



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you are all refreshed after a having a lovely summer break. We have all been so impressed by how well the children have transitioned back into school life this week and we can't wait to welcome our Nursery children back on Monday.

Assembly theme

This week during assembly we have been thinking about our school values:



Creative



Caring



Daring

We have discussed what this would look like, with the children giving some brilliant, well thought out answers. We want all of our pupils to be creative; they will use their imagination, think hard to create different ways to solve problems and carry out learning tasks, share and adapt ideas, listen to each other and make links between their learning and things they already know. We want all of our pupils to be caring; they will help each other, work together, be kind, be polite, include everyone, celebrate differences, say please and thank you, compromise, share and form good friendships. We want all of our pupils to be daring; they will take calculated risks, try new things, be brave, push themselves further and step outside of their comfort zone into their stretch zone. During the

assembly we discussed that through everyone doing this we will have the **BEST** year yet



where they

lots



. To do this we should ensure learning is



and that every pupil can reach their full potential



Here are some examples of our children doing just this:



Birthday Celebrations

To celebrate your child's birthday, we will continue to allow them to wear their own clothes, either on their birthday if it is a school day, or a different day, near to their birthday, if it is at the weekend or during a school holiday. We will also ensure that we sing happy birthday to them during our weekly celebration assemblies.

Celebration Assembly

Every Monday morning we start the week with a celebration assembly. This is our chance to celebrate children's achievements, in and out of school. So if your child has achieved a certificate or done something brilliant outside of school that you would like us to share with the school, please bring it to the school office, leaving some details about what they have achieved so it can be shared in the next celebration assembly.

We will also see whose wonderful work has been put in the silver frame that week, which is proudly displayed near the school office for everyone to admire. If your child comes home with a wonderful work certificate, please pop into the school office so that your child can show you their wonderful work in the frame.

Also check your emails on a Friday as each teacher will be sending out a super squirrel postcard to the parents of a child who has really impressed them that week. We will give the child a paper copy, sharing the reasons why it was sent with the whole school, the following Monday.

We also celebrate the class who has won the attendance trophy for the best whole class attendance the previous week and which class has won the race to read. This is where we see which class has read the most times at home, through counting the number of times they have read during the previous week from their reading records. The winning class each half term gets to choose a new fiction and non fiction book for their class library.

Rabbit's class don't join us for the whole school assembly yet, instead they have their own special assembly where I visit them in Rabbit's classroom.

Uniform Exchange

If you have any good quality school uniform, that your child has outgrown, please wash it and place it in the uniform exchange basket in our foyer by the office. We will then sort it into sizes and store it safely in the office. If you require some uniform, please email Mrs Pavey at office@hockham.set.education requesting the sizes and items that you would like and she will see what we have in stock. These preloved items will be given to you free of charge and will be subject to availability.

Curriculum maps and Homework Celebrations

You will receive class welcome letters, curriculum maps and information about the homework for this half term today. We will continue to invite you into your child's classroom to see all of the wonderful homework that the children have created. This gives them a real purpose for their learning at home and they feel really proud showing everyone what they created. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with their half termly homework project. We are always so impressed at the quality of the work the children produce!

Reminders

Please ensure you put your child's name on their uniform and belongings, so they are easy to return to their owner if misplaced! Please send sunhats and check that your child is wearing sun cream if this hot weather continues!

Dates for your Diary

September

Monday 9th September: Nursery return to school

Monday 16th September: Clubs begin – information to follow

Friday 20th September: Jeans for Genes

October

Friday 4th October @ 2pm: SEND café

Friday 18th October @ 2.15pm: Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Great Hockham

Monday 21st October @ 8.40-8.55: Rabbit Homework Celebration

Tuesday 22nd October @ 8.40-8.55: Owl Homework Celebration

Wednesday 23rd October @ 8.40 – 8.55: Deer Homework Celebration

Thursday 24th October @ 8.40 – 8.55: Hedgehog Homework Celebration

Thursday 24th October – Break up for Half term holiday

November

Tuesday 5th November – Return to school

Enjoy the weekend, hopefully you can all make the most of this glorious September weather we are having.

Best Wishes

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Headteacher.