



YEAR R WRENS

Class Teacher: Miss Marks

Learning Support Assistant: Mr Miles

Important diary dates and reminders

Thursday 28th September 2.30pm – Parent phonics meeting

Wednesday 4th October – Church Harvest Service – See info below regarding food donation.

Thursday 5th October – HSLW Coffee morning

Thursday 5th October – Special Harvest School lunch menu (flyer attached)



Notices

KIRFs – This half term our KIRF is to know name numbers in order to 10 and compare 2 numbers by saying which is more or less (Please see our class page on the website for further information regarding the KIRFs).

Drops offs – Now that the children are a bit more familiar with our morning routine, we kindly ask that once your child is through the gate, parents move out of eye sight. We understand that it's nice for you to see your child playing, but it can also be difficult for children to settle when they can still see their parent outside of school. Thank you for your support.

Forest School – Please can spare clothes be brought in in a named plastic bag. This means if we do need to change clothes we also have a bag to return the wet clothes back to you. Thank you 😊

Reading Books – Picture books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but please note that books will only be changed if an entry has been made in their reading records. In the children's book bags I have also put a personalised laminated name sheet and whiteboard pen for them to practice writing their name. Also included is a letter formation handout so you can encourage your child to begin to form their letters correctly when writing their name. Any questions, please ask!

Class Update

YAY we have made it to the end of the first full week in school! It's been a very busy week and the class have continued to get used to the school routines. After this busy week it is important that they all get plenty of rest and sleep this weekend.











We have continued to learn ‘all about me’ this week, with a particular focus on our bodies and self-care. We’ve enjoyed naming parts of the body, looking at skeletons and exploring our senses. The class made some brilliant artwork using paper straws to create a skeleton. We’ve also looked at how to stay healthy and clean and learnt the importance of brushing our teeth, and washing our bodies and hands.

In phonics this week we have learnt the following phonemes: i,n,m,d. These sounds have been added to your child’s sounds folder so please do go through these if you get the chance over the weekend.

Practicing Oral Blending

Oral blending is when children can HEAR the individual sounds (phonemes) in words and then push these sounds together to form the whole words. For example, you say the sounds: s-i-t and your child then says ‘sit’. This is a really essential skill that aids reading. To help develop this skill you can play games like Simon says e.g. Simon says stand u-p or Simon says c-l-a-p your hands. You can also model blending sounds e.g. I need to get my c-oa-t, coat. If your child is struggling with this you may want to try with syllables to begin with. E.g. can you point to the win-dow.

	i		Pull your lips back and make the t sound at the back of your mouth t t t	Down the iguana and dot the leaf.
	n		Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the nnnnn sound nnnnn	Down, up and over the net.
	m		Put your lips together and make the mmmmm sound mmmmm	Down, up and over the mouse's ears.
Grapheme and mnemonic		Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
	d		Put your tongue to the top and front of your mouth and make a quick d sound d d d	Round the duck's body, up to its head and down to its feet.

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I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the phonics meeting 😊

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Woods

Haslemere Food Bank Donations

Each year at harvest we ask that you donate what food items you can to the Haslemere Food Bank. This year we are asking you to send in your donations with your child on **Wednesday 4th October** where they will take it to the church and place it on the alter. From there it will be sent to the food bank to be distributed to those in need.

We have been told that they are in desperate need of the following items:

Soup
UHT milk
Oats
Coffee, Tea bags (small packs please)
Custard
Tinned fruits
Packet puddings (jelly, sponge pudding, Angel Delight etc.)
Treats (chocolate, dried fruit, crisps, snack bars etc)
Jam/marmalade
Fruit juice or small bottle of squash
Shower gel
Shampoo
Soap bars

Thank you for help as always!