





Helmingham Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted with the children's return to school. It has been great to see them all coming into school happy, learning new routines and enjoying seeing their friends. I would also like to thank you for your support during this time.

As ever, things continue to change and our well-intentioned routines need tweaking.

The children now wash their hands in their classrooms when they come into the building from outside and we have changed some of the entrance and exit routes to enable quicker entries and exits in an attempt to reduce children crossing over. We are also maintaining hand-sanitising stations at each school entrance.

We regularly review our risk assessment in light of any new guidance and this can be found on our website.

There is a stringent process that we have to follow should a Covid-19 case be suspected or identified in school. This process will start with a letter notifying you of a suspected case, followed by a subsequent letter informing you of the outcome and any actions required.

We are beginning to work on our planned programme of Curriculum Enrichment Clubs that we are hoping to eventually run daily from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

We would very much appreciate your suggestions and input regarding your child's preferences for the focus of these clubs. All clubs will be linked to curriculum areas such as reading, music, science, history etc. Please let us know what you think by emailing the office. We will also be speaking to the children.

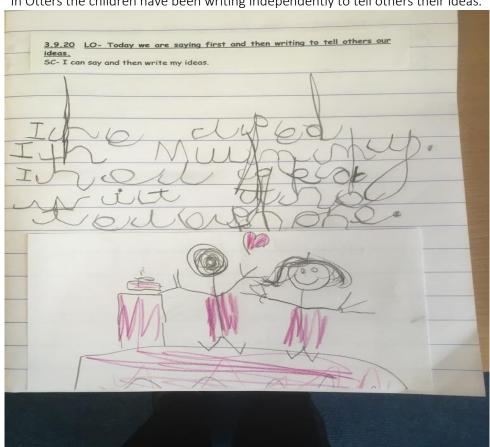
Meanwhile, 'Rise and Shine' breakfast club is now ready and eager to welcome some customers. It is open 8.00am to 8.30am – just let Kathy know by 2pm the previous day if you would like to book a place.

As we have such dedicated staff, amazing outdoor spaces and newly roofed and decorated buildings, we are keen to encourage new children to our school. Please let your friends know about us and let us know if you have any advertising ideas.

We would also like to ask if any parents would be willing to submit quotes about the school that we can use in future promotional projects when attracting new students to the school.

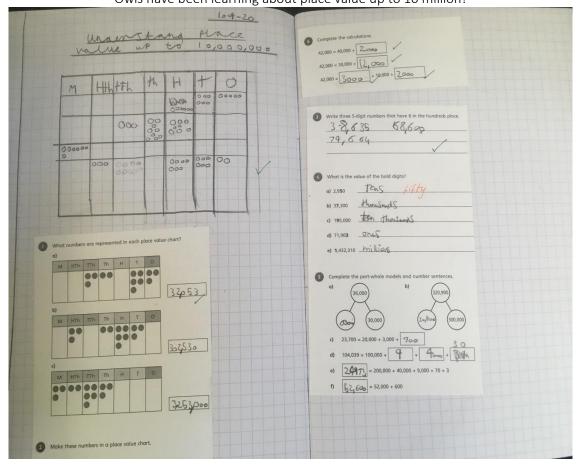
If you are happy to send us something via email we would be very grateful- Thanks!

Since we have returned to school, the children have been learning about how to be resilient, how to look after their health and well-being as well as what makes each of us special. They have been eager to write and demonstrate and to extend their number knowledge. It is great to see them learning again.



In Otters the children have been writing independently to tell others their ideas.

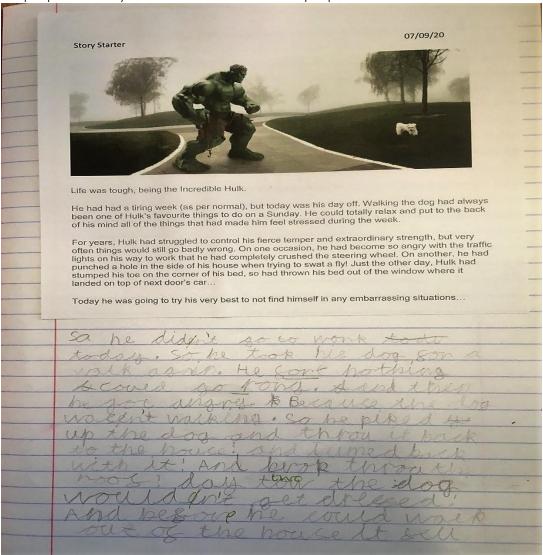
Owls have been learning about place value up to 10 million!



Hedgehogs have been focusing on Personal, Social and Emotional development this week. Talking and conducting activities focusing on the EYFS managing feelings and behaviour.



Woodpeckers have done a piece of independent writing and continued a story based on the Incredible Hulk after talking about super powers. They also reflected on their own super powers.



Could we also please remind parents that day-to-day school uniform consists of black shoes and not trainers.

Trainers should only be worn to school on PE days when the children come to school wearing their PE kit.

Also please ensure that you leave the premises promptly at the end of the school day as part of the Covid restrictions we must adhere to.

And finally, it is with sad faces that we have to announce that Mrs Coupe has decided to retire. Mrs Coupe has worked first at The Old School House Nursery and then Helmingham Primary School for many years. She has brought a plethora of knowledge to our schools. Her phonics knowledge is second to none, her creative streak has seen many fabulous art projects completed and the targeted support she has given many of our children over the years has helped improve outcomes.

Mrs Coupe will be leaving on Friday 18th September and I am sure that you will join us in wishing her all the very best for a long and happy retirement. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and children.



Best Wishes

Bernie Clebara

Mrs B Cleland Academy Head