



We are finally at half-term, and our first break of the year. We have had a jam-packed few weeks with the children all settling down in their new classes and working hard. We have welcomed some new faces to our team; Miss S Otley and Mr J Brown join us as sports apprentices, helping throughout the school and in the Woodland Club. Miss E Boyce has also joined us as an LSA. We hope they enjoy getting to know us at Jotmans Hall School.

The children (and staff!) have coped very well with our building works. Willow Class, Maple Class and Lime Class are finished and looking very bright, especially in these dark and rainy Autumnal days. Over half-term work should be going on in the main hall, ready to use when we get back.

It has been difficult to schedule our regular events, due to the building works. So apologies that we have not been able to run any Coffee Mornings or FoJH events this term. We are hoping that we can still put on a Nativity; we will be able to confirm this after half-term. Other events will definitely happen in the New Year once all the work has finished.

We have had a very wet half-term with temperatures dropping. Please can you make sure that your child brings a coat to school, ready for the Autumn and Winter playtimes.

Ms S Warnes

E.R.I.C. Awards

Congratulations to everyone who has achieved the following ERIC awards this half term:

Exceptional Eric Certificates

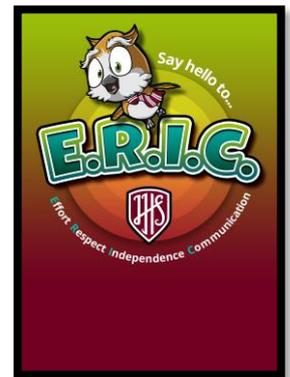
- Austin Sullivan
- Darcy Williamson
- Evie Burke

Silver

- Caitlin Crabb
- Charlie Goodwin
- Dhruvan Appachi
- Freya Sandford
- Henry Lindsay
- Jack Collin
- Lennon Mafey
- Leon Brooks
- Myka Holland
- Nina Lad
- Ollie Still
- Reece Howard
- Rio Hennebery
- Tommy Grigson

Bronze

- Ebony Dua-Stone
- Ethan McRitchie
- Florence Brown
- Harry Johnson
- Harry Wilson
- Holly Greig
- Jack Eva
- Kiera Moore
- Lily Phillips



Reading

Reading is one of our main focuses this year for all the children. Our aim is to ensure that every child develops a love of reading. We would like to encourage the children to read as much as possible, not just their school reading books.

To help support this, please try to share books and reading as much as possible with your child at home. Look out for special 'reading' events that will happen throughout the year.

School Dinners



Reminder! - Please ensure you log-in and pay for the dinners that have been taken.

There is a new menu for the second half of the Autumn-term. There is now a **TWO WEEK** rolling menu. We will start with Menu A. Please check which dinners you might want to order after the Half-Term.

News:



On Tuesday 8th, 15th, & 22nd October we competed in Inter-Schools competitions for Boys Football, Girls Football and Dodgeball. Well done to all the children involved, who competed magnificently.

As always the children joined in with determination and excellent team spirits.



School Garden:

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have volunteered an hour or two, when they can, to help keep our lovely school garden in tip top condition.

Your help is **really, really** appreciated. If you think you can help out at all, please contact our school office.



School Trips

There have already been lots of school trips with Cedar, Beech and Willow Classes visiting Southchurch Hall to help support their history work on Houses and Homes.



Year 4 also took part in their first residential trip to Danbury Outdoor Centre.

Visitors

If the children weren't out and about, then they have had lots of visitors come into school to see them. A Marching Band came by, to play for the children and demonstrate what they do. The children then had a go at playing the band's instruments and were able to ask the band members lots of questions.



Maple, Lime and Sycamore class took part in a World War 2 day, learning all about different aspects of life during World War 2. They all dressed up for the occasion and looked fantastic.



The Fire service have been in to talk to the older children about cyber safety and to the whole school about staying safe with fireworks. Finally, we've ended the half-term with a special Diwali day where the children learnt about the traditions surrounding this beautiful Hindu festival.

Upcoming Events

For an up to date calendar with all our events, please check the school website.

Website

Remember to check your child's class pages. There are regular updates of what they have been up to in the classroom.

*Jotmans Hall Primary
School*

*Open Evening for New
Starters*

Thursday 14th November

4pm - 6pm

Please spread the word!

Have a lovely Half-Term

See you back on Monday 4th November
