

..... A message from Mr Copeland

What a fantastic year we have had at Hymers Hesse Mount; it has been full of exciting experiences and adventures for all of the children. All of the credit must go to the fantastic staff team who have worked incredibly hard to create inspirational learning spaces and environments for your children and have prepared exciting lessons which have inspired the children to learn..

Throughout the Summer Term I was fortunate enough to join all year groups on their school trips. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school and took the CARE Code with them on their adventures. It was pleasing to hear the staff that we visited talking about how polite the children were and how excited they were to learn new things. I was also delighted with how the children, from all year groups, performed superbly on our **Sports Day** over at Hymers College. Congratulations to Brandesburton, this year's winning House and also to the fabulous Year 6 Sports Leaders who did an outstanding job in helping organise the day and support and reassure the younger children.

In this final newsletter of the year, a special mention must go to the Year 2 pupils who will be moving on after the summer holiday. I would like to wish



you all well as you move on to new adventures in the Junior School. You are an enthusiastic year group with an incredible sense of fun. I have been very impressed with your achievements throughout the year and with the superb progress that you have made. I was blown away by your acting, singing and dancing in **'The Selfish Ladybird'** where you performed with such confidence and clearly enjoyed every moment of the production. You have embraced new challenges this year such as swimming lessons and regular visits to the Hymers Campus and you have acted as positive role models for the younger pupils in the school. As you progress into Year 3 remember that being successful does not mean that you have to be the best at something. Success is achieved by taking small steps and by being a little bit better than yesterday, each day.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the parents, friends and families for your continued support throughout my first year at Hymers Hesse Mount. A strong partnership between school and parents can have a hugely beneficial impact on a child's attainment and personal development. I hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all very soon.



PRE-SCHOOL

Well, we have reached the end of another term and the end of another school year. And what a year it has been! We learnt all about different customs and festivals and had lots of fun celebrating them together. These have included Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas, Holi, St. Patrick's Day and Easter, and many more. The children especially enjoyed our Chinese New Year celebrations - we learnt about how it is celebrated, did some wonderful artwork, ate a delicious banquet together and even had a go at dragon dancing!



We have taken part in whole school activities including **World Book Day**, a **Pancake Day Race** and **Sports Day**, which has been great fun for us all! It has been a busy year but the children have worked so hard and taken everything in their stride.

This half term has been a busy one too. The children did an amazing job of their Pre-School performance, and loved singing songs to their mums, dads and grandparents. Thank you to all who came to watch - we hope you enjoyed the singing, graduation and **Teddy Bears' picnic** as much as we did. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the academic year drawing to a close, and to say goodbye to the older children who are moving on to Reception in September. In the same week, we had our school **Sports Day** at the Hymers College grounds and a Pre-School trip to **Acorn Hollow**, which is a forest school setting at Goodmanham Dale.

The children and staff had a wonderful day, drinking hot chocolate around the campfire, hunting for creepy crawlies and using tools to make clay mini-beasts.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this year. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with your lovely children; they make us laugh and smile every day and we love being involved in their learning journeys. We are sad to see the children go but we know they are so ready for Reception and we are excited to watch them flourish and grow. Luckily for us, some of the children are staying with us for another year and we will also welcome new children to the Pre-School. We wish everyone a fantastic summer break and we look forward to hearing about the children's adventures when we return for the Autumn Term.

Miss Smith and the Pre-School Team.



RECEPTION

What an amazing half term we've had in Reception! This term our work has been based around the theme, "*Where shall we go today?*" We found out about different farm animals and their young and the jobs that farmers do. We had such a good time on our school trip to Hall Farm Park; the children were such a credit to the school, listening to instructions and behaving so well!

We enjoyed looking at the animals, going on a nature walk, travelling on a tractor to feed potatoes to the cows, taking the goats for a walk and of course exploring the many indoor and outdoor play areas as well as jumping



on the inflatable pillow. We brought in photos of our favourite holiday and confidently discussed them with our classmates. We also compared holidays in the past to our holidays now and were fascinated to learn that people did not use suncream to protect them as it hadn't yet been invented!

RECEPTION (cont.)



Our **Sports Day** at Hymers Junior School was delightful, the children particularly liked travelling by coach and taking part in the running, potato sack, egg and spoon, and relay races. We were so impressed by the children's great sportsmanship and behaviour and they were an absolute credit to our school.

The half term culminated with a **Pirate-themed week**, and we spent a swashbuckling day dressed up as pirates, going on a treasure hunt,

making pirate crafts and playing pirate games! It has been a whirlwind of a year and we are blown away by the children's progress, particularly in Phonics. It has been such a pleasure to teach the children and start them on their academic journey through school. We will miss you all and wish you the best of luck in Year 1. Happy holidays everyone, we hope you have a peaceful and relaxing summer break! Mrs Evans, Mrs Carter and Mrs Doggett



YEAR 1

For our final term, the children have worked hard getting ready for the transition to Year 2.

In our English lessons we have enjoyed the story of the *Stick Man* and used this book as a base for writing instructions. We even looked at how to write instructions for the famous childhood game of **Pooh Sticks!** Some of the children had played Pooh Sticks in the past but for those that hadn't, they are now keen to play so look out for a bridge with a flowing stream and start hunting for Pooh Sticks!

Maths has been a little tricky this term with the introduction to time and money. Please allow your children to play shops at home, with real coins, as this will help them with future lessons.



In Science we have looked at the weather and the children have also researched climate around the world and the shelter needed to cope in certain regions.

We want to congratulate all the children on their hard work all through the year and we wish them all the best for the future. Well done Year 1!



YEAR 2

This half term has been very busy in Year 2. I am sure you will agree the children did a fabulous job practising their play: *The Selfish Ladybird* and they absolutely loved performing it to the school and to their parents. We think we may have some budding actors, singers and dancers within the year group!

The children loved our double dose of **Roald Dahl** discovering the gruesome Mr and Mrs Twit's characters and having some jolly fun writing awfully hideous new stories of their own! Finishing with a tasty chocolate treat which they designed themselves and which would have rivalled Mr Wonka's Scrumdiddlyumptious Bar.

In Science we have been looking at how to help our environment



by reducing, reusing and recycling. We particularly enjoyed looking at how plastics are recycled.

This came after our visit to **Potteric Carr Nature Reserve** where our super Year 2 children asked really interesting questions about the living things they found in the different habitats. The children have found this day very fascinating and inspiring; so don't be surprised if your child suddenly starts asking questions about something living in the garden or suddenly stopping on a country walk to identify an insect!

In History we have been looking at **The Great Fire of London** and have been travelling, through the use of video clips, to 1666 London.

In D.T. we have been planning, making stamps and printing Cath Kidston inspired designs.



Thank you for all your hard work this year, we wish you a wonderful summer and a happy Year 3 at Hymers.



Key Dates for next half term

September

- Wed 6 – First day of term
- Mon 11 – Year 2 Swimming lessons start
- Wed 13 – Roald Dahl Day
- Thu 14 – Year 1 Swimming lessons start
- Fri 29 – Hymers Hesse Mount Open Morning

October

- Wed 4 – Harvest Festival Assembly
- Sat 7 – Hymers College Open Morning
- Mon 16 – Parents' Evening Appointments (All Year Groups)
- Tue 17 – Parents' Evening Appointments (All Year Groups)
- Wed 18 – Parents' Evening Appointments (All Year Groups)
- Mon 23 – Individual Photos

Half Term Thu 26 October - Mon 6 November (inclusive)