



5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

The days may be getting shorter and darker but there are still many 'sunny' moments at New Horizons.

It was great to see the year 3 children don their wellies for their trip to the Weald, judging by their excited chatter before and after, they had a wonderful time.

Year 5 this week have had the amazing experience of the Astrodome. This is a giant, mobile planetarium which children enter and learn all about the solar system. It really is an exciting place to be and I know they enjoyed it very much! This is being followed up by a 'Stargazers Lunch' provided by Chartwells next Wednesday so be sure to sign up for school dinners on that day.

On Thursday children tucked into their (healthy) Takeaway Treat day with an American themed lunch. It was great to see such a take-up and I'm sure it will become a firm favourite throughout the school year.

I wish you all a lovely weekend - let's hope the sun shines again so we can enjoy some good days out.

Mrs J Murphy  
Headteacher

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Please take note that New Horizon's new contact number is 0333 360 2115. Please delete the old number.
- Can we remind you all again that we no longer use ParentMail. We now use My Ed which you should have all received information and log-in details for.
- **Year 2** – Creepy Claws payments are now overdue. Please make the payment of £2.50 if you haven't already done so.
- **Year 6** - Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 10th October. Payment of £9.00 is now overdue please ensure make the payment if you haven't already done so.
  - **All payments need to be paid via ParentPay.**
- Payments for After School Clubs are now overdue, if you haven't already paid please make sure you do so via ParentPay.
- Please ensure you are supporting your child at home with their Pixl Timetable challenge. This is just a reminder as last academic year children were achieving very high scores which subsequently helped them with their Maths work in class. The top three children each week will receive a certificate in Monday's assembly.

Dear Parent/Carers

On Thursday 11th October we have the school photographer in to take individual photos of the children. Our children are very proud of their school uniform and always look very smart, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform including their tie on this day.

As the school is now at almost full capacity, with nearly 600 children, it is proving extremely difficult to facilitate the taking of sibling photos in the limited time slot that we have. We know how much this can mean to some parents so to try and accommodate this we have invited the photographer to arrive earlier in the day in order to start taking photos at 8am.

Therefore if you would like your children to have photos taken together, please arrive at 8am via the Hall doors and we will get as many done as possible before the start of the school day.

If your children attend Breakfast Club, please drop them off as normal and inform a member of Breakfast Club staff that you require them to have a sibling photo.

If your children do not attend Breakfast Club you will be required to accompany them and look after them as normal until the doors open for registration.

## Nursery

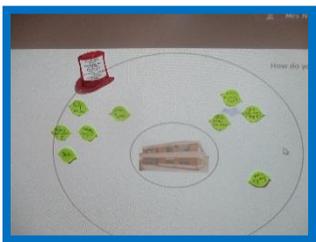


In Nursery we have been learning how to use the computer safely. We have been talking about special people and have painted and drawn pictures to represent them.



## Reception

In Reception we have been using our red feeling hat to talk about how we felt when we started school and how we feel now. We made a class circle map. We have started our Phonic learning and have begun using our knowledge to write words.



## Year 1

In English this week we have been learning about instructions. We sequenced instructions as a small group and then followed instructions to make jelly. In Maths we have been matching numbers as words and digits.



## Year 2

This week we have been busy thinking about poetry so that we could write our own poem based on a mini beast we have looked at. We revised phonic knowledge to help us understand rhyming words and to help us with spelling of homophones such as 'flour' and 'flower' and 'hair' and 'hare'. In Maths, we have focused on multiplication and division facts and the written methods we can use to help us solve problems.



## Year 3

This week, Year 3 went on a trip to Weald Country Park to experience life as a Stone Age person. We built shelters in the woodland from materials we collected, lit fires with flint and steel and then created our own cave paintings using natural materials such as charcoal, grass and mud. By the end of the day we realised how much effort had to be put into basic survival!



## Year 4

In our English lessons this week, we have been researching and planning notes for our non-chronological report on the Romans. In Maths, we have been looking at number sequences and finding missing gaps between them. In our topic learning, we are starting to design our own Roman game.



