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Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter

As the spring weather lifts all our spirits, we look forward to spending more time outdoors. We hope to engage the children in more outdoor learning – this week the Hedgehogs have observed how a puddle changes over time. They have also made paper aeroplanes and tested them on the playground, following their research on the Wright brothers and early flight.

We will share more of our outdoor learning in the next few weeks.

Kate Cleaver

Principal

**PARENTS
EVENING**

4pm - 7pm 22 Mar

4pm -6pm 23 Mar

BOOK FAIR

At Parents Evening

22-23 March

RED NOSE DAY

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24 March

TERM DATES

LAST DAY: 31 Mar

FIRST DAY: 19 Apr

Pupil of the Week

Each week the class teachers will nominate a:

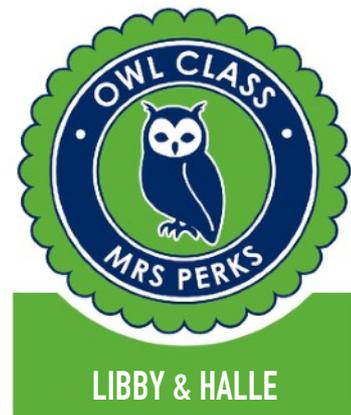
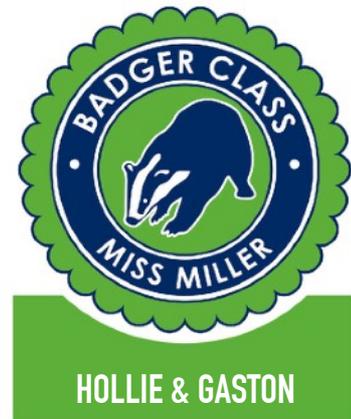
- Super Squirrel
- Happy Hedgehog
- Brilliant Badger
- Outstanding Owl

The children are chosen for consistently demonstrating the Ecton values of Resilience, Kindness, Co-operation and Engagement. They are recognised for their excellent attitude in all areas of school life. As a reward, they have lunch with Mrs Cleaver. We have our own special table and receive waitress service.

We will let you know which children have been truly amazing in our fortnightly news.



"I look forward to my lunches very much each week - it is a lovely opportunity to chat to the children more informally and hear what they have to say." *Kate Cleaver*





Why is homework important?

Homework will help your child to:

- Learn how to organise and manage their time
- Take more responsibility for their own learning
- Practise and build on what they have learned at school
- Develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems
- Learn and work independently for the future
- Share their learning with you

Did you know?

Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.

Did you know?

Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.

Did you know?

Children learn something well when they talk about it or explain it to someone else.

How can you help?

- Help your child find a quiet place to work
- Make time to be involved with your child's homework
- Offer interest and support
- Hear them read, and write it in their reading log
- Help them learn their spellings and times tables.

Parental Controls

These controls are designed to help parents and carers manage their child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they don't replace the need for adults to support and advise children using the internet.

For detailed guidance on all the different types of control, you can use this [online tool from Internet Matters](#). This gives you the chance to set up a personalised list of the controls used in your home on all your different devices. There is also advice on how to use all the various controls, with videos and step-by-step instructions.



A really useful link

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Parental-controls/>

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret



Notices & Upcoming Events

A New School Uniform!

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our school uniform review survey. It seems that most of us agree that it is time to re-vamp our uniform. Following your feedback we have consulted with several suppliers about what they can offer. Like you, we want a uniform that is good quality and value for money.

Our new uniform will be showcased at the upcoming Parents Evenings.

Book Fair

At the Parents Evenings next week (22nd and 23rd March) we will have a book fair in the school. There will be a large range of books available for you to browse and to buy. Please take some time to have a look – payments can be taken by cash, cheque or by phone to the book company. The school will receive commission on any books sold, so the more you buy, the more books we will be able to add to our school library!

Personal Items in School

Please can you discourage your child(ren) from bringing personal items, including toys, stationary and cards into school. When personal items get lost or damaged it causes a great deal of upset. Please save these items for use at home.

Punctuality

Please can we remind all parents that we expect students to be on the playground and ready to line up at 8:50am. The register is taken at 8:55 and learning begins promptly at 9:00. Children who arrive AT 9:00, or after, are missing out on learning.

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