



# NEWSLETTER

Hilgay Riverside Academy Newsletter

October 2017

## From the Head Teacher

Dear All,

When I wrote my first newsletter, I intended that these would be written monthly to keep parents up to date with things that have happened and events that are upcoming. However, this term has been so busy already that I feel the need to write another letter to celebrate and share the great things that are going on in our schools.

Art Club, Science Club, Choir and Hockey Club have all been popular, in fact Science Club was so popular that we have had to split the group!

The children had a great afternoon at Ten Mile Bank when the Para Athlete visited and everyone enjoyed the session.

Keep an eye on the diary dates as new events are being added!

Regards,

*Sarah Turner*



### E-SAFETY REMINDER

Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join. This includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 16 years old according to the terms of use.



### Harvest Festival

This will take place in the church on Tuesday 17th October. We are collecting tins, packets and cans for the Food Bank. Please bring them into school on Harvest Festival Day.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the church at

**Para Athlete** Claire Cunningham led a great session on Thursday afternoon. The children worked hard to complete their sponsored circuits. Please ensure all money is sent into school by Thursday 5th October. Claire did an assembly for the children and answered their questions about her life as a Para Tri Athlete. It was an inspiring afternoon full of fun!

**Family Cafés** Thank you to all of the parents and other family members who joined us for Family Café. This is a great way to see what we do in school and to enjoy time with your child taking part in a fun learning activity! Keep an eye out for the date of our next café which will be Christmas themed!

**Hockey Report** Having only completed two training sessions the Hockey team entered the QuickSticks Hockey tournament a little apprehensively! Having received a good soaking from a biblical downpour our team took to the pitch in high spirits despite the weather, but were soon a little disheartened when they lost their first two matches. Not to be beaten the team rallied and discussed what they needed to do to change things around. With the sun peeping through the clouds and the rain having cleared up the team once again took to the pitch and without much hesitation beat the opposing team by four goals and the good news continued as the team finished third in their group to progress to the second round of group games.

At the end of a very long day the team completed eight long games, winning three, drawing three and losing only two! I am sure you will agree that Jack, Cody, Ashden, Ethan, Archie & Henry have not only shown what we can complete when we work as a team but also that even in the face of adversity there is always hope when you have the support of friends and colleagues.  
*Adam Hewitt*

**Hilltop Residential** Some of the children from Barn Owls are going to enjoy a 3 day visit at Hilltop Residential leaving on Monday 9th October. They are being accompanied by Mrs Turner and Mrs Goldburn. During the 3 days Mrs Sunderland, from Oak class at Ten Mile Bank, will be teaching the children in Barn Owls.

**Saying Goodbye** Sadly we will be saying Goodbye to Mr Airey at the end of this term. We would like to say a huge thank you for all his hard work, and wish him well in his new venture. We are currently in the process of advertising/interviewing for the position and will keep you informed.

**Shoebox Appeal** Your children will be bringing home a leaflet and letter later this week about the annual Shoebox Appeal that we take every year. If you can donate to this worthy appeal or have any questions please pop into the office.

## Dates for your diary:

5th October - Banham Zoo for Owlets & Tawny Owls

6th October - Ely Cathedral for Year 5 & 6

9th October - Hilltop

17th October - Harvest Festival in All Saints Church 10:00am

19th October - Last day of term.

23rd October - Children return to school

31st October - Barn Owls Parents Afternoon

1st November - Parents Evening 3:00-7:00pm

15th November - Book Fair

17th November - Children in Need

29th November - Performance from Noted Liars (details to follow)

1st December - Christmas Family Café

3rd December - Friends Christmas Fayre

12th December - Christmas Performance - evening

13th December - Christmas Performance - afternoon

15th December - Pantomime

18th December - Christingle

19th December - Last Day

*Photographs from the latest activities at Hilgay Riverside Academy*

