



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER –Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

| Weekly Attendance | Week Ending 4/10/24 | Week Ending 11/10/24 | Week Ending 18/10/24 | Week Ending 24/10/24 |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Rabbit Class | 98.3% | 93.6% | 95.4% | 89.4% |
| Owl Class | 93.6% | 99.2% | 98.8% | 97% |
| Deer Class | 98% | 99.3% | 100% | 95% |
| Hedgehog Class | 84.3% | 94.7% | 96.7% | 85.8% |

Harvest Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for The Watton Food Hub, it was hugely appreciated.

Friend in Deed

Some residents from Coronation House came to visit us on Monday. The children performed their songs and poems brilliantly, just like they did in Church at our Harvest celebration last week. The residents were thrilled to be here and really enjoyed the children's performances, particularly as one of them used to be a head teacher and hasn't visited a school for a long time. Next half term I will take a group of children to sing some festive songs and spend some time chatting the residents. We will also invite the residents to visit us again and spend some time with the children doing a range of activities.



Halloween Disco

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful Friends Committee and all of the parent helpers who ran the Halloween Disco. The decorations were brilliant and I know a lot of time and effort went into them – it really made the event special for everyone who attended. The children looked fantastic in their Halloween costumes, we were really impressed in the effort that had been put into their outfits. The whole event was really well planned and organised; it was a great success, and all of the children had a brilliant time. The Friends raised a wonderful £229.31.

Homework Celebrations

We were really impressed with the standard of homework created this half term and the children loved sharing it with their peers and during the homework celebrations. Here are a few photos of what was created:

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. For this to happen, they want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face. Someone able to give food, clothes and bags to a child living without; someone qualified to talk to a child who is anxious, isolated or grieving; someone trained to mentor teenagers in communities facing inequality, violence or lack of opportunity; someone to be there for children living with serious illness, disability or carrying a load that's just too heavy to manage alone. Therefore we will be raising money again this year to help make those things happen. We will be asking the children to wear multicoloured clothes on Friday 15th November. You will be sent a Just Giving Link after half term for each family to donate a minimum of £2 to support this charity. Thank you in advance for your support – your donations really will make a difference to children's lives.

Polite reminders

Please check all jumpers, water bottles, coats and any other items brought into school are labelled with your child's name so that we can return any lost items with their owners.

Please ensure your child does not play any ball games on the playground after school – thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

November

Tuesday 5th November – Return to school

Thursday 7th November @ 3.30pm-6.30pm – Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 12th November @ 9am-10am- Year 1 Writing café

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Wednesday 13th November @ 9am-10am - Year 2 Writing café

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 19th November @ 9am-10am - Year 3 Writing café

Wednesday 20th November @ 9am-10am – Year 4 Writing café

Tuesday 26th November @ 9am-9.40am – Reception Writing café

Wednesday 27th November @ 9am -10am – Year 5 Writing café

Thursday 28th November @ 9am-10am – Year 6 Writing café

Friday 29th November: Music Enrichment Day

Have a lovely half term break, safely enjoying Halloween and Bonfire Night celebrations. I know the children definitely need some time to switch off and relax after working so hard this half term, as do the staff! I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and raring to go again on Tuesday 5th November. Happy Half Term!

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

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Headteacher.