



Spring Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have enjoyed some webinars and activities which link to British Science Week.

Please may I remind you that parents should not be using the staff carpark at drop off or collection times (exception Blue Badge holders) as it puts pedestrians in danger. Thank you.

Thank you for bringing the variety of road closures to our attention. We have been in contact with Anglian Water to find out more details. If we hear an update, we will let you know.

#### **Red Nose Day reminder**

Next Friday is Red Nose Day, children are invited to wear red and learn (or bring in) a joke for their class. Please make a donation via ParentPay for this worthy charity, thank you.

#### **Parents' Evenings**

Online Parents Evenings have been set up on the system. They are taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Appointments will go live today, and bookings will close next Friday. Please see the details on the website of how to book the appointments if you need assistance.

#### **FOHS Fiver Challenge**

This week we have launched a new money-making opportunity to the children. Any child in KS2 (years 3 – 6) can apply for a £5 loan from FOHS and use this starter fund to grow their venture. Children can work individually or in pairs and should submit their application by next Friday in order to qualify and the £5 loans will be given out on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (in a named envelope with an additional information sheet).

An application should include their name/s, class and a brief outline of their idea, see end of newsletter.

Things I have seen work well in the past have been selling homemade cupcakes or sweet treats, and making and selling simple things such as bookmarks, homemade bird feeders, or friendship bracelets. There will be a Fiver Fair after school in the hall on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April so children could also choose to offer a service, eg temporary tattoos, and this could be their main selling opportunity. Budding entrepreneurs will have 8 weeks to make money and must return the initial £5 and any profit on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and FOHS will award at least 3 prizes: Highest Profit, Originality, and Effort.

#### **FOHS Quiz Night**

A huge thank you to Alice and Jess, who did a fabulous job as quiz masters last Friday, and to Gemma for preparing the delicious platters. We had a great night and raised nearly £900 so thank you to all the parents and supporters in the village who came to join in the fun.

#### **FOHS Film Friday - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 3.15pm**

Thank you to everyone who has booked in for Film Friday next week, when we'll be showing the Julia Donaldson short film Tiddler. If your child(ren) would like to come, please follow the instructions on last week's newsletter to book them in by Monday. The event starts straight after school and pick up is 4.15pm, with a pasta pot, drink, treat and popcorn included in the ticket price of £5.

### **FOHS Easter Draw and Mufti Day for Hampers - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Children are invited to come to school in mufti on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> in exchange for a chocolate donation for the Easter hampers.

Raffle tickets will be in book bags and you can get more from the school office. Please make payment to the FOHS account, with RAFFLE as the reference, and return your ticket stubs by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and do sell as many as you can to family and friends too. The draw will take place in celebration assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have a basket from previous raffles, or a basket at home that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful to take them next week please! Many thanks.

### **FOHS Easter Bonnet/Cap/Egg Decorating Competition**

It's back for the fourth year running! We'd like to invite the children to decorate an egg or a bonnet/cap and there will be prizes for the winning entries given out at the celebration assembly on the last day of term. It's only £1 to enter and you need to bring your entry and payment into school with you on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March ready for judging. Good luck!

Have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Zdyrko

Headteacher

### **Upcoming events at a glance:**

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day, all donations welcome via ParentPay
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Online Parents Evenings
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Celebration Assembly 9am, all welcome
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March End of Term
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April Summer Term Starts

### **Community News and Attachments (these can be found in the Community section of our school website)**

- Castle Ashby Gardens Easter Egg Hunt
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Wild Footprints by Judy Wise, Author Event
- Beachborough Easter Holiday Activities
- Helmdon Church Mothering Sunday Service, all welcome
- Little Oaks Spring Fayre

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

If you have any concerns about the health, welfare or safety of a child in the Helmdon Primary School community please come and see me or email me at [head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk) I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead at school and I access my emails regularly. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Samantha Castle and Clare Hedley and they can be contacted via email: [s.castle@helmdon.org](mailto:s.castle@helmdon.org) and [bursar@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:bursar@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk). However, if you think a child is in immediate danger, please call Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000 and/or call 999.

### **Online safety**

The school's online safety team are myself (as DSL) and Michael Felce as the subject co-ordinator. Please speak to either of us if you have any concerns about e-safety. We can also be contacted by email: [m.felce@helmdon.org](mailto:m.felce@helmdon.org) and [head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk).

Name ..... Class.....

Working on own  Working with a partner

Second name (optional).....

Business name.....

Please give a brief outline of your business plan: