast with your child – Blackbirds and Eagles	
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b>	Termly Open Forum for parents	
<b>Mon 14 Dec</b>	Christmas Performance – 2pm	
<b>Tues 15 Dec</b>	Christmas Performance – 2pm	
<b>Weds 16 Dec</b>	Christmas Performance – 6pm	
	Children are expected to attend the evening performance in lieu of Thursday afternoon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec – see dismissal time.	
<b>Weds 16 Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch for Children	
<b>Thurs 17 Dec</b>	Nativity and Carol Service am, children dismissed at 12pm Christmas Lunch for Governors, Staff and Invited Guests	
<b>Thurs 17 Dec</b>	End of Term 2: Children dismissed at 12noon	
<b>Christmas Break</b>	21 December 2015 1 January 2016	

## Coming up...

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Bonfire Dinner (Flier sent home today)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November:** Breakfast in school (Fliers after October Break)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016:** Young Voices at the O2 (Forms needed to be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015)

Yours sincerely

Mrs. T. Jerome  
Headteacher

## FEEDBACK FORM

Please use this form to feedback to us anything that is concerning you or you would like to bring to our attention:

*Feedback forms can be placed anonymously in the feedback box in the lobby*

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## Robins



Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What a busy week we have had in the Robins!

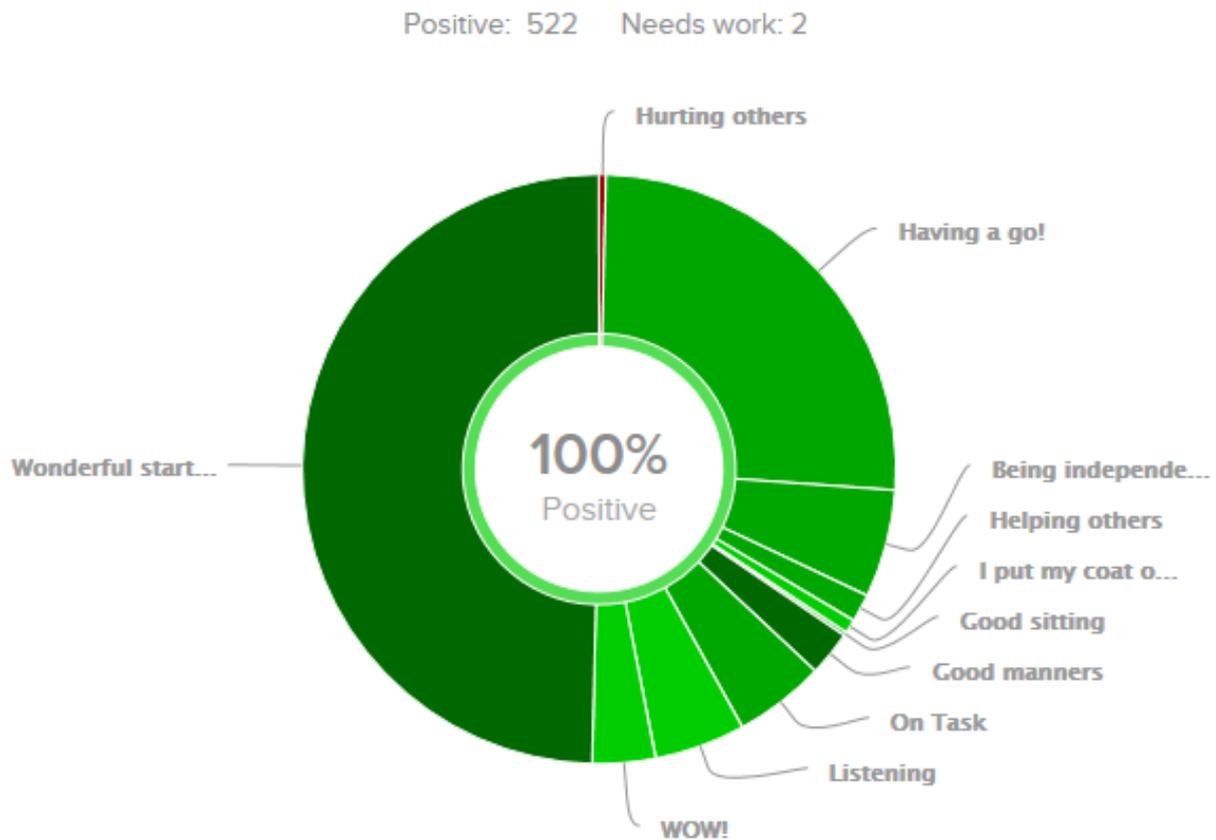
Firstly, we have to say how very proud we are of all of the children. Each child performed confidently in their very first sharing assembly and it was delightful to watch them singing and working together as a team.

