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# Lower Halstow School

## Newsletter

### February 2019

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#### **Update from Mrs Deevoy and Miss Crowe**

It has been a busy but exciting start to 2019. Our curriculum continues to evolve and we've had more trips, visitors and creative activities to inspire the pupils. An updated jam packed diary is attached and specific information about each event will come out in due course. However, please don't forget that 'the basics' are still a real focus. We want every child to leave us as a relaxed fluent reader. We can teach them to read and learn new words, but to achieve full fluency they have to practise. We can really see the difference in those children who read daily at home and who practise their tables and spellings.

Thank you for your support in this and to everyone who attended parents' evenings. We appreciate all the positive feedback we received about the increased information shared with you and will be building on this.

As the sun starts shining more, we hope to be outside even more this term, so please come prepared as it may still be a little chilly.

#### **Fundraising**

Thank you all for your generosity so far this year, as a school we have raised a fantastic amount for both our PFA and the various charities which we have chosen to support. The most recent school disco raised an impressive £409.78. We now have a school display showing the children how much we have raised this year.

#### **Learning Celebrations**

Term 3 was a very busy term with visits from 'Bach to the Future', Trixie the dinosaur and Roman artefacts from Guildhall museum. Acorn Class learned about vehicles and how to cross the road safely, whilst Rowan Class created a dinosaur exhibition. Willow Class built some amazing castles while Hawthorn produced fully engineered Roman roads out of biscuits and decorative Roman Shields. The oldest children got crafty; Beech Class held an exhibition of their Greek artwork whilst Oak Class created 3D Anderson Shelters.



## Reading Volunteers

We would really like to increase the number of volunteer readers that we have in school. We are willing to offer training to anyone who is interested in volunteering. If you, or someone you know, maybe a grandparent, is willing to give as little as an hour a week then please pop in.



## School Ping! Our new Communication System



As a school we are always looking to move with the times, especially when it comes to technology and saving money so we can spend more on the pupils. With this in mind we have recently invested in SchoolPing, this is an app-based program where we can send out messages and newsletters, permission slips can also be completed using the app, parents evenings can be booked from your phone and all for a much cheaper price than our original texting service. It is also paperless so better for our environment and our paper budget! Our existing text service runs until the end of March so don't panic. We will send out more detailed information in a separate letter explaining how SchoolPing will work.

## Teddy – our school working dog

Thank you everyone who contributed a piece of work for our Teddy display on 'kindness'. We collected a range of artwork, poetry and stories about Teddy. From Term 4 Teddy will be spending a whole day per week at the school so that he can work with even more children for reading, reward and respite.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
4.3.19-8.3.19	Book Week
4.3.19	Chick eggs arrive
7.3.19	World book day <b> Dressing up</b>
13.3.19	Year 5 & 6 Giant Tetrahedron Challenge
14.3.19	Year 6 Concert at Fulston Manor
15.3.19	Red Nose Day – <b>wear red</b>
18.3.19	Jungle Book Production
19.3.19	Hawthorn Class Assembly
21.3.19 & 28.3.19	Classes to church for Lent activities
20.3.19	Year 1 Easter Puppet Show
5.3.19 - 9.30 and 10.45	Easter services with parents
5.4.19	Term 4 ends
23.4.19	Term 5 begins
7.5.19-14.5.19	Year 5 Bikeability
10.4.19	Year 1, 2 and 3 Peter Pan drama workshop
13.5.19-17.5.19	Key Stage 2 SATs week
20.5.19-22.5.19	Year 6 School Journey
21.5.19	Willow Class Assembly
22.5.19	Year 6 Greenwich trip
24.5.19	Term 5 ends
3.6.19	Term 6 begins
4.6.19	KS2 Astrodome
6.6.19	Year 6 Magistrates talk
10.6.19	Year 6 First Aid Course
10.5.19-14.5.19	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
11.6.19	Year 6 World of Work day
12.6.19	Sports Day
18.6.19	Year 6 Money Course
19.6.19	Reserve Sports Day
25.6.19	Rowan Class Assembly
26.6.19	Year 6 Together Day with Hartlip and Newington
2.7.19 2pm	KS2 Dress Rehearsal
3.7.19 2pm	KS2 Production to parents
4.7.19 6pm	KS2 Production to parents
5.7.19	Athlete Visit
8.7.19-12.7.19	Values Week (art focus)
9.7.19	Acorn Class Assembly
12.7.19	Leavers' Disco - TBC
19.7.19	Term 6 ends
22.7.19 & 23.7.19	Staff Development Days