

Houghton Conquest Lower School and Pre-School Newsletter 1 (15th September 2017)

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Welcome

Welcome back to a new academic year and to our first newsletter. Moving forward newsletters will be produced on a monthly basis with the next one being published on Friday, 29th September. Our newsletters aim to provide you with an insight into what goes on in school, provide you with information throughout the year and a list of important dates for your diary so you don't miss anything. Remember you can always download or check previous newsletters on our website (www.houghtonconquest.beds.sch.uk). If you require further information please remember to talk to the School Office who will be happy to help or point you in the right direction.

Open Evening

The whole staff community thank you for attending our first major event of the school calendar last night.

We hope you enjoyed looking around the school and pre-school and have benefited from meeting your child's class teacher(s) and pre-school staff. As always any feedback would be appreciated – please either email office.hcls@cbc.beds.sch.uk or use the suggestion box in the School Reception. We hope you agree that the school environment looks amazing and you were able to see how much work your child has already completed in the first weeks of term.

All information discussed and presented is included in a class information booklet which was handed out and will be available next week to download from our website. If you were unable to attend and collect a copy yourself, you will find a copy in your child's book bag today.

We appreciate that a minority of parents were unable to attend for various reasons. The next formal opportunity for parents of school children to meet your child's class teacher will be at the Parent Teacher Consultations in October. **Bookings will be open from Monday, 2nd October.** You can pop into Reception, send an email or phone the school office to make your appointment. Time slots are only available between the following times for all classes:-

Tuesday, 17th October from 5pm – 7pm

Thursday, 19th October from 3.30pm – 5.30pm

More information about pre-school formal opportunities to meet with key person will be in our newsletter shortly.

Diary Dates

Sept 2017

18th Year 4 trip to Bletchley Park

19th French Club (4.15-5.15)

26th French Club (4.15-5.15)

Oct 2017

3rd French Club (4.15-5.15)

5th Harvest Service at All Saints
Houghton Conquest at 2pm
(parents invited to join us)

6th Tempest Photography in school -
individual and family photo-
graphs

10th French Club (4.15-5.15)

17th French Club (4.15-5.15)

17th Parent Consultations (from 5pm)

19th Parent Consultations (from
3.30pm)

20th Bible Exhibition for Year 4 in
school

20th Last day of half term

30th INSET day - school and pre-
school closed

31st First day of half term

Pre-School

Welcome back! It is great to see all the children in their pre-school uniforms. Just a reminder of our opening and closing times. If you are going to be unavoidably late please call as soon as possible to confirm arrangements. We open at 8.50am for a 9am start and our collection time is from 11.50am to 12noon for the morning session and 3.20pm - 3.30pm in the afternoon.

Please note that we are a no nuts pre-school (and school). We have children who are severely allergic to nuts and therefore we need you all to be vigilant and considerate to their needs. Thank you for your cooperation.

Staff Update

The Senior Leadership Team this year will consist of Miss C McCarthy (Headteacher), Mr C Macinnes (Assistant Headteacher/ EYFS Lead), Miss M Taylor (Pre-School Leader) and Mrs M Millington (Office Manager) until 29th September then Ms A Harvey (Business Manager). Miss McCarthy will not be available on a Friday, however Mr Macinnes will be available should the need arise.

After 26 years of working for our lovely village school it is with regret that I need to inform you that Mrs Millington will be leaving at the end of the month. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in whatever she decides to do next. Mrs Millington is currently working closely with Ms Harvey in handing over the role.

We are sad to lose Mrs Park who handed in her resignation over the summer holidays after being successful in getting a new job in another School. We wish her every success in this new role.

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Weston got married over the summer holidays and is now known as Mrs Browne.

Vacancies

We are always on the look out for Teaching Assistants, Midday Supervisors and Pre-school NVQ Level 3 staff. Although we have no vacancies just at this present time we often need bank staff to cover when existing staff are training or not in school. These opportunities do arise frequently.

Working in a school is a great way to balance a home and work life, especially when your children are young. At Houghton Conquest all of our Teaching Assistants are also Midday Supervisors so becoming a Midday Supervisor could be a great way to start a career in school, whilst we get to know you and you get to know us.

If you are interested in working for us we would be thrilled to hear from you. An application form can be obtained from the school office.

We look forward to working with you.

Friday, 8th September 2017

Here you will find the awards that have been given out in our Friday Celebration Assemblies.

Star of the Week (teachers):

Robins: Lilah O’Gorman for fantastic listening skills and always remembering to put her hand up.

Doves: Immanuel Pupilampu for settling into his new school very well.

Owls: Ivy Gravener for working hard during our art lesson to create different shades of colour.

Hawks: Abbygail Fisk for excellent work in art.

Eagles: Shania Holmes for excellent work exploring circuits in science.

Values Awards: Thomas Spencer for showing responsibility to take care of Doves Classroom.

Golden Certificates: Cody Riley, Millie Gibson, Joshua Blake, Ellie Bailey and Katelyn Pestell.

Headteacher Awards:

Summer Reading Challenge: Sian Thomas, Katherine Birch, Jasmine Robinson, Ruby Dobson, Evie Busbridge, Max Williamson, Zoe Robinson and Cherry Edwards.

Katherine Birch - receiving highly commended for your painting at the Doddington Village Show.

Callie Edwards - merit in primary dance.

Reece Worts - swimming stage 4 and 50 meters.

Chloe Macrdechian - for completing her 5 metres swimming badge.

Madalyn Whitfield - for completing her stage 2 swimming.

Our vision is to be an outstanding school in all that we do. We will inspire and nurture a love of learning through a challenging and creative curriculum. Every individual will be recognised for their achievement and feel safe, secure and valued within our school family

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