



Homer First School & Nursery

Newsletter – Thursday 23rd October

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fantastic and busy start to this academic year! I've really enjoyed getting to know all the new pupils in Nursery and Reception and would again like to extend a warm welcome to the families joining the Homer community.

All children have settled well in their new classes, and it has been wonderful to hear about so many fantastic achievements during our weekly Stars Assemblies. Assemblies this term have focused on our Vision and Values, Homer Rules, British Values and Black History Month. Thank you to Rev. Walker who delivered a Harvest assembly on Monday.

Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success and one that brings the whole school community together. Thank you to our amazing Year 4 pupils for all your hard work and to all of you who supported this event. We raised £658.70!

Classes have voted for School Council members and Eco Warriors. Sports Leaders have been appointed in Year 4 and have received their training. Our Sports Leaders will help to facilitate games at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

A huge thank you to Friends of Homer for your continued support and fundraising for the school; through your efforts and generous donations from our school community we have purchased a class set of iPads.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for coming into read with pupils in Early Years and Key Stage One. The children really enjoy your visits, and your support makes such a difference. It was lovely to see lots of you at parents' evening; I hope you found it an informative meeting with the class teacher.

I hope all our families celebrating Diwali earlier this week enjoyed celebrating with loved ones.

Spooktacular Story Writing Competition - please see details below. All children are invited to take part.

Have a lovely half term and a well-deserved break.

Mrs Sharma

Updates & Curriculum News

Class teachers have updated their class pages, please use the link below. Here you will find information about what is being taught in school this term.

[Class Pages | Homer First School & Nursery](#)

Attendance

The Government has issued statutory guidance on attendance for all schools. We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality.

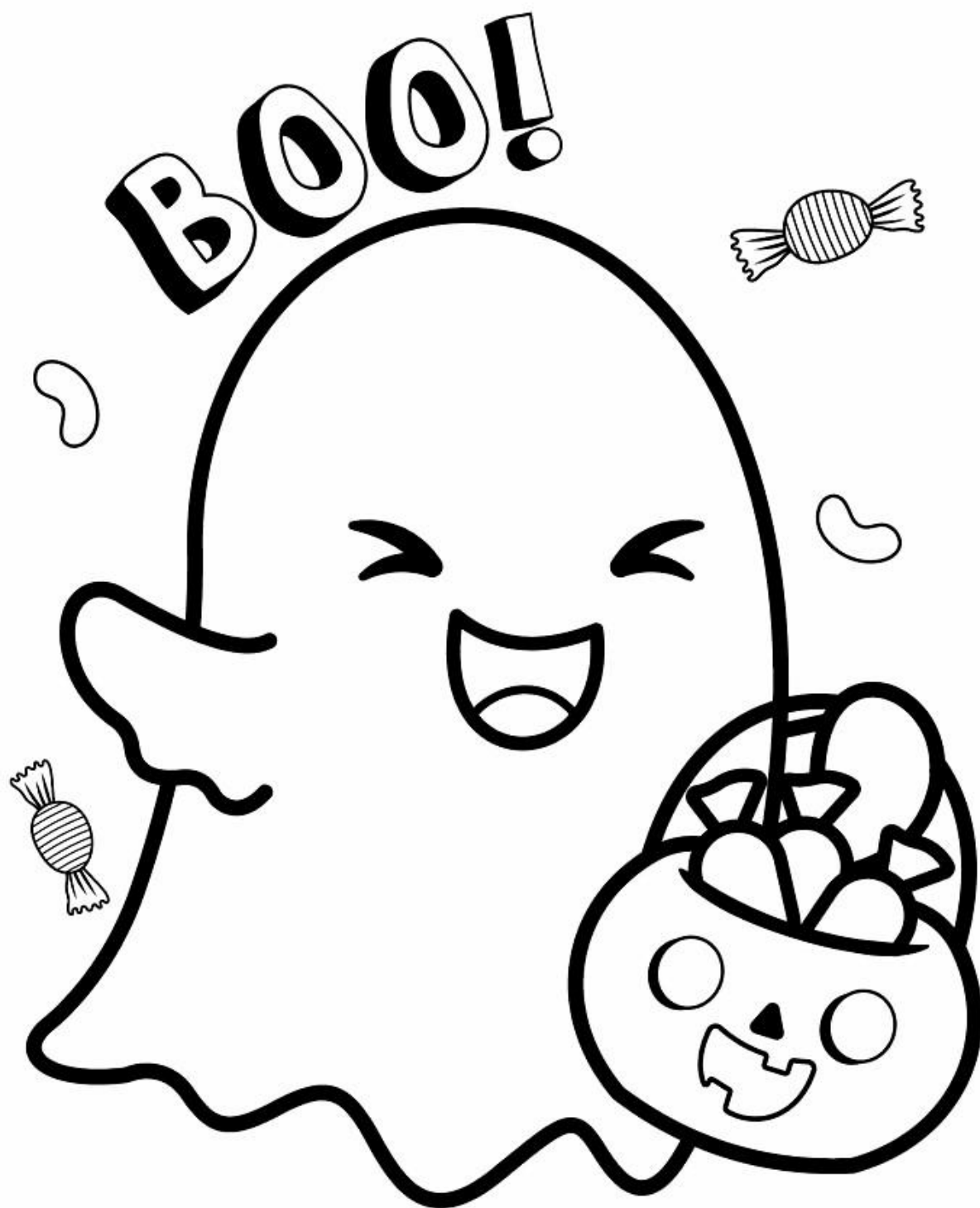
Our overall school attendance this term.

94.8%

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Diary Dates & Reminders

Friday 24 th October	Inset Day
Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day
Wednesday 5 th November	Fireworks night - 5pm-7pm. Ticket booking link:- <u>https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1297040749?s=919610801&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK</u>
Wednesday 19 th November	KS2 trip to Cineworld, Bracknell (details to follow)
Thursday 27 th November	Christmas Wreath-making workshop – 6.45pm for 7pm start. Ticket booking link:- <u>https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1266640793?s=919610801&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK</u>
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS & Nursery Christmas performance – 9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas performance – 9.15am
Wednesday 17 th December	RockSteady Concert – 9.15am. For parents of children attending RockSteady band lessons.
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas performance – 9.15am
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish



Calling All Homer Writers... If You Dare!

A Spooktacular Story Writing Competition Is Here!

Do you love creepy castles and mysterious forests?

Can you write a tale that sends shivers down spines (but still lets everyone sleep at night)?

It's time to grab your pens and summon your imagination...

Write your own spooky story – filled with ghosts, witches, monsters, or magical mischief!

Make it spine-tingling, silly-scary, or mysteriously magical - just keep it school-appropriate!

For pupils in **Nursery and Reception**, you can draw a Halloween picture as your entry or colour in the ghost above.

A winner will be chosen from each year group.

Each winner will receive a **terrifyingly terrific prize** and have their story shared with the school!

Deadline: Tuesday 4th November

Hand your entries to: Your Class Teacher

So... light your lantern, sharpen your quill (or pencil), and get writing.

Will YOUR spooky story be the one that everyone's talking about?

Enter if you dare...!