



## The Hormead Link

*Informing the community of  
Hormead CE Primary School*

Wow...what a difference just a couple of weeks can make! Loads of events at school as we launch into the new season with a real spring in our step!

But more of this later, first lets look ahead with our Diary of important dates for you to circle on your kitchen calendars.

### Diary Dates

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Cycling Proficiency for Y4/5 pupils.

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Friends Bingo Night in the village hall. Tickets on sale now

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March:** School Photos

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent Consultations 5.30pm – 8.00pm.

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March:** Class 2 Football Festival

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April:** End of Term Service at St Nicholas' Church, Great Hormead 2pm – 2.30pm.

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April:** Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm at Hormead School.

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Dance workshop

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> April:** End of Term Children's Disco 6pm – 8pm

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April:** Last Day of Term and Non Uniform Day for Click Cancer Relief. Our end of term assembly is at 1.30pm – everyone welcome. School finishes at 2.00pm

### In The News....

For those with sharp eyes, you may have noticed that Hormead made the news with a fantastic photograph of our children in an explosion of red, green and yellow for our African Theme Day. We made over £100 for the Marie Curie Cancer Support Fund.

Well done everyone.

### Homework

A big thank you to everyone who came to our homework meeting. We had a good turn out. The new homework books for classes 2 and 3 have now been given out. There may be a few teething problems, but we should see things settle in a few

### Weeks.

For those who did not make the meeting, we also included our homework leaflet which gives details about when you can expect homework to be handed out, when it is due back etc.

One decision we did make at the meeting was not to give any child a workbook below their actual year group as this may discourage and upset them. Instead additional work may be set. We would, occasionally give a homework book above their actual age, but we would do this only after some careful thought.

### Playground Improvements

Wow! Over the course of one weekend a fantastic effort by a dedicated group of parents, friends and teachers has helped transform our school playground and nature area.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and spared a few hours – or more!

Together they removed an old shed, dejunked all the corners, nooks and crannies of the school filling a skip with old rubbish, removed an old fence from around the nature and put up a new one to create a secure playground area. They removed the huge compost pile that had grown up over years – making a few rats run for shelter – and making a few parents shriek! They also painted some sheds to make them look smarter, put up bird boxes and erected three swings around one of our trees.

And doesn't it look great!





The children love the swings – we have a rota system during the school day to ensure all the children have a chance to play on them safely and fairly. However, I have asked children NOT to play on them in the morning or after school UNLESS they are closely supervised by parents. We can not accept responsibility for bumps that happen after we have handed children over to parents.

We temporarily removed one swing as some parents expressed concern that the branch it was attached too was creaking or moving a little too much. It has now been reattached lower down the branch where the branch is stronger.

The Friends and Parents are now planning further work, including marking out a track on the lower playground for class 1 tricycles, erecting a new fence and creating a path around our nature area, installing some more equipment on our grassed area between the two playgrounds and placing bark under the swings.

On a personal note I was overwhelmed on Sunday by how many people turned up to help and the spirit in which we all got on as a community in working to improve our school. It was, quite simply, fantastic!

#### Class 4 – Parent’s Meeting - Reminder

Remember, all parents of children in classes 3 and 2 interested in hearing the latest news about class 4 are invited to a meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, at 3.30pm in class 4 itself. I will discuss the timetable, curriculum and attempt to answer any questions.

#### Friends Bingo Night

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> the Friends will be holding a Bingo night to raise funds for the school. A flier has been sent out with more details and I hope that everyone will come along and support this event.

Tickets are on sale now at £10 for an adult and £7 for a child. This includes a fish and chip supper.

So – get those eyes down, come along and win some prizes!

#### Mothers Day Service

Mothers day service this year is on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April at St Nicholas’ Church , Great Hormead. Posy making starts at 9.45am and the service itself starts at 10am.

#### Class 3 trip to the Science Museum

Class 3 had a fantastic trip to the Science museum on Wednesday. The children were a credit to the school and we managed to travel there and back by train without losing any pupils....or adults!

Well done Class 3.



#### Scare the Crows!

Despite the drizzle and damp conditions we had a great time. In the morning Mr Wyld and Alan talked to the children about rape seed, the farming year, food chains and how farming has changed. The children had a chance to sit in a tractor. In the afternoon the sun came out and we had a great laugh making some very scary scarecrows – many thanks to the wide range of old shirts and trousers parents donated and especially to Mr Wyld and Alan for joining us for a whole day.



More photos on our website