



HORRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2 - AUTUMN TERM Monday 11th September 2017

Dates for diaries

Tues 5 th Sept	Autumn term begins for Years 1 - 6
Thurs 7 th Sept	Reception children start school part-time
Mon 11 th Sept	Extra-curricular Clubs commence
Thurs 14 th Sept	Kilve information evening for Year 6 parents @ 6:00pm
Tues 26 th Sept	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 2 nd Oct	Reception children start full-time
Thurs 12 th Oct	Harvest Assembly – Parents invited at 9:15am
Thurs 19 th Oct	INSET
Fri 20 th Oct	INSET
23 rd -27 th Oct	Half Term

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all our reception children who started this week. They have all settled so well and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming weeks. We would also like to welcome all the new pupils across the school who have started here at Horrington this term. We hope everyone soon feels part of the school community.

Data collection and consent forms

The following documents have now been sent home with the children in their book bags.

- Data Validation Forms
- Out of School Activities Consent form
- Home-school agreement
- Consent form for the recording and use of photographs
- Acceptable use policy for computing
- Extra Curricular Club registration form

Please ensure the data collection forms are fully completed on both sides and are signed and dated. All documents must be signed and returned to your child's classroom by **Friday 15th September**. Thank you.

Kilve – Year 6 residential visit.

Our school camp is fast approaching and we look forward to seeing our Year 6 parents at the final information session on Thursday 14th September. The full payment deadline was 6th September. If you have any payments outstanding, please could you make these via Tucasi as soon as possible. Thank you.

Class newsletters and medium term plans

Class newsletters and medium term plans are now available on the school website and will be emailed to you this week. If you require a hard copy please contact the office staff.

Play Leaders

Following their training with Mr Holmes last year, our Year 5 and 6 play-leaders have made a fantastic start this term leading play session for the younger children at lunchtime.

Mr Holmes will be running a second round of training this term for any other Year 5 and 6 pupils who are interested in joining this team.

School and Class Council

The children have elected our new School and Class Councils for 2017-18. All the children had the opportunity to nominate classmates for the positions and the children with the most votes were elected. There is a chair and secretary role per KS2 class for the Class Council and two representative for each year group (from Year 2- 6) for the School Council. Well done to last year's Council members who did a fantastic job representing their fellow pupils. Next week's letter will have photo of the new members.



Council Members from 2016/2017

Flu Vaccinations for Reception through to Year 4

A new Government programme is now offering all children from Reception through to Year 4 a flu vaccination to be administered in school on Thursday 9th November. The information sent to schools states that the vaccine is a simple spray up the nose, which is painless, very quick and serious side effects are uncommon. A letter will be sent home later this term from the School Nurses team with further information about the vaccine. Thank you.

PE Timetable

As per last year, please remember to send children to school in their full PE Kit on the days that they have their PE lesson. Please refer to the timetable for your child's PE day.



Class 1 – Wednesday
Class 2 – Thursday
Class 3 – Tuesday
Class 4 – Tuesday
Class 5 – Monday

Before school exercise

Following our successful "Run around the World" last year, we have decided to have a more varied programme of before school exercise this year including: skipping, obstacle course, hoops, running, Dance mat. We will be continuing to use the outside space, as long as weather permits. Children will need to have their trainers in school each day.

Car Park Procedures

It has come to our attention this week that some parents are arriving very early at school and parking in the allotted staff spaces. Please can we ask that you refer to the car park procedures sent out last week which explains that parents should not park in the right hand bays reserved for **staff only** and within the **drop-off zone**. This restriction is in place to limit the movement of cars in this area; keeping it safe for children in the drop off zone and reducing congestion. It is also essential that staff are able to park in the mornings so they can arrive on-site on time to supervise children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Swimming Lessons

We are pleased to confirm we will be continuing to run swimming lessons this year at Wells Cathedral School on Wednesday afternoons. This term we will be taking our Year 5 children from Wednesday 13th September. Please see separate letter to Year 5 parents attached.

Forest School – Year 3 and 4

Please find attached information from Forest School Leader, Chris Trwoga. Also attached is the Forest School timetable for this term.



Extra-curricular Clubs

This term's extra-curricular clubs register is attached and was sent home in book bags today. Clubs will start running from Monday 11th September. Please return your registration forms as soon as possible.

Athletics Club

Please find attached a letter from Mrs Eaton regarding this term's Athletics Club which is due to start on **Wednesday 20th September**. If your child wishes to attend please complete and return the relevant consent form to secure a place.

Harvest Assembly

Parents are warmly invited to join us for this year's Harvest Assembly on Thursday 12th October at 9:15am. We hope to see you there!

Procedure for returning forms to school

Each classroom has a box dedicated to school office forms and communication which is brought up to the office daily. Therefore, please can we ask that if you are returning forms, or have a letter for the school office, that you, or your child drops them to their class room. Should you have a specific query for the office team, however, you are very welcome to come and see us.

Parent Volunteers

We welcome parents helping out in school in a variety of ways, including hearing readers, accompanying school trips, helping out in the classrooms etc. If you have a small amount of time to spare, and would like to be involved in helping in school, we would love to hear from you. Please email the office sch.186@educ.somerset.gov.uk providing your preferred email address, we will then be able to start the process of DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) clearance which is a mandatory requirement for all volunteers.

Yours sincerely,

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