

Value of the week:

We have had a lovely week this week, at least most of the time! This is because on Monday we reminded children about our expectations, in lessons, around school, in the lunch hall and outside. In the couple of weeks leading up to this, some children had forgotten our high expectations and this had led to some children having more negative experiences in school. Tigers class and children in Reception held their own sessions this week, but in assembly with those in the Zebras class and older, the children created the following rules:

In the playground:

- Be aware of people around you
- Be nice
- No fighting
- Only go in the playground areas you are allowed to go in
- Apologise
- Get help from adults if you need it
- Football in restricted areas only
- Stop your behaviour if someone has said they don't like it
- Share the playground equipment
- Listen to instructions from adults
- Share games/ conversations and include others
- Be fair

We are therefore able to talk to children using this language. Most are self-explanatory I think, but one bears more explanation: if someone is doing something to you that you don't like, our mantra is to say "Stop it, I don't like that." If someone says that to you, you know that you have to stop whatever it is that you are doing, sometimes then needing to find out what it is that someone doesn't like.

Achiever of the week:

Minibeasts: Kimberly C
Minibeasts: Jordan C
Tigers: Ethan H
Zebras: Bobby D
Penguins: Benjamin W
Giraffes: Luke Taylor
Lions: Luke M
Meerkats: Florence R
Eagles: Sophie W

Value of the week:

Minibeasts: Ollie H
Minibeasts: Emily T
Tigers: Maciej S
Zebras: Jack C and Riley P
Penguins: Jasmine R
Giraffes: Tyler MacD
Lions: Lucy M
Meerkats: Eloise McB & James W
Eagles: all Eagles

Changes and reminders for next week:

Monday	This week is SATs week for Year 2. They will be doing "special work" or "fun quizzes" and may well come home and tell you about the juice and biscuits they have consumed in order to keep their morale up and their brains active! All Year 1 children will be grouped together for some of the time this week, to allow Year 2s to focus. The Year 1s will work with Mr Mac and Mrs Hillier, although they will still go in their normal doors and register with their classes so that the change doesn't feel so great.
Tuesday	Zebras and Penguins classes should come in normal uniform and not PE kits at all this week.
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	SATs party for Year 2 children We know that children in Year 2 will be working especially hard next week and we would like to celebrate this with them with a mini party next Friday afternoon. Please can children bring PJs in to change into at lunchtime on the Friday and bring in party food? Look out for food sign-up sheet next week in the Primary Entrance.

Can you help?

- All of Year 1 will be doing measuring and weighing in Maths next week. Part of this unit is learning to read different types of scales: could we borrow some scales for the week please to help us in this? Please put your name on them so that we can return them to you.
- Please could children in year 5 to collect and bring in junk modelling stuff. This could be tins, boxes, plastic etc, or more sophisticated waste such as electrical things, springs, old nuts and bolts etc. Mrs Evans has an interesting project planned, but doesn't want to let on anything else at this stage!!!

Notes and reminders:

- Year 5 Residential - Payments can be made online using Parent Pay
- We have had several reports of cases of headlice in school across different year groups. Please check and treat your child so we can eliminate this.
- We have also had recent reports of threadworm – please be vigilant and make sure the whole family is treated as it is highly contagious.
- Please remember that our playground for our older children is directly out of the front of the building. Please remember to park in the first part of the car park if picking children up early or dropping them off late (e.g. for a medical appointment) to minimise the movement of cars when children are in the playground. Do remember there is always the park and stride or the "drop off" spaces round the back of the triangular playground.

Stop Press: we have just been asked to remind all drivers to be careful around residential areas and when dropping off for school and have been informed that there was a near miss this morning near Heyford House. Please take extra care.

PE for Years 3, 4 5 and 5:

All children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will need to come in their PE kits every Monday starting next week. The morning will be organised as follows:

Year 3 will stay at school and will be taught by Miss Curtis and Miss Chalmers. They will be split into two groups, mixed across the classes, and complete PE and also do other activities as a cohort.

