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# Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I don't know where the time has gone this week and Friday is already upon us!

As always school has been a buzz of activity! This week we welcomed Tom from Prime Sports who is teaching KS2 PE and Kate from Forest School 'The Wild Ones.' It was lovely to hear such positive feedback from them both about our delightful children and the way they conduct themselves, displaying such 'positivity, enthusiasm and creativity.'

This week is rather a bumper edition with lots of information and messages, so please do have a look.

On Monday I will send out the Governors Communication policy and then some separate information about our new Zones of regulation later in the week. Didn't want to bombard you all!

I hope that you all have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊



## September

Open Afternoon ~ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September ~  
2.00 - 3.30pm ~ New Reception Starters  
2024

## October

PTFA – AGM – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
3.30pm

Harvest Celebration ~ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
October ~ 2.45 – 3.30pm ~ St Marys  
Church

Flu Vaccinations ~ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

INSET day ~ Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Half term

## November

Open Morning ~ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
11.00 ~ 12.30 ~ New Reception Starters  
2024

Parents Evening ~ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 4 – 6.30pm ~ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 4 – 5.30pm

## Attendance w/c 10.09.22

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 15.09.23
Water Class	All of Year 1
Marvellous Merits	
Super Sash	Sonny Butler
Air Class	George, Willow, Marlie, Archie, Chloe
Marvellous Merits	
Super Sash	Charlie Y
Fire Class	Izaak E, Dariia, Olly B
Marvellous Merits	
Super Sash	Harvey K
Earth Class	Tommy
Marvellous Merits	
Super Sash	Oliver
Headteacher Award	Charlie Y



## Boris Bookworm

Boris is currently away on a reading mission; he will be back very soon to explain all! So please keep reading!

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## Lunch time & After School Clubs

### Lunchtime:

When	Club	Year group	Staff
Monday	Task Master	KS2	Mrs Wiscombe
Tuesday	Choir	Y2 ~ Y6	Miss Hardwill
Wednesday	Drawing	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Branson
Thursday	Gardening	All - Rota	Mrs Wiscombe
	Dance	All	Mrs Barge
Friday	Making Music	KS2	Ms Stringer
	Gardening	All - Rota	Mrs Wiscombe

### After School:

When	Club	Year group	Staff
Monday 3.30 ~ 4.30	Multi Sports	Y1,2,3	Prime Sports- Tom Coules
Tuesday 3.30 ~ 5pm	Forest School	All <b>Still spaces available</b>	Kate Hathway
Wednesday 3.30 ~ 4.30	Football	KS2 - Y3,4,5,6,	Prime Sports- Tom Coules
Thursday 3.30 ~ 4.20	Tag rugby	KS2 - Y3,4,5,6 - Mrs Barge  My diary is busy, but I will endeavour to commit my time however there will be days that I already have booked up. I will let club know next week of these.  This will be cancelled if wet.	



If your child is signing up to a club, please ensure that they are committed to turning up every week. If they are unavailable, they need to politely speak with the member of staff leading the session. Staff give up their valuable time and it can be very disheartening when children come and go. We shall be looking into further clubs for KS1 children as the year goes on.

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## Prime Sports & Forest School

Key stage 2 enjoying their Tag rugby and Football sessions.



As we move through into autumn and the weather becomes changeable, it is vital that KS2 are dressed for these sessions. Waterproof trainers/Astros or rubber studded football boots are ideal, as well as a waterproof coat. The children will be expected to play outside in the rain, so please ensure that they have warm and waterproof clothing.

### Forest School Spinney



We are looking for any saucepans, kitchen tools and any gardening equipment no longer needed!

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### Peripatetic teaching

We have a music teacher who provides instrumental lessons currently in piano, violin and guitar. Lessons are available for Year 2's and upwards. Please visit the office if this is something your child would like to do.



Lessons will begin this Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

### Primary and Secondary Admissions 2024

If you have a child due to start school for the first-time next September, the deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

For children transferring to secondary school, the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

### Open Days

Reception Starters 2023 - 2024

We have a number of Open Days planned if you have children starting next year.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2.00 - 3.30

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 - 12.30

### Coffee, Cake & Chat ~ CCC

SEND parents - October 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30 - 3.30

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 10<sup>th</sup> October  
3.30pm

More information to follow soon.

## Inspiration, Aspirations, Dedication, Commitment, Focus, Respect, Love

These are some of the words the children talked about in Collective Worship this week, whilst thinking about the amazing success of the England Lionesses, World champions athletes, and World netball finalists over the summer.

With the Rugby World Cup taking place in France, we are going to be holding our own World Cup tag Rugby championship (more details to follow). So, with this in mind we thought we would have a whole school mini sweepstake. These are our teams; how will they do this weekend?

Rugby World Cup Sweepstake	
	
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

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



## Little Wandle

### Parent Workshop

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September we shall be holding a Phonics and Reading workshop for the children in Water and Air classes, this will start at 3.35pm. There will be a creche in the hall for any children needing to wait. Even if you attended last year's meeting it would still be great for you to come along and hear the expectations for the year ahead and to ask any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### Governors

On Monday you will receive a welcome letter from our Chair of Governors and our new Communication Policy, these will need to be read, signed and returned to school.

### Requests

We are wondering if we have any skilled parents that may be able to help us out! We are looking for a carpenter who might like to support us with our new library and some possible shelf making!

Also, a handy person who might be able to do some random jobs when required. Please let us know any availability you may have at the office.



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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.'



Each week the children are taking it in turns to write, read, or share a prayer of there choice. Willow kindly decided to go first and chose a great prayer to start the week!

Thank you for the happy times,  
I shared with my friends today.  
That you for the memories  
We'll enjoy another day.

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