

High Halstow Primary School News 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first term is half way through and as October approaches we appear to be having an Indian summer. This is enabling pupils to get busy with planting to ensure our school looks good. Look out for the Green Team's efforts as the plants and bulbs begin to grow.

The first School Council has met and the officers duly elected. Well done to everyone who stood for election to the council. The presentations in classes were well thought out and it was hard for the pupils to make a choice. At the first meeting the officers were elected and Kes Lawrence was voted to be Chair, Ellie Collings Vice Chair, Ilse Laphorn Secretary and Samantha Ford Treasurer. I look forward to working with the council and at the next meeting we will identify the charities to be supported and agree on the activities run in order to raise money. As usual, however, the school is supporting the Shoe Box Appeal run by Blythswood and you will receive a leaflet with this newsletter. Pupils can bring in the whole box or small articles to contribute from now until Thursday 20th October. The boxes will be collected as we return from October Break to ensure they leave England early November to arrive in Eastern Europe for Christmas. Last year we sent 65 boxes from our school and we are aiming to send more this year.

The new PTA committee will be formed on Wednesday 5th October at the PTA's AGM, to be held in school at 7:00pm. Please remember that all parents/carers automatically become a member of the PTA once their child starts school so everyone is invited to every meeting. The PTA notice board has details of the meetings. The PTA

aims to meet at least once per term to raise funds to support developments in the school. All the events organised for the pupils and parents/carers don't necessarily raise money but add to the enjoyment of being part of our school community so please come along and support this group as your ideas and thoughts are always valued.

In the last newsletter I informed you of some of the refurbishments that had taken place in the school. These actions were from the School Development Plan 2010-2013 and from time to time I will be able to update you as the plan's actions are put into place. This document is the driving force for the school and its continuing endeavour to raise standards and make improvements for staff, pupils and parents. As part of this plan and the school's self evaluation there will be questionnaires for pupils, parents/carers and staff. Your child may have already told you that they have had an opportunity to tell the school about their understanding of how they are challenged. The parent questionnaire will be issued soon and the evaluation will be sent home. Self evaluation is one way of ensuring continual improvement.

Finally the staff and I look forward to welcoming you to parent's consultations this week. If you haven't yet made an appointment please ensure that you contact the Class Teacher as your help in supporting your child to make progress is essential. There will be an "Information Station" and leaflets available at the consultations from Chartwells, the school meal provider.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P.M.Sanford
Head Teacher

Governing Body 2011-2012 : for your information

Chair
Vice Chair
Community Governor
Parent Governor

Graham Cottle
Natasha Turner
Jamie Robbins
Paul Gubby
Malcolm Moaby
Jeanette Barclay
Erna Buitendam

LA
Associate

Clerk to GB

Alison Mitchell

Should you wish to contact any of the Governing body please do so through the school office.

We will go out to play and lunchtime play as much as possible even as the weather becomes colder/wetter.

Your child will need a coat/fleece to ensure they can enjoy the experience.

Please ensure all pupils' clothes are labelled with their name.

Walking Bus



Please think about helping our Walking Bus to restart!

During Golden Boot Challenge Week when the school will be encouraging pupils to walk to school as much as possible there will be a meeting with James Sutton from the Local

Authority to try to restart our bus!

Come along and see how you can help to support our pupils and reduce the traffic congestion in our village.

Thursday 13th October at 2:30 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 27 th September 3:30-5:00	Parent Consultations: Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 28 th September 5:00-8:00	Parent Consultations: Meet the Teacher
Monday 3 rd October 8:40-10:30 Or Tuesday 4 th October 8:40-10:30	Open Morning Ant Class
Thursday 6 th October 8:40-10:30 Or Friday 7 th October 8:40-10:30	Open Morning Butterfly Class
Wednesday 12 th October 7:00pm	PTA AGM
Thursday 13 th October 2:30	WALKING BUS MEETING
Thursday 20 th October 3:15	Open Classroom for all classes
Friday 21 st October	Professional Development Day; School closed to pupils
End of Term 1	