

# Houghton Conquest Lower School and Pre-School Newsletter 10 (25th May 2018)

*Value of the Month: Caring*

## GDPR: Privacy Notice

In line with the new GDPR regulations which have come into force we have updated our Privacy Policy. This can be found on our website using the following link, alternatively a copy is available from the school office.

<http://www.houghtonconquest.beds.sch.uk/node/17>

In line with these changes we have taken the opportunity to look at updating and reissue our photo/filming parental permission form. This will be sent out to all parents after half term.

## Pre-school news



All our new children have settled in well, and we have been making the most of the nicer weather outside in our garden and on the school field.

Our tadpoles are coming along... we will have frogs soon. We will continue to look at lifecycles next half term by having caterpillars which will hopefully become butterflies.

We have been growing cress, sunflowers will follow next half term.

We hope to have an animal week in the last half term, so far ponies, lambs, dogs and a hamster will visit! If anyone has any other kind of animal they could bring in, please get in touch, the children will be pleased to welcome them.

Some of children have been lucky enough to attend Forest School this half term, as you can see from the photo this included cooking marshmallows on an open fire!

Julie Mahoney, Pre-School Leader



## Sports Festival Update

On Monday 21st May 20 children from Hawks and Eagles represented the school at the Redborne School Sports Partnership's Cricket Festival at the Flitwick Cricket Club.

It was a very enjoyable day and the weather was kind to us. The children demonstrated determination, teamwork and skill throughout the event. The hard work in the practise sessions really paid off - a big thank you to all the children for their commitment.



Both teams proved tough opposition and we were unlucky not to go through to the semi-finals. As with all the events organised by the Redbourne School Sports Partnership the cricket festival was a values tournament. Out of the 21 teams playing Houghton Conquest Team 1, were the recipients of the Values Award for showing respect throughout the Tournament. Well done to all the children, we are very proud to add another values award to our collection.

It was very encouraging to see that all the children had remembered the kit they required for the event, thank you parents. Just a gentle reminder that children must have full Houghton Conquest PE kits when representing the school, this should include shorts and t-shirt and either a fleece, jumper or cardigan with the school logo.

Well done once again and we look forward to the remaining events this year!

Miss Thompson, Sports Champion

## Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)

Cathy Hagan (our privately commissioned by the school) speech and language therapist has decided to reduce her workload and focus on a different way in which she supports children and so will no longer be able to commit to this role in our school.

Cathy has been part of our team for 8 years now and throughout this time has supported many children who would not have reached thresholds required by the NHS Speech and Language Services to be seen and has greatly helped the school and parents with the thoroughness of her reports and suggested activities to improve speech and language.

During this time we have devised a fantastic way of supporting children from the pre-school screenings in the summer term prior to entry into school, to the training of Teaching Assistants to deliver the work she has set. All parents who have received her detailed reports and suggested activities to improve their language skills cannot fault her attention to detail and professionalism.

Cathy's commitment to us has continued as she has taken the time to research and source a replacement for us. We feel this is an essential part of the Houghton Conquest success story and contributes to our phonics results which put us in the top 3% in the country as well as being top 10% in Maths and Writing attainment in KS1. We use our SEND and Pupil Premium budgets as well as Literacy budget to fund this additional service.

Any parent whose child has benefited from this service in the past, we would like you to make a card for Cathy in the holidays if possible and we will make sure she receives these. For parents of children who are still requiring the SALT sessions, you will need to sign up with our new SALT, Catherine Clancy. Catherine works on behalf of Magic Words Therapy and the new consent forms will be sent out after half term.

# Friends of Houghton Conquest Lower School



## Father's Day Secret Shop 2018

IN SCHOOL

FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE

The Friends are holding a Father's Day shop for the lower school children to place orders for cards and gifts for **their dads or someone special in their lives.**

In addition to the school shop, cards and gifts will be available on-line to purchase securely at [www.pta-events.co.uk/fohcls](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fohcls). Please register first, if you haven't already done so, making sure to select the marketing check box if you want to receive our newsletters or information about our events and volunteering opportunities.

