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# Horsington School News

Autumn Term 1 Vol: 4

13/10/23

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the terrible events that are currently unfolding in Israel, it is difficult to think how incredibly lucky we are here in our small rural community. With yesterday's joyous Harvest celebrations, the buzzing of busy classrooms, the social interactions at playtimes, we really are truly thankful.

A big thank you to everyone who helped to support the Community Market at the weekend. Whether picking fruit, making delicious goods or popping by and buying something! We are extremely grateful to receive a proportion of the money back in school, so many thanks.

Once again there are a number of important messages, so please do read on.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warmest wishes.

Kelly Barge 😊



October

Flu Vaccinations ~ Tuesday 17th October

INSET day ~ Friday 20th October

Half term 23-27 October

November

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

KS1 trip to Stourhead ~ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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

KS1 Reading Workshop 3pm ~ Thursday 9th November

Parents Evenings

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

Bikeability ~ Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need

December

Monday 11th December ~ Pantomine Tuesday 12th December ~ Nativity am, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Nativity pm

Attendance w/c 09.10.23

Water Class 100%

Air Class 100%

Fire Class 97.7%

Earth Class 86.1 %

Whole School 96.14%

## 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 06.10.23	w/c 13.10.23
Water Class	Sonny, Owen, Archie,	Bertie, Danyil, Redemption,
Marvellous Merits	Matilda, Sunny, Olivia, Zac	Edith, James
Super Sash	Arthur	Zac
Air Class	Willow, George, Mitzi,	Loen, Marlie, Merrin
Marvellous Merits	Athena, Charlie	
Super Sash	Frankie	Colbie
Fire Class Marvellous Merits	Benji, Stefan, Tiro	Ollie P, Harvey s, Bella, Amaya
Super Sash		Amaga
	Scarlett	Tiro
Earth Class Marvellous Merits	All Year 6	Oliver, Edith, Iga, Finley
Super Sash	Oliver	Freddie





#### Boris Bookworm



Having been away exploring the world, Boris is ready to begin his challenge after half term.

## Harvest Festival

Yesterday in St John's we celebrated a wonderful Harvest festival. The children performed and sang with such enthusiasm, happiness, and enjoyment.

Our Worship Ambassadors did a fantastic job delivering the important messages of Harvest and giving thanks.

Thank you to everyone who joined us or who donated produce for the Community Fridge.











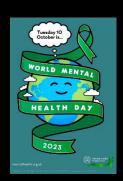
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# Colour Me!

# World Mental Health Day

It was great to see the children exploring their feelings and emotions on Tuesday. The school was awash with colour, with each individual interpreting their colours so differently.









#### Little Wandle

#### Reading Workshop ~ Water & Air Class

As a follow up to the phonics workshop, we shall be holding a further parent meeting on Thursday 9th November at 3pm. This is aimed at supporting and guiding you and your child through the process and structure of the Little Wandle reading books. Expectations on reading, how to best support your child at home, as well as the e-books we have available.

With the meeting taking place before the end of the day we really do hope that you will be available to come along and support your child's reading.



## Toys

Water class are looking for any toys that flash, beep, etc..

If you do have any Ms
Stringer would be
extremely grateful.







## Lego and Lego people

Mrs Wiscombe is looking for any unwanted Lego or Lego people. If you do have any, she would be extremely grateful.



#### Parking

Could I please remind you not to park outside the front of the school. The disabled bays are needed for a number of our parents. Please park down the lane or in the carpark. The drop off bay is only for drop and go and not to be parked in. Please also be mindful there will be cars stopping in the road for those children jumping out.

Many thanks

#### PTFA AGM

Tuesday 10th October 3.30pm

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting this week. It was great to see some new faces volunteering their time and energy!

The minutes of the meeting will be loaded to the PTFA page on the newsletter.
There will also be a list of upcoming meetings date and times. So still time to join us.

## Pumpkin Carving

The PTFA have kindly organised a pumpkin carving competition for KS1 and KS2. This event is being sponsored by <u>G.P Weston</u>

<u>Estate Agents</u>. Pumpkins can be carved, painted or decorated in any unique style, last year we had over 40 entries. Please bring pumpkins into school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, where judging will take place. The pumpkins will be then taken to the Glow Disco!







#### Remembrance

During the first week back after half term we shall be selling a range of poppy merchandise to raise money for the 'RBL Poppy Appeal.' Children in Earth class will be setting up a stall in the playground at the end of each day. Prices vary from 50 pence and upwards for poppy badges, slap bands and wrist bands. Unfortunately, we do have limited supply on some items - sorry to disappoint.







# Quarter finals weekend!



Wales V Argentina
Fire class V Mrs Ham



Ireland V New Zealand Mrs Franklin V Earth Class





England V Fiji Ms Stringer V Mrs Upperton



France V South Africa
Air class V Mrs Barge



# 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.'

# Autumn Blessing

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever

