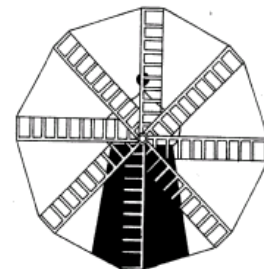


Heckington St Andrew's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



26th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that tomorrow we have our MacMillan coffee morning between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. and we do hope that you will join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a cake. The children will also be taking part in the coffee morning and we would ask for a 50p donation along with any donations of cakes. We also look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival at St. Andrew's Church tomorrow afternoon at 2.00 p.m.

Finally, we have our phonics and early reading workshops next week which give you key information about how we are teaching phonics in Reception and KS1. Please do try and join us for one of the sessions if you can.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Bentley
Head Teacher



Holidays during Term Time

We have already received a number of holiday requests for this term. Please note that schools are obliged to refuse holiday requests during term time in all but the most exceptional circumstances. Parents are required by law to ensure regular attendance at school and fines may be issued by the Local Authority where leave is unauthorised. Please ensure that your child is able to benefit from the full curriculum by ensuring their excellent attendance at school. We would expect pupils to finish an academic year with attendance above 97.5% (apart from exceptional circumstances).

100% attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
95% attendance	9 days of absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% attendance	19 days of absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% attendance	28 days of absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% attendance	38 days of absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed. This is equivalent to half a term.	Detrimental

Children who regularly have attendance of 85% over their entire primary school life will miss the equivalent of a whole year at school!

Please do visit our new attendance page on our website for more information and to see how well we're doing as a school with our attendance. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

- 27.09.19 - MacMillan coffee morning 9-10.30am
- 27.09.19 - Harvest Festival St Andrew's Church 2pm
- 30.09.19 - Phonics & Early Reading workshops 9am
Oak, Maple, Willow classes
- 02.10.19 - Bags2school collection 9am
- 02.10.19 - Phonics & Early Reading
- 14.10.19 - Reception Stay & Learn 2.30pm
- 15.10.19 - Year 6 Stay & Learn 2.30pm
- 16.10.19 - Year 1 Collective Worship for Parents 9am
- 16.10.19 - Year 4 Stay & Learn session 2.30pm
- 17.10.19 - Year 3 & 5 collective Worship 9am
- 17.10.19 - Year 2 Stay & Learn 2.30pm

Guess the Name of the Teddy Competition at 20p a go. Funds raised are for Holly's charity trip to Gambia Please come to the office to enter. This teddy must have a name! Good Luck!

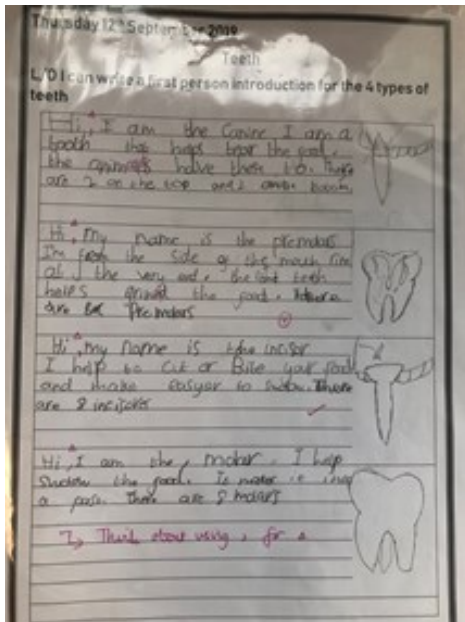


Bags for School

Bags will be coming home this week to be returned to school on 2nd October by 9:00am.



Science- The Heckington Way



Science in school this week:

Year 4 have been learning all about different types of teeth. This is some pretty impressive research and information gathering from Callum.

DID YOU KNOW....

Science Club!- This week we learned about exothermic reactions when creating toothpaste for an elephant! Probably not wise to give an elephant a teeth cleaning product that is going to heat up in their mouths but we had great fun experimenting!



Houses

After a democratic vote, our learning council proudly presented the new house names:

Tennyson (yellow), **Flinders** (blue), **Banks** (red) and **Newton** (green).

We would really love to see if the children could find out more about the significant figures that our houses are named after.

Anything they find out and draw/present will be added to our learning council display board with pride!

Timetable Rockstars

The after school club on every Thursday 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm is now open to Years 3,4,5 and 6

Please call into the office to book a place.