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Mousehold Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



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To all our families,

What a lovely week we've had at Mousehold. I spent time with Nursery and Reception children, and it is amazing to see how confident and settled they are after only half a term. Key Stage 1 children are making excellent progress with their phonics, reading and writing. There have been several High Five letters for good progress this week.

I hope you all have a fabulous week next week and we will see you after half-term!

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 **Sparrow** this week, for having the highest attendance.

Goldfinch: 88.76%

Greenfinch: 84.38%

Chaffinch: 94.63%

Swift: 93.07%

Sparrow: 97.64%

Robin: 96.21%

Barn Owl: 92.48%

Raven: 93.13%

Whole School: 92.9%

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

We have been reading the book *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper and mixing soups and potions of our own. Some children even recorded what ingredients they were putting in, I have seen conkers, beans, spiders, eyeballs, newts and leaves! There have been potions to make you fly, hop like a frog, turn into a leaf and some that make rainbows.

After half-term we will be having our 'Stay and Play' sessions during the second week back when the older children have Parent Meetings. You will be able to come into Nursery and spend some time playing with your child and they can show you around all our areas. These sessions run at the start of each session for 25 minutes and you will be able to sign up for a slot when we return after the holiday.

Thank you for your continued support with settling these very youngest children into the start of their school journey.

Reception

In Maths this week, Reception children have enjoyed learning about comparing sizes, using the language 'big', 'small', 'large' and 'little' and looking at and identifying different patterns in the world around us. In Phonics we have been revisiting the sounds we have learned this half term and wowing our Teachers with what we've remembered so far! In English we've been doing some fabulous 'Sorry' letters from George to Harris – linked to our book, 'Oh No George,' using all of our phonic knowledge.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term and thank you for helping us to settle the children into their new Reception classes.

Year 1 and Year 2

This week's focus: Computing

This half term we have been perfecting our digital photography skills, using the I pads. We have gained experience of capturing, editing and improving photos. We have experimented taking photos in landscape and portrait and thinking about what makes the best photos. We've had lots of fun with this unit of learning. We have also learnt to recognise that images we see may not be real.

Each half term we explore how to keep safe online too. This half term we've thought about how people can behave and look different online to real life. Why not watch these episodes of Jessie & Friends together to share the importance of keeping safe online: [Jessie Friends videos \(ceopeducation.co.uk\)](http://ceopeducation.co.uk)

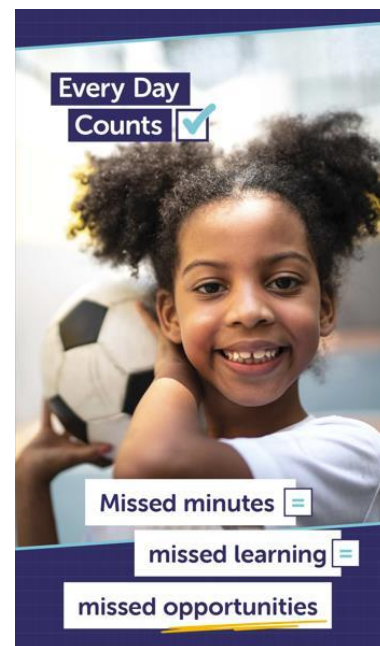
Reminders

Attendance

Well done to the **60** children who have received a certificate for **100% attendance** this half term, with no lates! They have also received a 100% badge. This is a fantastic achievement. Thank you for supporting your children to have regular attendance and access to all the learning opportunities that are on offer at Mousehold.

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

Thursday 24th October

Last day of Autumn term 1

Open evenings for Nursery and Reception children starting 2025

- Monday 21st October at 4pm
- Thursday 14th November at 4pm
- Monday 2nd December at 4pm

w/b Monday 11th November	Mousehold parents evening. SchoolCloud - Mousehold Infant school
Year 2 Walking Trip to Mousehold Heath	Tuesday 5 th November
Year 1 Walking Trip to Mousehold Heath	Thursday 7 th November
KS1 Christmas Carol performance for parents/carers	Wednesday 11 th December at 9:15am- Barn Owl, Raven and Robin Thursday 12 th December at 9:15am- Swift and Sparrow