



The Hormead Link

*Informing the community of
Hormead CE Primary School*

A Warm Welcome Back to everyone, and we extend a very warm welcome to all those new parents and pupils at Hormead School. In our first edition of the newsletter after the summer break we start with an update on Mrs Heraud before moving onto other school news.

Mrs Heraud

I can confirm that Mrs Heraud will not be returning until January at the earliest. As you may be aware her son, Ben, already suffers from a genetic disorder that means his immune system does not work correctly. After falling ill on holiday Ben was whisked to Great Ormond Street Hospital and placed in intensive care. The good news is that Ben is no longer on life support and is slowly recovering. He will remain in hospital for some time. Obviously Mrs Heraud is very upset and does not feel she can concentrate on school matters at this time.

Mrs Heraud has expressed thanks to those parents who sent cards and best wishes.

To show our support for Mrs Heraud, and Ben we will be holding a Jeans for Genes day again this year, on Friday 1st October. Pupils will be asked to wear Jeans to school that day for a £1 (or more!) donation. We will also be holding a cake bake and sale. Cake donations will be gratefully received. Please see our notice board for more details.

Welcome Ms Bull and New Nursery Children



We are delighted to Welcome Ms Bull who will take Mrs Heraud's place as class teacher until Christmas. We also give a warm welcome to our new pupils in the nursery class. Ms Bull has 20 years of experience in education, including a stint as a lecturer and is doing a fantastic job in class 1.

Welcome Meetings

Both class 2 and class 3 have had their welcome meetings and it was fantastic to see such a good turnout. We hope to make this a termly event. Obviously the spring and summer meetings will be much shorter, as we did have rather a lot to discuss, such as class rules, expectations, homework, spellings, reading, etc.

School Uniform

A few simple reminders to parents regarding uniform:

- Please please please (!) ensure jumpers, t-shirts etc are named. This makes it far easier to return lost property items.
- Children must bring plimsolls and trainers to school. Plimsolls for indoor PE (and to be worn if shoes get muddy!), trainers for outdoor PE.
- Jewellery must not be worn except watches and ear studs (NOT ear rings). We cover up ear studs for PE and swimming. If parents could remove them on Wednesdays (swimming day) to make it a little easier it would be appreciated.
- No nail varnish please.
- Uniform orders to Linda by Monday 20th please.

New Leapfrogs

I'm delighted to say that the mobile was converted on time and on budget!

The Leapfrogs are now enjoying a much improved environment with great outdoor area and more space inside.



They also have a small kitchen area to prepare snacks etc. The move across from the old room to the mobile also created an opportunity to de-junk and throw away lots of clutter. Amazing how much was stored in various cupboards!



We hope that Leapfrogs will be very happy in their new room.

Nature Area

We've had a few stalled efforts in the last few years to "sort out" our nature area. I've finally decided that we need a more professional approach. On Thursday 16th We had a visit from Simon Smith, a consultant, who I've asked to devise a plan for the area. He met with the children, listened to their ideas and talked to the staff. He will produce a plan and diagram which I will share with staff, governors and parents before writing off to various charities to raise funds to carry out the work...after my success with the library and getting £5,000 towards the mobile I feel a bit lucky! Obviously the school will put in a little money to start the ball rolling.

It seems a shame that a corner of the school has currently no use and does not enhance the pupils teaching and learning opportunities. Frankly, it looks a mess. Hopefully with a decent plan and some funds we can change that situation and make the nature area a feature we can be proud of.



Simon Smith talking about the nature area with pupils from classes 1 and 2

Swimming –September 2010

I'm delighted to say that we've recalculated the cost of swimming to be £2.50 per family per week. This works out as a contribution of £15 for this half term.

Although I know this is a voluntary contribution we do need everyone to pay to prevent the school building up a loss. Last year we cancelled the coach and went by minibus after losses mounted to over £700. Because we are fortunate to see our school numbers increase to 50 pupils in the whole school and 37 of which go swimming, therefore we must use a coach this year which makes all contributions vital.

Diary Dates

Tues 21st Sept: Meeting about staying on into Y5/6 in Old Leapfrogs room. 3.15pm. All parents of pupils in class 3 invited.

Tues 28th Sept: Invitation To Lunch. Letters out soon to all new parents and packed lunch pupils.

Friday 1st Oct: Jeans for Genes day and Cake Bake. £1 donation to wear Jeans.

Monday 4th Oct: Book Week starts

Friday 8th Oct: Dress up as a book character day

Thurs/Fri 14th /15th Oct: Mr Reade away at Headteachers Conference. Mrs Russell in charge.

Thursday 21st Oct: Tag Rugby Festival for class 3