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Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Newsletter 2

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To all our families,

We come to the end of another busy week at Mousehold. The reception children have settled in so well and it's hard to believe that they have just started with us. The year 1 children really enjoyed the Capoeira and ukulele lessons, and it was lovely to see them so involved. The Year 2 children had their Samba lesson with Jon this week in the hall and the excitement afterwards was lovely to see and hear.

The start of a new term has a feeling of hope, new beginnings and excitement. There are often also some anxious and nervous feelings. Staff have these feelings too. There is always a senior leader on the playground before and after school and teachers will be available at the classroom doors.

Mr. Tolson and the Mousehold Team

This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday afternoon to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. In Key Stage 1, the class with the highest attendance receives 'Top Dog' to keep in their classroom for the week, while the top class in Reception is awarded 'Top Cat.' Well done to **Raven** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 97.38%

Greenfinch: 90.93%

Chaffinch: 92.34%

Swift: 97.69%

Sparrow: 95.38%

Robin: 94.67%

Barn Owl: 97.48%

Raven: 98.43%

Whole School: 95.38%

Target: 96%

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mr Tolson, Mr Smith, Miss Balachandre, Mrs Greenwood, and Miss Wood.

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

Please see our website for all our policies and more information about safeguarding

<https://www.mouseholdinfants.com/safeguarding>

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Nursery

In Nursery we have continued our learning about the book 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. The children have been finding out lots of facts about owls as well as realising that their grown-ups really do come back for them every day – just like the Owl Mother! We have also been talking about the moon as part of this work about night-time and were very excited to see pictures of the full 'Harvest' supermoon this week, even if we weren't still awake like an owl to see it.

Reception

It has been another exciting week for our Reception children. They have enjoyed singing songs with lots of different rhythms in our Music with Pete session; learning about our school High Five – Respect, Learn, Achieve, Help and Enjoy; learning the new Phonics letter sounds s, a, t and p; and they've continued to read 'Pete the Cat' – here is a link to the 'Pete the Cat, Rocking in My School Shoes' story and song which many of you may have been hearing at home!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DrwvZuqKWEY> Well done for another great week Reception. 😊



Year 1 & Year 2

We have had another great week in Year 1. Look out for our phonics sheets that come home every Friday. They show the learning we have been doing in our phonics lessons during the week. We had our second capoeira lesson this week. Capoeira is a Brazilian form of Martial Arts. Ashley comes to teach capoeira each week and we've been learning some great moves!

Year 2 have been working hard in maths this week learning to partition two-digit number in different ways. We've been using tens and one's counters to help us. We've also been counting every day in 2s, 5s and 10s. We've also been researching a significant person from history, Neil Armstrong and his mission to the moon. Our research is going to support our learning in English and history. Why not watch this short animation together; [Who was Neil Armstrong? - BBC Bitesize](#)

REMINDERS: PARKING

This is a recurring issue and one that is difficult to resolve. It relies upon everyone showing respect and tolerance for others outside the school gates. We have had a few residents contact the school to say their drives have been blocked and they couldn't get out and this was a worry for them. We have also had incidents where cars are half parked on the verge, blocking the road and getting very close to pedestrians.

This is particularly bad on wet days when more families drive to school. Please be very mindful of young children walking, cycling and in pushchairs and be tolerant of other drivers. We really do care about the safety of our children in school as well as out of school. If we all play our part in this, we can ensure everyone stays safe and well. Thank you to the majority who are tolerant and respectful.

ABSENCE REQUESTS

At Mousehold, parents/carers are required to submit an absence request form to the Head of School if a child is to be absent during term time. A leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, with each request treated on a case-by-case basis. The request should be made 4 weeks prior to the intended absence. Request forms are available on the school website or as a hard copy from the school office. [Attendance – Mousehold Infant and Nursery School \(mouseholdinfants.com\)](https://www.mouseholdinfants.com)

PHONICS AND READING EVENTS

On Monday 23rd September there is a phonics information event for parents taking place at 8:50am in the school hall. This session will provide lots of useful information about how phonics is taught and how you can support your child at home.

HIGH 5S

This year we have decided to celebrate children's achievements with High 5 postcards. Staff will write these for children each week that demonstrate our school values. Well done to all the children who have received a postcard this week.



Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Monday 23rd September	8:50am—Reception Phonics Information for Parents
Monday 7th October	8:50am—Year 1 and 2 Phonics & Reading Drop ins
Wednesday 9th October	School photographer in
Thursday 24th October	Last day of Autumn term 1
Open evenings for Nursery and Reception children starting 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 21st October at 4pm - Thursday 14th November at 4pm - Monday 2nd December at 4pm