## Year 5

Sycamore and Juniper travelled to outer space this week - leaving Earth on the Saturn V. We followed in Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's footsteps as they walked on the moon. We continued our journey into The Milky Way where we learnt all about meteorites, shooting stars, constellations and black holes. We even learnt about the Greeks and how they depicted the stars, as well as learning some Latin. Do you know the Latin word for cloud? We do! The astrodome was an incredible experience, Year 6 were right when they said it was brilliant.

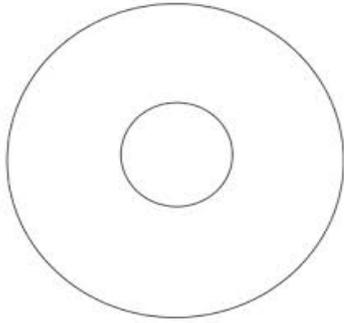
## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been revising for their first set of Year 6 practise tests. We have been really impressed at how focused the children have been and it has been great to see them persevering. In English we have been focusing on GPAS revision and going over test skills in our reading lessons. In maths we have been working on 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication and we are really becoming confident with this learning. We have also been tackling some reasoning problems and working on how to solve them. The children have been using grids to help them break down multi step word problems. This week we focused on visualising the question, working out the steps, solving the problem and then identifying the most difficult step and why. This has been really helpful in ensuring that we are solving multi step word problems accurately.



### Thinking task of the week

Use a circle map to write ideas about your favourite TV programme.



### Next week's Think...

Can you put some of the sky in your pocket?



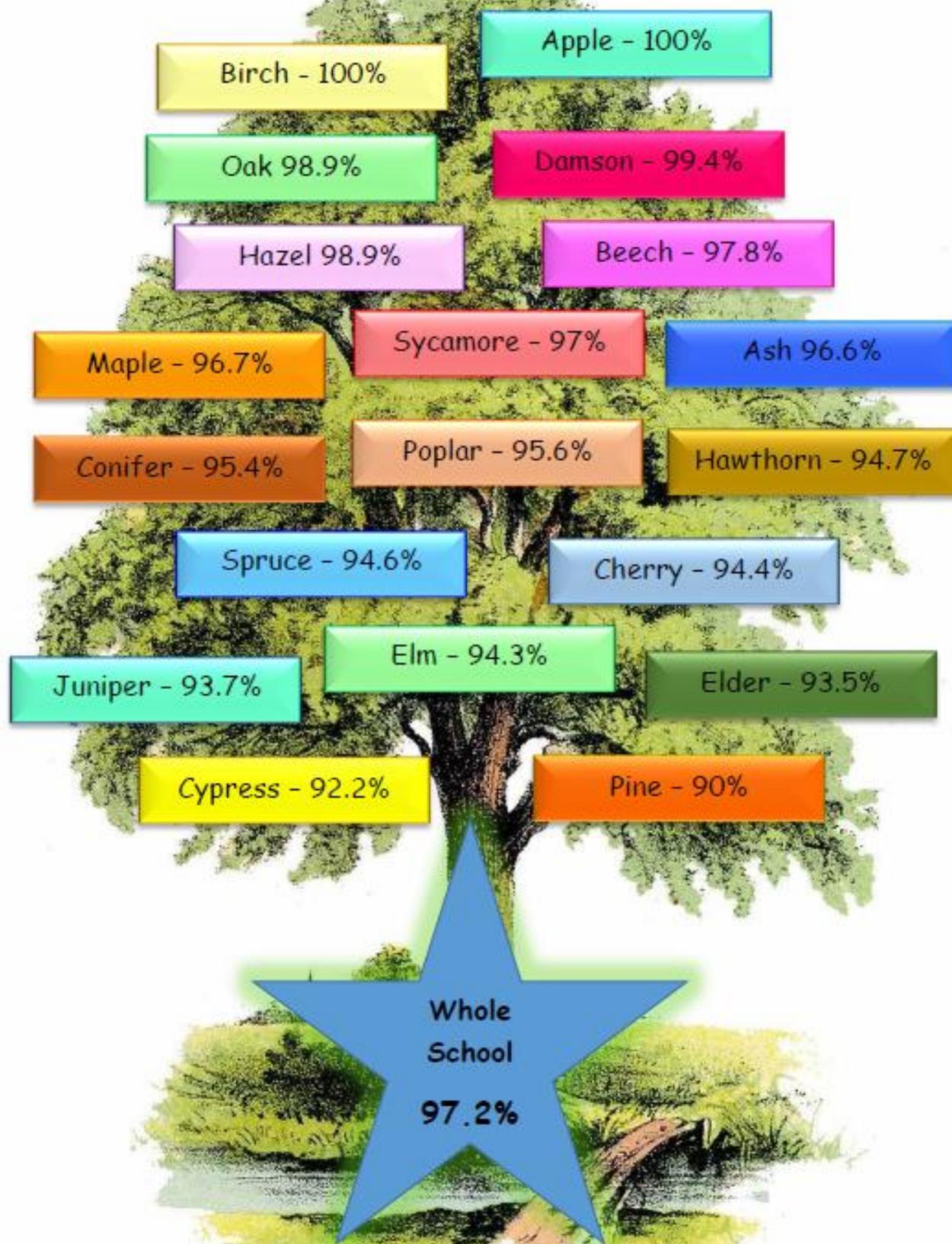
**YOU** can make a difference by helping feed homeless people. Caring Hands needs tins and packets of the following foods – if you have a tin or two to spare at home, please bring them to our school **HARVEST COLLECTION** by **08.10.2018**