***Pre-school parents/carers will need to order on-line.***

***All on-line orders need to be placed by 8th June.***

Gifts will be wrapped by volunteers and brought into school no later than 15th June for the children to take home.

Prices are:

£2.50 for standard gift, £4.50 for mug and £1.50 for Father's Day card

To order gifts at school, please send money in with your **eldest** child, by **Friday, 8th June**. Exact money and reply slips (**to be supplied**) need to be in a sealed envelope with your **child's name and class** written on it. Each child will then be invited to choose their gift and card at the shop during the morning session.

There is a limited supply of each of the gifts so if there's anything you'd really like, we recommend ordering this on-line as early as possible.

Thank you.

**From the Friends of Houghton Conquest Lower School**

### Diary Dates *(new items in bold)*

		<u>July 2018</u>	
<u>May 2018</u>		<b>4th</b>	<b>KS1 Multiskills Event (letters will be sent to individual participants nearer the time)</b>
W/C 28th	Half Term	5th	Owls Class Assembly: parents and grandparents from Doves class welcome to join us (9.15am)
<u>June 2018</u>		10th	Doves Class Assembly: parents and grandparents from Doves class welcome to join us (9.15am)
4th	INSET Day (school and Pre-school closed)	13th	Transition Day for children joining Alameda Middle School in Sept 18.
<b>6th</b>	<b>YR4 Good Food for me presentation (YR4 parents invited to join us - 9am)</b>	16th	Year 4 Leavers Assembly at 2pm (parents and grandparents from Eagles class welcome to join us (2pm)
7th	School Class Photographs by Tempest Photography (am)	17th	Step-Up Day (all children including those in the Pre-school who are starting with us in Sept 18)
<b>8th</b>	<b>Fathers Day Shop in school (am) - see newsletter article for more information</b>	17th	Transition Day for children joining Marston Vale Middle School in Sept 18.
W/C 11th	Phonics Screening Check for Doves class	18th	Transition Day for children joining Marston Vale Middle School in Sept 18.
<b>11th</b>	<b>Staff from Marston Vale Middle School visiting children going to MVMS in September</b>	20th	Last day of Summer Term
<b>15th</b>	<b>Hawks Class Assembly: parents and grandparents from Hawks class welcome to join us (9.15am)</b>	<u>September 2018</u>	
18th	KS2 Tennis Festival (letters will be sent to individual participants nearer the time)	<b>3rd</b>	<b>INSET Day (school and Pre-school closed)</b>
27th am	Sports Day (back up in case of inclement weather on Tuesday, 3rd July)	<b>4th</b>	<b>First Day of the Autumn Term</b>
<b>28th</b>	<b>Doves trip to Woburn Safari Park</b>		
<b>28th am</b>	<b>New Parent Meeting: for parents who have children joining us in September 2018 - more detailed information to follow after half term</b>		

## Caterlink

**Hawks and Eagles Classes - Lunch Money for after half term:** Please ensure money is brought into school on our first day back – Tuesday, 5th June. The cost is £2.30 per day; £11.50 per week; £16.10 for the Roast Wednesday for half term and £16.10 for the Fun Friday for half term.

Hawks Class: £78.20 (half term)

Eagles going to Marston: £73.60 (half term)

Eagles going to Alameda: £75.90 (half term)

Money should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and also the days they will require lunch and given to the child's teacher. Please do not hand money into the School Office. Cheques need to be made payable to: **HOUGHTON CONQUEST LOWER SCHOOL**. Thank you.

*Mrs Wilson – Kitchen Manager*

## Notes and Reminders:

**Now that the warmer weather is upon us please ensure that:-**

- ⇒ Your child has their water bottle in school every day.
- ⇒ When sunny, your child has an all day sun cream applied before coming to school. No sun cream should be brought into school.
- ⇒ When it is sunny please ensure that they have a sun hat with them.
- ⇒ Your child will also need to have a waterproof coat in school as the children do still go out at break time and lunch time when it is raining.

## **Special visitors to Doves Class**

A big thank you to Rex for bringing some special visitors into school today. They spent the day with Doves class and made a special appearance in our morning assembly where the children were given the opportunity to ask Rex questions about them.



We have a reported case of Chicken Pox in our School. Should you be worried about your child please seek appropriate medical advice.

## Celebration Assemblies

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

### Friday, 27th April 2018

#### Star of the Week from:

**Miss Granelli:** Kyran Bates for fantastic effort in class all week.

**Mrs Sebborn:** Rex Laundon for trying super hard all week.

**Miss Dancer:** Grace Lane for great understanding of time connectives.

**Golden Certificates:** Kian Hope, Kyran Bates, Esme Stewart, Lilah O’Gorman, Katherine Birch, Charlie Brown, Conner Peach and Jason Starr.

**Value Award:** The KS2 Quad Kids Team - for supporting each other and working together as a team.

**Reading Rewards:** Joshua Blake, Sophie Spencer, Laila Peck and Joshua Gruzelier.

#### Headteacher Awards:

Jasmine Robinson: British Judo Association - SHO3 Award.

Lily Baker: British Judo Association Certificate of Achievement.

Katherine Birch: British Judo Association - SHO2 Award.

Chloe Macrdechian: Swimming 25m.

Grace Lane: Swimming 15m.

Zoe Robinson: Gymnastics Proficiency Award level 4.

**Finer Diners:** Holly Vaughan, Cameron Stean, Kaitlyn Shade, Andrew Puplampu, Freddie Walker, Amelia Sutton, Joshua Blake, Brandon Thomas, Cody Riley and Sam Matthews.

### Friday, 4th May 2018

#### Star of the Week for:

**Robins:** Freddie Walker for amazing effort all week.

**Doves:** Jack Simpson for persevering to complete all of his work.

**Owls:** Callie Edwards for writing brilliant instructions in her literacy lesson.

**Hawks:** Jack Fuller for improved concentration and hard work.

**Eagles:** Sam Matthews for always trying his best.

**Values Award:** Evie Busbridge for always taking care of others.

**Golden Certificates:** Maddy Whitfield, Jamima Fraser, Lily Burton, Andrew Puplampu, Sophie Spencer and Callum Curl.

#### Headteacher Awards

Ella Walker: Pioneer of the week at Houghton Pioneers.

Callum Curl: Player of the week at Mini Strikers.

Issac Barral: Completing the Flitwick 1 mile race.

Chloe Hurren: Swimming - Duckling 3.

**Finer Diners:** Andrew Puplampu, Sophie Spencer, Joshua Gruzelier, Barney Money, Lilah O’Gorman, Lily Whitfield and Grace Exworth.

**Reading Rewards:** Niamh-Mairé Furey, Cody Riley, Grace Exworth, Zoe Robinson, William Middleton, Kimberley Crowe, Katherine Birch, Ella Walker, Max Williamson, Katelyn Pestell and Sian Thomas.

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## Friday, 11th May 2018

### Star of the Week from:

**Mrs Jakins:** Evie Busbridge for showing kindness and caring to her friends on the playground.

**Miss Granelli:** Amelia Kealey for always trying her best during phonics.

**Mrs Sebborn:** Reece Worts for exceptional work in Making the Most of Me.

**Miss Dancer:** Eliza-Beth for always being helpful and caring to others.

**Miss Thompson:** Sam Matthews for showing leadership and enthusiasm during Kwik Cricket.

**Pre-School:** Jake Palmacci for always being polite and helpful.

**Golden Certificates:** Ivy Gravener, Faye Lovell, Harry Exworth, Laura Guinness and Reece Worts.

**Reading Rewards:** Tommy Spencer, Grace Lane and Mikey Bathers.

### Headteacher Awards:

Laila Peck: Pioneer of the Week at Houghton Pioneers.

Katherine Birch: Receiving a medal in Judo.

Max Williamson: Swimming 200m and Water Skills Grade 4.

Jasper Regan: Swimming Ducklings 2.

Dylan Partridge: Player of the Week - Judo.

**Finer Diners:** Cherry Edwards, Tony Starr, Arthur Middleton, Amelia Kealey, Callie Edwards, Cerys Sebborn, Rex Laundon, Hannah Starr, Lily Whitfield, Jack Simpson and Immanuel Pupilampu.