In phonics we have been blending the sounds 's, a, t, i, p', to make words such as PAT, TAP, AT, A, IS, IT etc.

In maths, we have continued learning about the value of numbers.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break. We will not be setting any formal homework as we personally believe that the school holidays are a time for fun, family and friends! I will put some websites on Dojo if you wish to complete some work but there is absolutely no obligation to do them.

*The Robins Team*



## Blackbirds

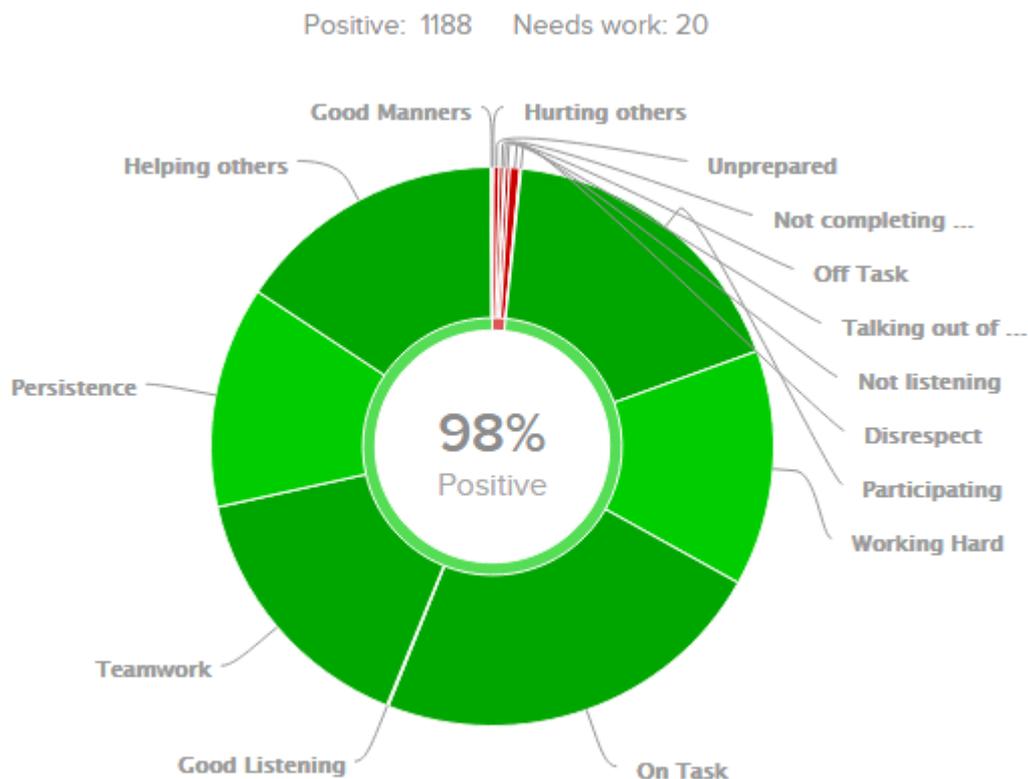
Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending our parents evening last night. I hope you are all proud of your children. There is no homework this week as I believe all of the children have worked so hard this term and deserve a rest. I have told them of some little projects they could do if they feel bored at all!



