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HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

July 2020 – End of Year Edition

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Friday we were able to welcome the year 6 into school for a different sort of Leavers Service. Strictly outside - hand sanitiser involved! It was great to see them all and say a proper goodbye.

Plans for September are well underway and as a school we are going to celebrate the achievements of the children and enjoy having them in school before we look at any focused support which may be needed. There will be some assessment, but initially we are going to be led by our conversations with you; many of you indicated that writing was the area that you felt might have slipped a bit. To this end we are sending home a writing task to be completed over the Summer break. Continuing to read to your child is also extremely important.

School will look a bit different in September, but we have tried to keep it as a friendly, welcoming place. Unfortunately, parents are not permitted on-site, the exception being the parents of the new Reception children. If you need to see a member of staff, please email, phone or talk to Mrs Ham in the office. Teachers will be by the external gates at the end of the day when possible.

- Start and finish times will be staggered- timetable on separate letter
- All children will need a packed lunch for the first week
- Children will still need to stay within their class bubbles
- Children may not bring toys in from home
- Children will all need a named water bottle
- Only one family at a time in the Lobby area

We will be keeping our in-class cleaning regime going, with tables and 'high use' areas being cleaned regularly throughout the day. We are very vigilant about handwashing and using sanitiser. If your child gets sore hands, they are welcome to bring some hand cream in, please ensure it is labelled.

PE will be starting as usual, so PE kit will be needed- again, clearly named please. Initially we may go for more walks as this is when we have found the children really chat to us which we feel is important in the early days of term.

I know many of you have shared our Covid Code of Conduct with your child, this will still be in place in September. This is currently part of our Behaviour Policy and we will share it with the children on the

first day of term. The children who have been in school have been utterly amazing at observing the new boundaries in place.

Over the course of the last two weeks of term, we have been able to see nearly all our pupils, including our new intake for September. It is encouraging that they seem pleased to see us!

How we facilitate clubs and music tuition will be kept under continuous review and will be re-introduced as soon as possible.

Initially we will only be able to offer hot meals to Water and Air Classes and those children eligible for free school meals. We will widen this provision as soon as we are able to.

In September, our main focus is to make sure the children are settled in school. We need to allow time for children to re-connect with school after such a long time away. As a parent, I know that there will be routines I need to establish with my child before she returns to school: going to bed at a reasonable time, eating sitting down without her iPad! Think what you may want to re-establish before term starts to make the start more relaxing for you.

It is officially holiday time, please enjoy it. You do not have to do masses of schoolwork with your child. I know so many of you have worked incredibly hard with your children, give yourself a break.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your kindness to us since these funny times began. We have so enjoyed: talking to you, seeing work, seeing film clips, chatting to, and seeing, the children via Teams and waving at you as you pass the office window. You have underlined completely why we love working at this school. I must also say 'thank you' for a very steady supply of cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee, ice cream, "life in all its fullness" but in a slightly different way!

I do hope you have a relaxing and healthy summer break.

Best wishes

Mary Alexander

Key Dates

3 rd & 4 th September	Inset days – school closed
7 th September	First day of term
7-11 September	ALL children to bring packed lunches (not Reception children)
With effect from	
14 th September	Cooked lunches provided for Water and Air Classes
14 th September	Reception children in full time

[Click here for 2020/21 term dates](#)

Remaining inset days -23rd Oct, 4th Jan, 19th Apr



Home Learning Books

It has been lovely to see the Home Learning books in school.

If anyone forgot to bring them in, or was unable to come to their transition day, we would still like to see these books in September.

Year 6 Leavers Service

It was fantastic to see all the year 6 and their families. The weather was kind, a bit too bright perhaps!

After the service Mrs Branson told me why she switched off the live subtitles. Apparently, some of them were quite interesting!

Enjoy your summer break!

I know from talking to you that you have worked incredibly hard with the home learning. Now have break!
Keep up with the reading - for fun!

We have sent one writing project home but be kind to yourselves. We would just like the children back fresh and ready to learn in September.

Home School stops on 17th July!

September opening

In September, classes will arrive and leave at different times. I have put these on a separate letter for you to keep safely.

Copies of the newsletters are always available on the school website.

If you have children in more than one class, you should arrive and leave at the time of the YOUNGEST child.

Car Parking

Please remember to use the carpark opposite the school when dropping off and picking up your children. There will be a lot more traffic when we return in September and as children are being dismissed from different gates, we urge ALL parents to drive with caution.



Horsington Gallery

Leavers Service with a difference!