## Friday, 18th May 2018

### Star of the Week for:

**Pre-School:** Vinnie Proctor for really trying hard today to follow the pre-school rules.

**Robins:** Lily Davies-Smith for being positive and enthusiastic!

**Doves:** Brandon Thomas for working extra hard when learning fractions.

**Owls:** Joshua Blake for working really hard to join his handwriting in all his lessons.

**Hawks:** Grayson Collins for writing a fantastic adventure story.

**Eagles:** Faith Poultney for always trying her best.

**Values Award:** Charlie Brown for always caring for others.

**Golden Certificates:** Katelyn Pestell, Callum Curl, Reece Worts, Joshua Gruzelier and Jack Simpson.

### Headteacher Awards

Lily Baker: Swimming, Learn to Swim 3.

Reece Worts: Swimming, Learn to Swim 4 and 1000m.

Luke Worts: Swimming, Ducklings 4 and 5m.

Jason Starr: Trophy for amazing football.

Jack Simpson: Football, star player of the week.

Laura Guinness: Ampthill and District RUFC medal – amazing rugby.

Tommy Spencer: Ampthill and District RUFC medal and badge - amazing rugby.

**Finer Diners:** Sian Thomas, Kaitlyn Shade, Olivia Pilsbury, Kimberley Crowe, Amelia Kealey, Kian Hope, Jamima Fraser, Lily Whitfield, Jason Starr and Eliza-Beth Semple.

**Reading Rewards:** Scarlett Curl and Amelia Sutton.

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**Friday, 25th May 2018**

**Star of the Week from:**

**Mrs Jakins:** Dylan Partridge for super work and perseverance at Forest School.

**Miss Granelli:** Esme Stewart for impressive writing.

**Mrs Sebborn:** Mikey Bathers for showing perseverance when lighting a fire at Forest School.

**Miss Thompson:** Millie Gibson for being a team player and showing excellent leadership skills at the Kwik Cricket Festival.

**Pre-School:** Juliette Bluck for always being a kind and caring friend to all.

**Golden Certificates:** William Middleton, Andrew Puplampu, Arthur Middleton, Niamh-Mairé Furey and Hannah Starr.

**Reading Rewards:** Chloe Macredechian, Emily Brett, Sian Thomas, Sam Matthews, Paul Sebborn, Millie Gibson, Oliva Pilsbury, Freddie Walker, Issac Barral, Kyran Bates, Callum Curl, Lily Davies-Smith, Rosie Davies-Smith, Dylan Edwards, Leo Gravener, Kian Hope, Amelia Kealey, Faye Lovell, Arthur Middleton, Barney Money, Lilah O’Gorman, Cameron Stean, Esme Stewart and Eden Suddaby.

**Values Award:** Cameron Stean for making every effort to help and care for others.

**Headteacher Awards:**

Cerys Sebborn: Pioneer of the Week at Houghton Pioneers.

Katherine Birch: Swimming 10m.

Callie Edwards: Learn to Swim 3 and 15m.

**Finer Diners:** Jasmine Robinson, Ella Walker, Katlyn Pestell, Grace Lane, Leo Gravener, Lilah O’Gorman, Arthur Middleton, Tommy Spencer, Niamh Davis, Hannah Starr and Paul Sebborn.

**Houghton’s Half Term Handwriting Stars:**

**Robins:** Lilah O’Gorman - for amazing progress and effort in writing.

**Doves:** Madalyn Whitfield - for super joins in handwriting.

**Owls:** Joshua Blake - for working really hard to join his handwriting in all lessons.

**Hawks:** Kaitlyn Shade - for consistently joining her letters.

**Eagles:** Hannah Starr for consistently joining her letters.

**Team Point Winners:** Congratulations to the Yellow Team who all enjoyed a marshmallow and strawberry chocolate fountain at break time today.



**Attendance Bear:** Congratulations to Robin’s Class for winning the attendance bear this half term - please take care of him after the holidays.

All children with 100% attendance this half term received a certificate in our celebration assembly.

**Ways to get in touch or find out information**

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