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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018
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Attendance w/beg: 8th January 2018
 Whole School: 95.29%
 Class of the week: **Birch** 99.35 %

Chestnut 93.6%	Cherry 96.96%	Oak 89.20%
Ash 94.33%	Birch 99.35%	Elder 92.67%
Maple 96.33%	Willow 98.97%	

Lunchtime Craze of the Week KS1
 Big Games

Letters Home

Social Networking

Week Beginning 15th January 2018

School Dinners

Week 3



Forest School

Class **Group**

Chestnut A

Cherry A

Oak A



Upcoming Diary Dates

January

15th New collection arrangements commence

18th British Values Day

22nd Visit to Synagogue

24th Year 2 School Council conference at CLC

February

2nd NSPCC Number Day

21st Year 1 and 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo

27th & 28th Parent Consultations

Morning Drop Off

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have supported with the morning drop off. This has been very successful and we have been very impressed with how well the children have been arriving in the morning and are pleased they are organising their own belongings and settling in to the classroom routines.

EYFS Year 1 & 2 Collection Arrangements

Further to last week's newsletter the new systems for collection arrangements will take effect from 15th January. EYFS will be a password system and Year 1 & 2 will have a collection arrangements book where parents and guardians can write the name of the person collecting their child if it is anyone other than a parent. If you do not write in the book the name of the person collecting we will keep your child safe at school until we can contact yourselves for confirmation of pick up arrangements.

Facebook and Social Media

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that over the course of this week a series of messages have been shared on social media sites regarding different faiths. These messages have caused great offence to many people within our community and cannot continue. A letter has been sent out to all parents today regarding appropriate use of social media. If further derogative messages are identified on social media sites the school will follow the policy outlined in the letter and a ban from the premises will be placed on any persons involved. We would also like to request that any current messages of this nature are removed to avoid further discomfort to members of our community. It is essential that as parents and carers we model the Respect which is one of our core values at the HEARTS Academy Trust.

British Values Day – Thursday 18th January

To help us promote British Values in school we will be celebrating being British and the respectful diverse community we live in on Thursday 18th January. Children can come to school wearing something red, white and blue. This is very easy and be as simple as blue jeans, school jumper and white polo or t-shirt. We will be celebrating with a traditional lunch of fish and chips and hope all children would join us by having this special dinner.

Change of menu

Due to celebrating British Values Day with fish and chips the dinner on Friday 19th will be spaghetti bolognese.

Forest School Volunteers

Mrs Walter is looking for volunteers to help with Forest School on a Monday morning. If you are interested in helping please contact the school office.

Forest School

Mrs Walter was stopped by a member of the local community who commented on how well behaved our children were. Mrs Walter was delighted to hear this.

Reading Challenge

In reading records today there is a new challenge for children and their families to engage with. As we all know the importance of reading is very high and at this age children need to be encouraged to read as much as possible. Therefore, we would like you to have a look at this new challenge and work with your child to try and win each prize.

Spare clothing

If anyone has any spare underwear, tights, sock and boys trousers we would be very grateful for any donations. If your child has been sent home in clothing from school, please can you ensure that these are washed and returned to class. Thank you.

Whatever you're going through, [The Samaritans](http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us) can offer emotional support. Their free and confidential helpline is always open on 116 123. (<http://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help-you/contact-us>)

[Citizen's Advice](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/) can help with practical matters such as rights and the law, debt, housing, and benefits. There are local centres in most towns and cities. (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>)

[The Money Advice Service](https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en) give free and impartial advice on debt and benefits. (<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>)

[The National Domestic Violence Helpline](http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk/) is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence. The helpline is free and open 24 hours a day on 0800 2000 247. (<http://www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk/>)

Men experiencing domestic violence can contact [Men's Advice Line](http://mensadvice.org.uk/contact-us/) on 0808 801 0327 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. (<http://mensadvice.org.uk/contact-us/>)



Janeway's Joke (provided by William in Elder class)

'What do you call a dog that does magic?'

A-labracadabra!

If anyone else has a funny joke to make Janeway wag her tail, pop it on a bit of paper and hand it in to the office.

