



HENLEY IN ARDEN
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PLEASE NOTE - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

We will be having a training day on **Monday 14th November** so school will be closed for children on that day.

PTA

At the AGM on 29th September, the PTA elected Dave Cowling as Chair, Jessica Bahlmann as Vice Chair, Elaine Field as secretary and Stacey Pahl as Treasurer. These are the only official positions necessary, so everyone else is welcome to come along and share their ideas or offer to help.

Next PTA - Thursday 3rd November 8.00 in school (no need to miss KS1 Maths evening which is at 7.00)

Race Night - only a few seats left.

Recipe Book

Do hand in your recipes at the office or give them to a member of the PTA. If you would like to email them, you will have to use the office email address, admin2059@we-learn.com, as the Primary Contact email service we use to mass contact parents does not allow us to open any attachments you send back. We apologise for this inconvenience but we are assured it is to keep the system clear of viruses.

Christmas Fair - will be on **Thursday 1st December** straight after school. Bring a bottle for the bottle tombola will be on **Friday 25th November**. Children can come to school in non-uniform clothes if they bring any bottle at all to donate to the bottle tombola. Bottles will be collected from the gate in the morning. We will also have our **colour tables** at this event. This is when each class is randomly given a colour and need to collect as many items as they can to sell that are of that colour. Each class then keeps the amount they make from their table but the winning table is given a small prize by the PTA. The colours are:- Reception - Black/brown; Y1 - green; Y2 - red; Y3 - silver/white; Y4 -blue; Y5 - purple; Y6 - gold/yellow.

KS1 Maths evening

We will also hold a maths evening for parents of KS1 children on Thursday 3rd November to show you how it all begins including explaining the mysteries of a number line, partitioning and arrays. Do come along if you would like to be able to speak the same mathematical language as your child! There is no clash between this event and the PTA meeting which is at 8.00.

Harvest Celebration

We will hold our annual Harvest Celebration on Friday 21st October at 1.30. All the children in school will take part and parents and families are welcome to join us. You may take your child home after the service. We will collect non-perishable produce from 17th October and donate it to the Salvation Army based in Stratford.

Christmas lunch

...will be on Tuesday 13th December, not 9th as previously stated. Please return reply slips to school with payment of £2.10 by 2/11.

Welly replies

Thank you for all those who have replied to the 'Welly' survey. The response was overwhelmingly to go ahead with the plan, so as soon as we have sorted out the storage for the wellies, we will inform you. You could start looking out for that perfect pair of wellies over half term. Please don't send any in until we have let you know storage is in place. A few responses drew attention to the possibility of creating more washing, especially coats, which we are aware of. We will monitor the situation and adjust arrangements if children are getting too muddy. It wouldn't suit us in school, either, for children to be wearing muddy trousers or have muddy coats hanging on pegs, so we intend to avoid that as much as possible.

Neil's letter

Coolsportz Oct Half Term, Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct 2011. OFSTED registered and therefore accepting childcare vouchers. Held at Warks College, Henley in Arden, indoors and outdoors sports for 4 - 14yrs. Stay for half a day, a full day or even a week and take part in a mixture of sports and arts and crafts workshops. For further information please visit www.coolsportz.co.uk or call/email Neil on 07912 66 4426, neil@coolsportz.co.uk

Christmas lights

Children are invited every year by the Beaudesert and Henley-in-Arden Working Party to draw a Christmas picture to put on the front of the carol sheet for the switching on of the Christmas lights on Henley High Street in December. Entries need to be handed in at school by 10th November. The winner is privileged to turn the lights on for the town.

Children in Need

We will be encouraging everyone in school to go spotty on 18th November for £1, or more if you want, for Children in Need. Wear something with spots and bring a £1 if you want to join in.

Extended Services

Stained Glass Stories Monday 24th October Stratford Library 10.00am - 11.30am

Come and hear some of the stories behind stained glass windows and how these brightly coloured windows were made.

Create your own 'window' to take home

Cost: £2.50 per child, £1 for Under 5s. Suitable for children aged 4-12. Tickets for all events, except those at Market Hall in Warwick, can be booked in advance from the library concerned. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Early booking is advised as places are limited at library events. To find your local library's phone number, please call 01926 410410.

Mystery at the Museum Friday 28th October St John's House Museum, Warwick

10.30am - 12.00noon & 1.30pm - 3.00pm

We've been visited by the infamous cat burglar, come and help us identify the thief and work out what he stole. Make a copy of the stolen object to take home.

All ages are welcome but 8s and under must be accompanied by an adult. No need to book, just drop in. Tickets £2.50 per child, 5s and under £1.00.

