



Spring Term Newsletter



10th March 2023

It has been another busy week at Greenfields. Some of our year 5 and 6 children from both schools attended the Consortium Pupil Parliament day at the trust central offices. They had fun debating, collaborating and working with children from all the other schools in the trust and are beginning to generate ideas for further fundraising in school. They all seemed to have a fabulous day and were all positive representatives for our schools.



Children really enjoyed dressing up for world book day last week. We captured the Gruffalos reading the Gruffalo at Henley and Year 5 and 6's were great citizens for their school community by reading

to the younger years. At Helmingham there were lots of story activities and the costumes were fabulous.



Meet Tiny, our new maths helper!

Each class has its own Tiny the Tortoise and the children are invited to take it in turns to take him home with them and do some Maths! When it is your child's turn to bring Tiny home, please could you think of some Maths they could do together. Please take a photo of Tiny doing Maths activities with your child and email it to the office so that we can add it to Tiny's photo album. You don't have to stick to doing Maths at home, you could take Tiny to the shops, supermarket or the beach!



Here are a few ideas that Tiny could do:

- Going on a number hunt
- Counting objects/animals/stairs
- Cooking / baking
- A visit to the shop to buy some sweets!
- Sorting stickers into a repeating pattern
- Organising and classifying toys, books or cars
- Guessing the missing number on the fridge
- Helping children to learn times tables facts
- Learning number bonds
- Finding and identifying 2D and 3D shapes
- Exploring patterns
- Collecting and displaying data
- Playing Maths games on the computer
- Playing chess or other board games
- Looking for differences and similarities
- Cutting up cake or fruit into different fractions

We are collecting Lego for Education vouchers - you can find these in the Ipswich Star and East Anglian Daily Times. Please send them in to the school office.





HELMINGHAM NEWS:

Many of you will know that the TA's at the school sponsor an owl called Ember for the



children. Ember is at Stonham Barns and the staff would like to raise money to take the children for a day at Stonham Barns in the Summer Term. To do this, they have created a jar of Easter Eggs and will be asking children to guess the number of eggs in the jar. They will be charging £1 for each guess. Emma will be available on the playground after school on a Friday afternoon for the next few weeks until the winner is announced before the Easter Break. Good luck to all who are entering!

The snow caused quite a stir today and we had to head out to explore! I love our little lonely explorer who looks like he is really studying the footprints on the field.



Foxes class are sending Beegu on his first adventure this week- we will look forward to seeing what he gets up to with the children over the coming weeks!

HENLEY NEWS:

Children in class 3 have been writing poems about volcanoes and presented them on their own explosive decorated papers. They look really striking in the classroom.



Children in class 1 have been using chalks to practice their number formation on the playground.



A message from

Miss Bramhill: For the Baylham Rarebreeds Farm trip next week, children must bring warm and waterproof clothes and wellies or appropriate footwear as they will be spending much of the day outside. They can bring a small rucksack that they'd be happy to carry their lunches and water bottles in. They don't need to bring anything else.

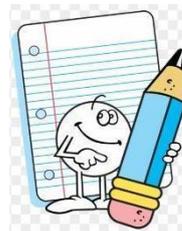
Dates for your diaries:

Additional Bank Holiday 8th May- School will be closed.

Henley Sports Day: Wednesday 14th June

Helmingham Sports day: Thursday 15th June

KS2 Summer play Henley and Helmingham: July 5th and 6th @ Henley Community Centre (Evening performances)



NOTES FROM THE OFFICES!

- Could you please ensure that children have appropriate clothing in school for the changing weather- hats, gloves and scarves are all useful in this cold weather- we had some very cold fingers and wet feet today!
- Please ensure that any medication that your child needs to take during school hours is handed to an adult, along with a completed medication form. These can be found in reception.
- Wellies: please could all children have their wellies in school. This week it has been very wet, some children have gone onto the field in trainers and have got really wet and muddy.
- Please could parents email the office email address for most enquiries whilst Mrs Cross is working at home. These will be picked up and addressed as quickly as possible.
- A reminder that if your child has vomited or has had diarrhoea, they must wait 48 hours from the last instance of vomiting or diarrhoea to return to school. There have been several tummy bugs going around!

Help for Households

The Government has launched the '[Help for Households](#)' scheme. The homepage brings together over 40 support schemes that the public can access, depending on eligibility, including help with:

1. Household costs
2. Energy Bills
3. Childcare costs
4. Income support
5. Transport costs

Additionally, a range of online tools will help staff and parents quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

There's also a local assistance scheme for families through Suffolk County Council:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme/>

Mid Suffolk District Council currently have support available for tenants struggling with housing costs through The Household Support Fund. See their website for more details:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/council-housing/money-advice-and-support/household-support-fund/>

A Few Regular Reminders

We do expect children to read at home throughout the week. The national recommendation is

KS1 and EYFS- 10 mins daily/ KS2- 20 mins daily but we ask that you try to fit in 5 times a week as a minimum. This does have an impact on their progress and attainment in school.



Times Tables Rockstars - a fun way to learn times tables! Times Tables knowledge is a fundamental part of the primary

curriculum. The children in KS2 all have their own login details and have been set times tables to practise.

Please support your child to use TTR as often as possible.

Curriculum Visions

Please continue to use the Curriculum Visions website- the collection of books and videos support our topics and are easy to access at home. The login details are below.

The user name is: henley.primary/0001

Password: jungle

Suffolk County Council have a fund available for families in financial hardship. Please see details of the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme here:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme/>

We continue to celebrate the children's achievements on our WOW board in school. If your child has won awards out of school for their sporting achievements or out of school activities, then please let us know so that these can be celebrated in school too.





As always, I am always keen to hear your views! I always say that if I don't know about a problem, I cannot try to solve it.

Please see below the staff email addresses so that you can contact your child's class teachers directly in the first instance if you have anything to share or discuss.

They will not respond to emails between 6pm and 8am (to protect their personal time) but will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Scurrell (SENDCO): dscurrell@gfpschools.org
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Miss Way (Jellyfish/ Class 1): e.way@gfpschools.org
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Mrs Townshend (Dolphins/ Class 3): c.townshend@gfpschools.org
Mrs Cattermole (Dolphins/ Class 3): j.cattermole@gfpschools.org
Mr Hempenstall (Barracudas): c.hempenstall@gfpschools.org

For queries regarding safeguarding please contact Kathy Lloyd who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for both schools. office.helmingham@gfpschools.org. Alternative safeguarding leads are: Miss Hawes ht@gfpschools.org, Mrs Townshend, Mrs Cattermole and Ms Sherman.

If you have any worries, concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch, firstly with your child's teacher and then with Mrs Townshend, then myself if this persists.

Best Wishes

Miss Stephanie Hawes