#### Tinned Items

Baked Beans	Pasta
Soups – any flavours	Ketchup, ground salt and black pepper
Tuna	Rice
Vegetables – any variety	Smash
Tomatoes	Tea and Coffee
Spaghetti/Ravioli	Sugar
Hot Dogs	Powdered Milk
Potatoes	Noodles
Fruit – any variety	Savoury Rice
Rice Pudding	Various cooking sauces (jar or packet)
Custard – tinned and powdered	Pasta Sachets (e.g. mug shots)

#### Dry Items

# Attendance Matters!



## Buster's Book Club

The winning class this week is Damson with an impressive 27 children meeting their reading target. Well done to everyone in Damson class and across the school who are reading every Wednesday.

With just a few weeks left to go until the end of term, Beech remain the best class in the school for the total number of readers this term. Damson's impressive score this week now means they are now a very close second.

Happy reading!

## Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Bikeability

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Bikeability

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Primary Proms - Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photos

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Year R - 2:30-2:55 - Parent Maths Workshop

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2 - Creepy Claws Workshop in School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Whole School - 4:00-7:30

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - 4:00-6:00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6- 4:00-6:00

(You will receive information regarding times nearer to the date)

### TEAM POINTS

This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Brook.

<b>Attendance Ace</b>	Apple and Birch with 100% Well Done!	
<b>Punctuality Penny</b>	Beech, Cherry, Maple and Oak with 0 lates!	
<b>Golden Tie</b>	Congratulations to:	
	Beech - Amaan	Damson - Varvara
	Hazel - Stafone	Conifer - Andreea
	Maple - Diggory	Hawthorn - Hope
	Birch - Joshua	Poplar - Daniel
	Pine - Xander	Juniper - Matthew
	Spruce - Kardin	Sycamore - Max
	Apple - Yameen	Cypress - Evan
	Cherry - George	Elder - Alex T
<b>Achievement Alley</b>	Beech - Florence	Conifer - Adara
	Hazel - Riley	Hawthorn - Paige
	Maple - Melissa	Poplar - Macy
	Birch - Mihail	Juniper - Tyler
	Pine - Amelia	Sycamore - Alise
	Spruce - Theo	Cypress - Summer
	Apple - Aisha	Elder - Dylan
	Cherry - Mohamed	
	Damson - Maisie	