Ragbin

You may have noticed a bin for used clothes, linen etc has appeared next to the cycle shelter at the front of school. This is to replace the Bags for Rags collection we had which proved so popular that we could hardly contain all the bags. Any profits from the recycle bin go in to school fund which pays towards capital projects in school such as the work done at the front of the school over the holidays.

Free School Meals

If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please call in at the office for completely confidential advice and help to make your claim. You can claim even if your child brings a packed lunch from home. Every claim adds funds to our school budget and gives your child various support by just being on the list.

11.11.11

Every year, our school takes part in the Remembrance Day service in the High Street and St John's Church. This year is a very special year because of the date so we have been asked to do a little more than usual. Our children have been to lay a wreath on behalf of our school at the memorial in Henley and take part in the service in the church. If as a parent of a year 5 or Year 6 pupil you would rather your child did not attend the Remembrance Day events, please inform school. As this is a public event, parents are of course free to join us.

Book Club

Replies are arriving in response to the letter about our new Book Club. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November at 7.45 in school. Let us know by any means you choose if you would like to take part in this first meeting and we will give you the book you need to read. The aim of the club is to look at children's literature. There will be refreshments, good company and an inspiring leader.

Admissions

Year 6 pupils need to send off their application to secondary school by 31st October. Any applications after this date will hinder your choices. Please ask at school if you would like any help with this procedure. Coming to Henley Primary does not give any child an automatic place at Henley School (previously Henley High).

Applications for places in our Reception class for 2012 need to be sent to the local authority by 16th January 2012. Again, having a child currently in our school does not guarantee a place for a sibling, so please be sure to send an application in.

We recommend in both cases that you telephone the admissions office several weeks after you have sent in your application to check that it has been received and is being processed.

The admissions policy for Henley CE Primary has not altered in any way since we became a Church of England school.

Copies of the policy are available from school or on the school website or on the Local Authority website. There is no preference given for children who attend church or have been baptised. Our school is here to serve the whole community.

Dinner money

The half term total from 31.10.2011 until 16.12.2011 is £62.90. The Christmas lunch is 25p extra bringing the final total to £63.15.

Cheques

Due to changes in procedures at county level, we would now prefer you to write out **ALL** cheques to Henley-in-Arden C E Primary School, not Warwickshire County Council as before. We are truly sorry to keep inconveniencing you in this way, but sometimes these matters are out of our control!

E-safety

Every child will bring home a new e-safety agreement which needs to be signed by the child and parent and returned to school as part of our e-safety policy. We are currently undergoing an assessment for an e-safety award which we think is a very important aspect of safeguarding children.

Carol Singing

Every year, we gather as families on our school playground, wrapped up warm, to end the term by singing some carols together accompanied by the Alcester Silver Band. Children may be taken home following this short event which starts at 1.30 on 16th December.

October		
18	7.00-9.00	Astronomy evening here at Henley
19	1.15	Dyslexia drop in @ Claverdon Primary
19	5.30-8.00	Parents' evening
20	3.30-6.00	Parents' evening
21	1.30	Harvest
	3.15	Break up
31	9.00	Back to school
November		
3	9.00-12.00	Aston Villa football tournament , Stratford
3	7.00 - 7.50	KS1 Maths evening
3	8.00	PTA meeting in school
8	7.45 - 8.45	Parents' Book Club in school
10	After school	Football match @ Lapworth
14	ALL DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING
18	All day	Children in Need Wear something spotty
18	8.00-late	Race Night
24	After school	Football match @ Claverdon
25	All day	Non-uniform - Bring a bottle for Christmas fair
25	2.15	Y5/6 perform Young Voices in school
26	11.00-3.00	St John's Church Bazaar
27	Advent Sunday	
28	am	Christmas tree decorating in school
28	1.00ish	Years 5 and 6 go to Young Voices at LG Arena
29	10.30	200 th anniversary celebrations at Coventry Cathedral
December		
1	3.15	Christmas Fair and Colour Tables in hall
3	evening	Church Quiz
5	pm	KS1 dress rehearsal
6	am	Y3/4 dress rehearsal
6	1.45	KS1 performance
6	6.00	Y5/6 Christingle in church
7	1.45	Y3/4 performance
7	6.15	KS1 performance
8	1.45	Y5/6 Christingle in church
8	6.15	Y3/4 performance
12	1.45	Panto - Beauty and the Beast in school
13	12.00	Christmas Dinner
14	pm	KS1 party
15	pm	KS2 party
16	1.30	Carol singing
16	3.15	Break up