Have a good half term

*From The Blackbirds*



## Peacocks

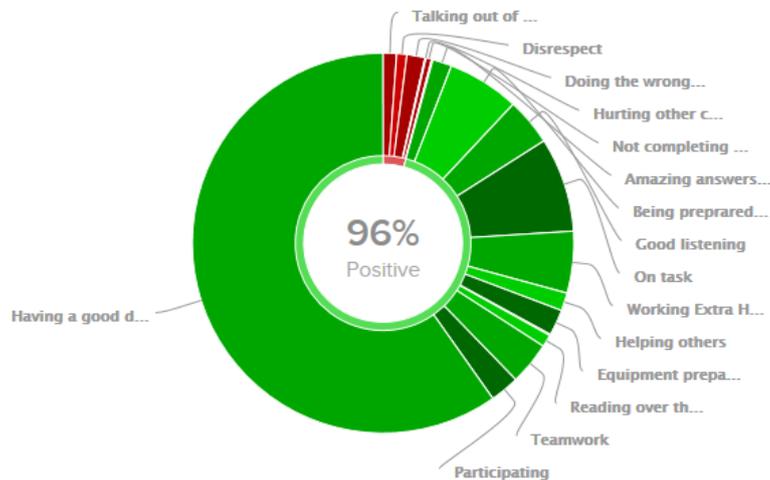
Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of our first term! Well done Peacocks. You have worked very hard and made excellent progress so far. Please have a rest (except for a bit of home learning!) and be ready for more hard work in Term 2...

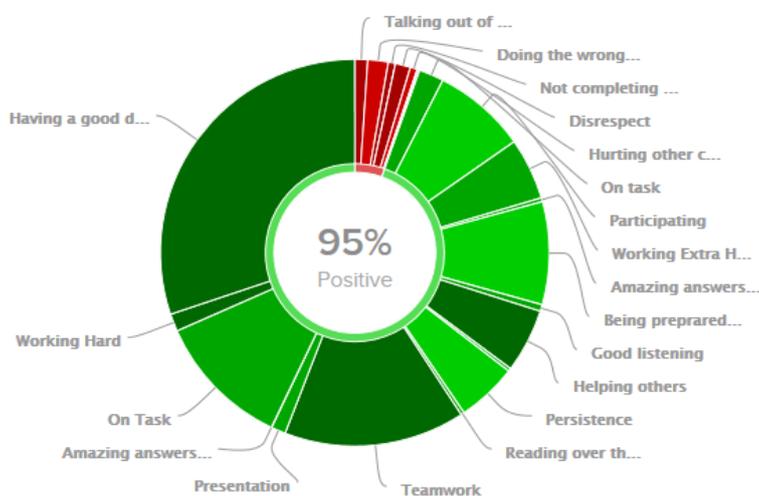


**Year 4s please remember your recorders after half term!**

Here is the Dojo report for **this week**:



And this is the report for the whole of Term 1:



### **Peacocks' Half Term Holiday Home Learning**

**Times Tables:** Practise your times tables. Think about which you know well and which you need to practise more and choose from: 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, 8x

Here are some online games which may be useful:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

**Reading:** Read at least 5 time over the holiday and record in your record in the usual way.

**Writing:** Choose one day over the holiday to write a recount diary about. Think about the 5 W's: who, what, where, why, when. Write at least a page, include VCOP, and make your recount interesting to read. Please also think about working towards your writing target!

*From The Peacocks*

## Eagles

Dear Parents/Carers,

Eagles class are busy preparing for our class assembly on Tuesday, 10th November 2015 at 9.45am. Please put the date in your diaries! It would be wonderful if you could find a suitable costume over half term for your child's character, it doesn't have to be expensive or elaborate. If you are struggling to find anything, please ask as we have some limited costumes in school that we are happy to share.



Please remember your ocarinas and books on MONDAY after half term. (Music will be Monday not Wednesday that week).

Have a happy half term!

*Mrs Hunt and Mrs Burrows*

