



The Hormead Link

Informing the community of
Hormead CE Primary School

A very busy time we've had recently and we appear to be roaring towards the end of term at a tremendous pace. Certainly I felt rushed off my feet last week after being out of school for two days to attend headteachers conferences – amazing how the paperwork piles up after just two days! Ho hum! Anyway, please find below the latest news and updates.

School Website

After boasting about the website, it temporarily went down for a week or so, for which we do apologise. I'm glad to say it is now back up and running again. We have now had training and are slowly updating the website. You can log on at:

www.hormead.herts.sch.uk

Included on the website is a calendar that we will regularly update and copies of the newsletters. Could I suggest you add the address to your favourites list.

Summer Fayre: Saturday 3rd July 1 – 4pm

Just a reminder that the summer fayre is now less than two weeks away!

The Friends are keen on knowing if any parents can help for an hour or so to man a stall, or help on the morning with setting things up. If you can please let me, Jo Parker or Nikki Clark know.

Likewise, the Country Dance Club would like to perform their dances on the school field, but in order to do so we need a decent sound system...do you have one we could borrow? If so please see me after or before school.

African Sculpture Day

The children had a great day and were fascinated by Peter's collection of authentic masks and artefacts. All the children sat beautifully for the talk. They loved handling and sketching the artefacts. The children also made African necklaces.



Governor Focus

This week we hear from Amanda Radwell, the Support staff representative.

"I first became involved with Hormead School over twelve years ago as a prospective parent. My first impression of the school was how happy and confident the children were and what a wonderful learning environment the school offered them. I knew that Hormead was quite unique and the buzz within it was somehow infectious and I was delighted to send both my children here.

After working at Hormead for several years as a teaching assistant in Class 2 I was thrilled to be given the opportunity to support the school by being elected Governor.

By being active in the decision making and advisory process I feel privileged to be part of a team who together can ensure the continued success of Hormead School!"

Well Done Skippers!

After our fantastic sponsored skipping event we were delighted to receive the rucksacks that every child who raised over £50 received as a prize. In addition a £5 WH Smiths voucher was given to Alessia (class 1) Rhiannon (Class 2) and Nicole (class 3) who raised the most in their respective classes.



Well done everyone!

Inter School Sports

I was delighted to hear that our children represented us so well at the inter-school sports event. They were a credit to both the school and parents. We did not do as well this year as in previous years, but as we had to race some Y3's as Y4's and had fewer children to choose from I'm very proud of what we did achieve. Hopefully next year we should have more pupils and so can put up more of a challenge!



School Logo Water Bottles

Please find below a picture of the new school water bottle. The cost is £2 each. Each bottle has a space for your child's name. The advantages of these bottles are that they will save on repeated costs of buying a bottle of water every other day for you child, whilst providing a professional and tidier (!) look. They can be kept at school and we will refill with filtered tap water every day. If you are interested then please complete the order form that was sent out earlier this week, or see Mrs Tompkins.



Lost Property

We have currently gathered quite a lot of lost property. If your child has lost a jumper, shirt etc then you may want to have a look. At the end of term we will be selling off any unclaimed jumpers etc and then throwing the remains away or donating them to charity. We simply do not have the space to store items indefinitely.

Parking

It has now been about 1 month since the road was resurfaced and the chevrons outside the school have still not been repainted. I am in contact with the Highways Dept at the County Council about this issue. In addition I think the road into Hormead could be a little better marked and I am suggesting that some road markings are put down to indicate that there is a school.

Recently I have also noticed that a few cars have sped past the school exceeding the 30mph. I have mentioned this to the local PCSO and she will investigate having an officer coming to pay us a visit!

Rounders Festival

On Thursday 24th June Class 3 took part in a rounders festival and had a great time. More importantly, after a shaky first game they did well enough in the next two to be declared winners!

What a Fantastic result, well done everyone who took part.

Swimming –September 2010

In September we will have a total of 37 pupils in Classes 2 and 3. Far too many for our current minibus arrangement. This means



that we will be hiring a coach. The parental contribution will be about £3 per child per week. We are trying to get the best possible price.

Whilst this is a “voluntary contribution” parents need to understand that we can not sustain large losses. Remember we changed to the minibus system because losses mounted to over £700 before Christmas. If you can not afford the £3 per week contribution please make an appointment to see me. I would prefer parents to make an appointment and discuss this issue with me rather than refuse to pay.

Summer Time Revision

During the long summer break children often forget some of what was taught at school the previous year...particularly maths. This summer we have decided that we will give all children in class 2 and those in Year 3 some Maths Revision exercises to do at home with support from mum or dad (or older sibling!). We hope that this will keep some of the skills and knowledge taught last year fresh in their minds. Obviously this homework is voluntary, but we hope you approve and that we have your support.

Annual reports and Headteachers Annual statement

My colleagues have now handed me their annual reports and I will be busy over the weekend and next week reading through them and adding my comments. Annual reports will be out on Friday 2nd July. In addition I will be including the Headteacher Annual statement. The Annual Statement will give an overview of our successes this year, details of classes next year and challenges and priorities for the year ahead.

Diary Dates

- Mon 28th June: Art Workshop for class 3
- Mon 28th June: Induction meeting for New Parents
- Tues 29th June: Pupils from Wenlock School visiting
- Fri 2nd July: Annual Reports out
- Sat 3rd July: Summer Fayre
- 7th – 9th July: Class 3 residential trip
- Fri 16th July: Sports day (am) and picnic
- Fri 16th July: School Production “The Lion King” 6pm.
- Wed 21st July: Trip to the Seaside