



# Holtsmere End Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term Week 5

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week at school with Year 1 enjoying a trip to the Wycombe Swan theatre to watch a performance of the Judith Kerr book 'The Tiger who came to tea'. The children loved seeing the story being acted out and apparently the tiger showed off his dance moves.

The trip did highlight some children who suffer from travel/motion sickness, it would be really helpful if your child does have a tendency to feel ill in a car or coach please do let us know.

Year 2 received a visit from two representatives from the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) on Monday, which enhanced the children's seaside topic.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were able to relate the valuable work that the RNLI do to their learning about Grace Darling. They learned some valuable tips about water safety too.



During a chat with some of the Year 2 children this week, Mrs Dempsey (Nursery), our History and Geography co-ordinator, discovered that the children really do benefit from trips out and visitors to school. They make their learning memorable and give them prompts to recall their learning.

Under the Curriculum section of our website you will see the long term overview for each year group so that you can understand what your child will be learning throughout the year and the types of questions which we ask in order to ascertain what knowledge they have retained. Please do take a look.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend.

**Mrs O'Connell**

**Headteacher**

### Upcoming dates

<b>14th Oct</b>	Year 1 Phonics Workshop 2.30pm No sign up needed
<b>15th Oct</b>	Individual photos Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform on
<b>15th Oct</b>	Reception Phonics Workshop 2.30pm No sign up needed
<b>18th Oct</b>	H S A DISCO held at the Junior school details to follow
<b>23rd Oct</b>	School tour 2pm for perspective Reception parents
<b>24th Oct</b>	Harvest Festival 9.15 Grandparents only
<b>24th Oct</b>	Reception Stay and Play 2-3pm
<b>24th Oct</b>	Pumpkin carving after school
<b>25th Oct</b>	End of half term school closes at 3.05pm



### Question of the week

**Would you rather have five brothers or five sisters?**

**Why?**



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## Happy birthday to you!



### Amazing Attendance

*Every day counts*

Chestnut	91.19%
Maple	94.33%
Hazel	91.33%
Oak	98.67%
Beech	99.32%
Pine	97.93%

### Poem of the week

#### Conkers

Conkers, conkers

Shine one round

Slip them in your pocket when you see them on the ground

Conkers, conkers

Fall off the trees

Shuffle, shuffle

Shuffle ,shuffle

Shuffle through the leaves



**How many conkers can you collect?**

**Parent's evening**—Booking will open on Monday 14th October. Please consider whether you will be able to arrive at your chosen appointment on time; if one person is late it can hold everyone up. Thank you.

### Science Activity

#### Milk art



[http://](http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/milk-art/)

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It would be great to see some photos of you doing this at home!