

# Newsletter

Summer 1 2019



## Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

Dear Parents,

What a short but busy half term! The children and staff have had an exceptionally busy week.

### Year 1

Year 1 travelled to Paradise Wildlife Park on Monday to continue their learning about dinosaurs. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the day. A big thank you to all of the staff for organising such a great trip and to the many parents who accompanied the children on the trip.

Thank you for giving up your time.

### Reception

Chestnut and Maple classes thoroughly enjoyed their Gruffalo day on Wednesday with trails through the woods, eating Gruffalo crumble and even owl ice-cream! A big thank you to all of the staff for their dedication and preparation time.

### Nursery

Nursery also thoroughly enjoyed their time outside in the sunshine during their Teddy Bear's picnic on Thursday. Thank you to our Nursery staff for organising it and to those parents who brought their children in despite it not being their day to attend so that they could enjoy the fun with their friends.

### Early Years Quality Mark Gold Award

As some of you may recall during the past year the Early Years team have worked extremely hard to achieve both the Bronze and Silver Quality Marks. The silver quality mark involved a lengthy inspection of our provision and observations of practice. I am very proud to say that on Tuesday we were awarded the Gold award by our Early Years advisor who scrutinised our focus on 'outdoor learning with effective questioning'. A huge thank you, once again to our wonderful Early years team who work continuously hard to maintain high standards and this award confirms this.

### Governors

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and letters will be sent out on June 3rd detailing the process. Being a parent Governor is a commitment (approximately 6 evening meetings per year—Tuesdays at 6.30) but a hugely rewarding one. It allows you to have an insight and contribution to the running of the school. If you have any questions about the role please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Have a great weekend and half term.

**Mrs O'Connell Head teacher**

## Week 5 Summer 1 2019

### Upcoming Dates

**Friday 24th May**—School closes at 3.05 for half term

**Monday 3rd June**—Return to school 8.45

**Friday 7th June**—Pyjamarama—£1 donation

**Monday 10th June**—Phonics Screening Week

**Friday 14th June** Parent Governor nomination deadline



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## Stars of the week

Maple	Chestnut	Oak
Akshaya and Alfie	Lolu and Grace	Abigail and Grace
Hazel	Pine	Beech
Lui and Seanna	Alicija and Aram	Chloe and Taylor
Willow	Jacob F and Thomas	

## Star Writers

Maple	Chestnut	Oak
Akshaya	Savannah	Lucy
Hazel	Pine	Beech
Aanya	Edie	James

 #hotchocfriday—joining Mrs O’Connell for hot chocolate on Friday to celebrate good behaviour at lunchtime— Pareeta, Starise, Tony, Elias, Alicija, JJ

## Attendance—Week beginning 13th May

Maple	Chestnut	Oak
<b>97.93%</b>	95.08%	<b>96.33%</b>
Hazel	Pine	Beech
94.48%	<b>97.42%</b>	<b>98%</b>

388 sessions were lost this term due to Chicken Pox!

Well done to Maple, Oak , Pine and Beech classes, exceeding 96%

Please remember Every day counts.

