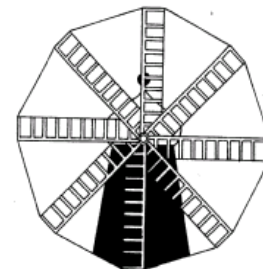


Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



17th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who have attended our Class Worship and Stay and Learn Sessions; we hope you have enjoyed sharing what the children have been learning this term. We have had a fantastic first term at St. Andrew's and a very special well done to our children in Oak Class who have settled well into school life. The children have done some excellent learning this term and have produced some work they can be very proud of!

Coming home tonight is the date sheet for next half term up until Christmas. Please note that parents' evenings will be held on 26th and 27th November and bookings for these will open when we return after half term.

We will be having some really exciting redevelopment taking place on the playground over half term. This is only possible thanks to our wonderful PTFA who work tirelessly to raise money for the benefit of the children in the school. We can't wait for you all to see the finished playground!

Finally, I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 29th October.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bentley
Head Teacher

Attendance data for Autumn Term 1

Please see below for our Autumn Term 1 attendance data. We are aware that this term there has been an outbreak of chicken pox in the lower year groups which has affected the attendance data for this term. Remember, we are aiming for 96% attendance or better to ensure that our children have the best chance to succeed at their learning. Please continue to support us by understanding the importance of NOT taking term time holidays or absences from school wherever possible.

Autumn Term 1 Attendance Averages	Attendance Key
Oak Class = 90.82%	<p>96 - 100% Well done 91 - 95% Risk of underachievement 85 - 90% Serious risk of underachievement Below 85% serious cause for concern and underachievement.</p>
Maple Class = 94.57%	
Willow Class = 97.05%	
Chestnut Class = 96.32%	
Rowan Class = 96.45%	
Silver Birch Class = 96.43%	
Hazel Class = 97.19%	
Overall = 95.78%	

Let's continue to improve as we're aiming for 100% attendance!

Dates for your diary

18.10.19 - Celebration Assembly (by invitation)	08.11.19 - PTFA disco KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.15-7.15pm
18.10.19 - Last day of term	12.11.19 - New parent Open afternoon 2.30-4.30pm
29.10.19 - First day of term	15.11.19 - Children in Need
30.10.19 - Writes Individual photographs	18.11.19 - Silver Birch trip to Space Centre
08.11.19 - Chestnut class trip to Wild Woodcraft	19.11.19 - New Parent open morning 9.30-11.30am

Rowan class have been applying their learning in digestion to some wider ICT projects. From using a green screen to see what our digestive systems look like, to producing their own movie trailer style presentation of what happens when we eat. Scan the code to see one of the final project pieces by Rowan class.



We are making an appeal for any old plumbing pieces you may have going spare. They make excellent Whisper phones!

If you do have any please do drop them into the office .
Many thanks



News Report

Hi we are the learning council and we want to talk to you about plastic. We have asked the school to collect crisp packets so we can send them back to Walkers so they can re-use them. We are also doing a competition to see which class can collect the most crisp packets.

Plastic

We are also going to be doing a secret mission. Can you help us? We need your help to collect as much plastic as we can make something out of them. You can give us; bottle lids, plastic bottles, any clean packing (crisp packets, cookie packets, shampoo bottles., conditioner, butter wrapping, milk cartons) and any other plastic make sure it is CLEAN!

From Beth and the Learning Council

Your child will be bringing home a drawing to complete at home. Their design can then be used to order Christmas cards and other gifts. We hope you children enjoy drawing their Christmas artwork over half term! Please can all artwork be returned to school on the first day back, Tuesday 29th October.

Many thanks

