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CATFIELD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 9th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

A busy start to the half term!

I hope you all saw the lovely article in the paper regarding the Memory walk - a big well done to all our children. We'd like to welcome Mrs Gilbert to the staffing team - she is working in our Early Years and I know lots of you will already know her. We are taking full advantage of knowing her so well and are working her really hard!

Our new Reverend, Deborah Hamilton-Grey came into school last week to meet us all and once she gets settled is planning to become a regular visitor to the school so the children will get to know her well. She really enjoyed looking round and as luck would have it, Mrs Sales was teaching RE during the visit so we spent some time in her classroom!

We are sending out our reviewed 'Managing Headlice' policy with this newsletter. The warmer, wetter weather means our favourite little critter is really on the rampage at the moment. Just a few facts to make you nice and itchy:

- Head lice have nothing to do with cleanliness. Anyone can have lice. Lice love everyone!
- If a person is carrying 20 lice, those lice could lay 2,652 eggs during their reproductive life.
- The eggs take 7 to 10 days to hatch.
- "Nits" are the empty egg of a head louse after hatching.
- "Nymphs" are immature head lice, reaching maturity between 7-13 days. Before this they are unable to lay eggs, or move to another head.
- They can live for up to 40 days.
- Lice are programmed to want to move to another head and can move quickly when disturbed – a louse can travel up to 23cm in a minute.
- They cannot jump, swim or fly, only crawl from head to head, so they are not quite the all action heroes we might think.
- Head lice only live on human beings, not on other animals.

They really are persistent and effective little beasties! Please read the 'Managing Headlice in School' information and do not hesitate to pop in if you have any questions.

Next week is national anti-bullying week and we will be focusing on this during our collective worship.

And finally..... on a sad note Catfield School has lost a wonderful friend with the passing of Mr Treherne during half term. He made many generous donations to the school and was such a loyal supporter of all we did and loved to come along to our productions and services. He will be much missed - RIP to a truly lovely gentleman.

Ms Nutbeam/Ms Wones

Wheels Evening Friday 10th November

We hope for this event to go ahead weather permitting. If the event has to be cancelled due to poor weather and wet conditions we will notify you by text by 11am on Friday.

Children In Need day Friday 17th November

We invite children to come to school dressed in pyjamas for a small donation to the charity. At 2:30 we will be holding a 'drop in' bedtime reading session where parents/grandparents/carers etc. are welcome to join their children to share their favourite books. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided☺ The school council have also suggested that children bring in a teddy/soft toy. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE Kits

We have noticed a significant deterioration in PE kits coming into school. Some children are not bringing in appropriate equipment and others are forgetting items.

Can we please remind you a PE kit should include at **all** times:

White tee shirt.

Black or navy shorts.

Black or white plimsolls.

Trainers (waterproof, not canvas pumps).

If your child does not have the above items on the day of their PE lesson the following action will be taken:

1) On the first occasion, we will provide spare kit (where possible) and a note will be sent home.

2) On subsequent occasions chn. will not be able to take part in the session and will be given work to do.

We ask for your support with this matter as children's safety is paramount and incorrect equipment can put them at great risk.

Many Thanks

Memory Walk update

Last Thursday we featured in a lovely article in the EDP about our sponsored memory walk. Here is a link to the article.

<http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/youngsters-from-hickling-sutton-and-catfield-walk-to-help-people-living-with-dementia-1-5262426>

Christmas Craft & Cake sale – Friday 1st December @ 3.15pm

Children will be busily preparing crafts to sell to help raise funds for the school. We are ask for donations of cakes, biscuits etc. to sell on the day. Paper plates will be sent home nearer the time as a reminder. If you would like to help at this event please speak directly with Mrs Butcher or Mrs Amos.



Cake Raffle – If there are any new parents that would like to sign up to the cake raffle, please contact either Gillian Lake (Bethany's mum) or the school office. Many thanks for your support



Cake Raffle: W/e 03.11.17 was number 25 Jack Whyatt, congratulations to you.

100 club draw – W/e 03.11.17 was number 8 Gillian Lake, Bethany's mum, congratulations to you.

KEY DIARY DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD –

10/11/17	Wheels Evening 3.15pm-5.00pm
w/c 13/11/17	Anti-bullying week
17/11/17	Children In need – Non uniform day
01/12/17	Christmas Craft cafe
01/12/17	Christmas Craft & Cake Sale 3.15pm
04/12/17	Advent RE Federation day @ Catfield
11/12/17	Beauty & The Beast Pantomime @ 1.30pm
12/12/17	Dress rehearsal for the Nativity A.M
13/12/17	Nativity P.M
15/12/17	Christmas Lunch
18/12/17	Carol Service @ church 6pm
19/12/17	Last Day of term & Christmas Jumper day

LITTLE OWLS PRESCHOOL – 01692 580568

Preschool news - Sessions are all day Monday-Friday. For full details, please ring the school office

Phone numbers for our Federated schools are: **Sutton: 580608** **Hickling 598355**

SCHOOL TERMS DATES/HOLIDAY DATES for 2016-17

Autumn Term Monday 6th September 2017 – Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term Thursday 4th January 2018 – Wednesday 28th March 2018

Summer Term Monday 16th April 2018 – Tuesday 24th July 2018

Half Term Monday 23rd October 2017 – Friday 27th October 2017

Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

Tuesday 29th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

May Day Bank holiday Monday 7th May 2018

Whitsun Bank holiday Monday 28th May 2018

Staff Development Days:

School is open for staff development but closed for children: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September, Friday 20th October, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2018.