Those who are swimming in Years 4 and 5 must have their swimming kit with them (fitted swimming trunks/costume, towel and goggles if required.) Please make sure swimmers are in school no later than 9am, as we will be leaving shortly after 9am, and cannot wait for latecomers. Mrs Evans will lead the group going swimming, accompanied by other school staff. If there are one or two parents that would be prepared to be in on standby to help out each Monday for the next six weeks, please let one of us know (rhughes@heyfordparkfreeschool.org, or speak to a teacher directly)

Those not swimming will stay at school, doing PE as part of their morning. Mrs Dallas will remain in school with these children.

On arrival at school on a Monday, Eagles and Meerkats should go to their classrooms as normal, however all of the Year 4 children from Lions should also go to the Meerkats classroom, where they will be met by Miss Curtis and Mrs Dallas, registered quickly and then head off to the coach.

Children in Years 3-5 need to come in full uniform for the rest of the week, not PE kit.

Pizzeria – a message from KS2 staff:

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been enjoying learning about Italy over the last few weeks, and are looking forward to inviting you to their Class Pizzeria, which will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 22nd May - Meerkats

Wednesday 23rd May - Lions

Thursday 24th May - Giraffes

All of the events will take place in the afternoon, from 2.30pm. Invitations are due to come home over the next few days and adults are invited to reserve a space. These will include a reply slip: please return this as soon as possible so that we know how much food to prepare. In order to cover the cost of the ingredients each ticket will cost £3. As I'm sure you can imagine our entrepreneurial children are looking forward to welcoming you!

Uniform Reminders:

Thank you for your support to ensure that children are looking smarter, however there are still some children coming in kit on a PE day that is not uniform – please remember that on a PE day children should wear a white polo shirt, not any other type of top. Please also remember that children with long hair must tie it up.

Year 4 residential Meeting: Monday 14th May at 4pm – a message from Mrs Dallas:

All Year 4 parents/carers are invited to the information meeting next Monday about the Residential to Hill-End on the 4th - 6th July. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the trip as well as answer any questions. Please come to the main reception to be directed to the meeting. Also, a reminder to make payments on parent pay for the trip. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Dallas or Miss Curtis.

Board games:

We would like to build up our range of board games, to begin an indoor club once a week at lunchtimes and to add to our stocks for wet play. If you have any not being used at home that you would like to donate, we will put them to good use. Thanks.

Dates for your diary:

week beginning 14th May – Year 2 SATS week

Monday 14th May – swimming for selected children in Year 4 and 5 starts today – please remember your swimming kit if you are one of the swimmers! More information above.

Monday 14th May at 4pm – Meeting for Y4 parents regarding the Residential

week beginning 21st May – assessment week for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday 22nd May to Thursday 24th May – Year 3/4 pop-up restaurant for parents – see above

Friday 25th May – Year 1/2 pop-up bakery

Key dates for the summer term:

Tuesday 19th June – Giraffes to the farm for their final “summer” visit.

Wednesday 20th June – Lions to the farm for their final “summer” visit.

Wednesday 20th June – Welcome evening for parents of children starting in Reception in September 2018 (a letter will go out to these families soon)

Tuesday 26th June – Meerkats to the farm for their final “summer” visit.

Wednesday 27th June – Eagles to the farm for their final “summer” visit.

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th July – Meerkats’ residential trip

Saturday 7th July – 12 noon to 4pm – Summer Fete

Tuesday 10th July – Transition or “Move Up Day” for children currently in Nursery to Year 5 (more details to follow)

Monday 16th July – Sports Day: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in the morning and Key Stage 2 (Years 3-5) in the afternoon: more details to come, but parents and carers will be welcome to watch and I know many of you like to take time off work if possible. (Reserve date will be

Tuesday 17th July in case of bad weather on the Monday)

Summer School (compulsory for children currently in school) Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th

August

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Hughes