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Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

So, with the sound of Harvest songs ringing around school this week and the children's utter excitement to see the combine harvester and tractors harvesting the maize in the field next door, it seems as though autumn is upon us!

Water class enjoyed the first of many walks around the village, beginning to see signs of autumn and using their compasses. Air class are loving their learning about Space, recreating the moon. Fire class have been studying Vincent van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' painting and sketching their own. Whilst Earth class have been studying the artist William Morris, ready to start some block prints.

Today in school we practised our fire and lock down drills, so the children are aware of the different alarm sounds and why we have them. Water class thought a lion may have escaped, so we needed to hide inside! Just to say there was definitely no lion about, in case any were worried.

Lots of important messages and information today, so please read on.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊

October

SEND Coffee, Cake & Chat ~ Wednesday 4th October

World Mental Health Day ~ Tuesday 10th October (see info below)

PTFA ~ AGM ~ Tuesday 10th October 3.30pm

Harvest Celebration ~ Thursday 12th October ~ 2.45 – 3.30pm ~ St John's Church

Flu Vaccinations ~ Tuesday 17th October

INSET day ~ Friday 20th October

Half term

November

School Photos ~ Thursday 2nd November ~ Individual/Family groups.

KS1 trip to Stourhead – Friday 3rd November

Open Morning ~ Wednesday 8th November 11.00 ~ 12.30 ~ New Reception Starters 2024

Parents Evening

Wednesday 15th November 4 – 6.30pm ~ Thursday 16th November 4 ~ 5.30pm

Attendance w/c 29.09.22

Water Class 100%

Air Class 100%

Fire Class 97.7%

Earth Class 86.1 %

Whole School 96.14%

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Horsington High Five!

Congratulations to the children who have received Marvellous Merits and Super Sashes for their incredible work and attitude this week.

Well done!



	w/c 18.09.23	w/c 25.09.23
Water Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	All Reception Children	Redemption, Bertie, Zeke, Jesse, James S-L, Orla, Isabella, Charlotte, Edie, Edith, James H
	Olivia	Archie
Air Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Sam, Athena, Loen, Barnaby	Colbie, Willow, Mitzi
	Willow	Sam
Fire Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Tiro, Isaac W, Scarlett, Lyra	Evie, Noah
	Noah	Florence
Earth Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	All Children Charlie	Freddie
	Finley	Sam



Boris Bookworm

Boris is returning next week! So, watch out for him!

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School Council

The children have been voting in their classes for this year's School Council reps. We shall be holding our first meeting next week and the children will be essential in delivering the views and ideas of their class to the forthcoming meetings.

The children were super proud to receive their badges!







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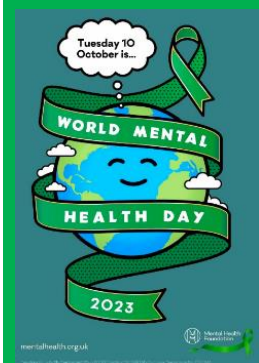
Zones of Regulation & World Mental Health Day

As a school this year we are focusing on supporting the children to be able to self-regulate, to be able to recognise and manage their emotions, help themselves to deal with different environments and social situations. Thus, enabling them to succeed in their learning. The children recognise these as our Zones of regulation.

There are four main zones, but it is flexible, and some children feel a range of emotions all at one time.

We too recognise children can become dysregulated, which may have an impact on their own or others learning. These children have time, space and adult support to help them regulate. In their classes the children have been thinking of different strategies that they can use when they become dysregulated and need support.

Zones of Regulation		
Colour Zone	Possible Emotions	Strategies / Tools
	Happy Calm Focused Ready to learn Enthusiastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drink water. • Have a healthy snack. • Have enough sleep. • Have sensory breaks. • Have movement breaks. • Have brain breaks. • Do mindfulness activities. • Do yoga stretches. • Lessons in Personal, Social, Health and Economic • Have circle time.
	Unhappy Tired Withdrawn Bored Tearful Ill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stretch. • Talk to somebody. • Take a walk. • Stand up. • Close your eyes. • Swing or rock gently. • Do some wall push-ups. • Stretch up high with your hands and then stretch down to your toes. • Do some star jumps. • Walk on your tiptoes
	Anxious Silly Excited Nervous Frustrated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take time out. • Take some deep breaths. • Talk to somebody. • Count to 20. • Draw a picture. • Squeeze something, like a cuddly toy. • Concentrate on feeling the ground under your feet. • Do some yoga stretches. • Listen to some calming music. • Blow bubbles
	Angry Frustrated Mad Yelling Aggressive Scared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a break. • Take deep breaths. • Go to a safe place or a quiet zone. • Ask for help. • Use a fidget object, like a stress ball. • Talk about your feelings. • Wrap your arms around yourself and give yourself a squeeze. • Burst some bubble wrap. • Scribble on scrap paper, scrunch it up into a ball and throw it in a bin.



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Colour Me!

On Tuesday 10th October we shall be celebrating World Mental Health Day and would love the children to come to school in non-school uniform, wearing a splash or spectrum of colours depicting an emotion that resonates with them, whether that's ...



Yellow ~ Silly or Excited!

Red ~ Frustrated or Scared!

Green ~ Happy and Calm!

Blue ~ Tired or Sad!



Or they might want to wear a combination of all colours together, feeling a range of emotions!

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all the children who participated in this years 'Ready, Set, Read' library challenge. Lovely to see so many of you reading for pleasure in your holiday.



Well done! 😊

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Attendance

This year we have a new Attendance Liaison Officer working alongside us, supporting families and children that may be falling below the school expectation of 95%.

As we know with the onset of weather changes and the winter months approaching children will inevitably become unwell, if your child is poorly then absolutely they should be off school until they are feeling well again. I appreciate how difficult it can be to arrange medical appointments, however if these can be taken out of school hours, we'd be grateful. All holiday requests will be unauthorised, and you may receive a formal letter about your child's attendance.

As you will see below every day in school matters and it our role to ensure your child is here learning.



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Morning Drop off - ALL

As the Reception children are now familiar with the routine of coming into school in the morning and doing so, so confidently, on Monday we would like to suggest that Reception children will be dropped off at the gate enabling them to independently walk to class. Obviously if your child is upset or needing support then please bring them around to the classroom.

On another note, could we please remind ALL other parents that your child should be walking around to class by themselves.

Quick messages can be left on the gate with a member of staff, or if you need to speak with your child's class teacher as its an issue that will directly impact their day, then please do come in and speak with the class teacher. Otherwise for a consistent approach for all, please leave your child at the gate from Monday morning!



Little Wandle

Parent Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended the workshop on Monday, If you were unable to make it, then all the information will be available on the website for you to view. Please speak with Miss Harwill or Ms Stringer if you need more information.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education



Coffee, Cake & Chat ~ CCC

SEND parents.

Wednesday October 4th 2.30-3.30pm

Sally Elvish our SENCo will be available for our first CCC of the year. The afternoon is for any parent with SEND children or if you just fancy a chat to likeminded parents, helpful tips and advice or Sally's expertise, in a very informal way. We look forward to seeing you.



PTFA AGM

Tuesday 10th October 3.30pm

We would like welcome any new parents, as well as any existing parents that feel that they could come and support our school. The PTFA make a huge contribution to the education of all the children in our school and the work they do is so valuable, so any help would be appreciated!

Rugby World Cup 2023

Lots of the children have been talking about their Rugby teams, and with only a few group matches to go, this is where the teams are standing currently!

Who	Country
Earth	Tonga & New Zealand
Fire	Wales & Japan
Air	Italy & France
Water	Scotland & Namibia
Mrs Barge	South Africa
Mrs Branson	Georgia
Mrs Wickstead	Australia
Miss Hardwill	Portugal
Ms Stringer	England
Mrs Ham	Argentina
Water Class: Miss Smith / Mrs Baker	Uruguay
Air Class: Mrs Wiscombe	Samoa
Fire Class: Mrs Upperton	Fiji
Earth Class: Mrs Moncrieff / Mrs Padfield	Romania
Mrs Franklin	Ireland
Mrs Elvish Breakfast club	Chile



Pool A

Team	P	W	D	L	PD	B	Pts
1 France	3	3	0	0	125	1	13
2 Italy	2	2	0	0	65	2	10
3 New Zealand	2	1	0	1	54	1	5
4 Uruguay	3	1	0	2	-26	1	5
5 Namibia	4	0	0	4	-218	0	0

Pool B

Team	P	W	D	L	PD	B	Pts
1 Ireland	3	3	0	0	122	2	14
2 South Africa	3	2	0	1	86	2	10
3 Scotland	2	1	0	1	13	1	5
4 Tonga	2	0	0	2	-71	0	0
5 Romania	2	0	0	2	-150	0	0

Pool C

Team	P	W	D	L	PD	B	Pts
1 Wales	3	3	0	0	60	2	14
2 Fiji	2	1	0	1	1	2	6
3 Australia	3	1	0	2	-21	2	6
4 Georgia	2	0	1	1	-20	0	2
5 Portugal	2	0	1	1	-20	0	2

Pool D

Team	P	W	D	L	PD	B	Pts
1 England	3	3	0	0	110	2	14
2 Japan	3	2	0	1	14	1	9
3 Samoa	3	1	0	2	18	2	6
4 Argentina	2	1	0	1	-8	0	4
5 Chile	3	0	0	3	-134	0	0



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Collective Worship

Roots & Fruits

A tree is known by its fruit ~ Matthew 12.33

This half term the children are thinking about
'Thankfulness' and our school value 'Kindness.'



Thank you to Sienna and Sonny Vetch who have both
shared prayers in assembly this last fortnight.



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