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Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, this has certainly been an eventful week! Thank you so much for all your understanding yesterday with the tricky weather conditions. Its always such a difficult decision to be made, but the safety of your children and my staff is always paramount - so thank you.

I would like to thank the PTFA for the fantastic 'Glow Disco' that was organised before half term. The children certainly enjoyed themselves. So, thank you for all your organisation and hard work.

World Cup Update! Although gutted that England were knocked out, with South Africa as my school Sweepstake team, I guess there was a little something to celebrate!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊



November

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

KS1 Reading Workshop 3pm ~ Thursday 9th
November

Tuesday 14th November ~ KS2 trip to
The Newt

Parents Evenings

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

Bikeability ~ Thursday 16th & Friday 17th

Friday 17th November ~ Children in Need

Thursday 23rd November – School
Photographs

December

Monday 11th December ~ Pantomine
Tuesday 12th December ~ Nativity am,
Wednesday 13th ~ Nativity pm

Friday 15th December – End of term
School to Close at 1.30pm

Attendance w/c 30.10.23

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 30.10.23
Water Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Eddie, Amelia, James H, Arthur, Sonny B & Olivia
	Archie
Air Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Charlie, Marlie, George & Sam
	Mitzi
Fire Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Oliver, Florence & Evie
	Katie
Earth Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Sienna & Thomas
	Eli



Boris Bookworm

After his holiday, Boris has relocated himself to a beautiful woodland! The children in Year R,1,2,3, now have a new 100 square in their Reading Diary, with an accompanying letter.

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Pumpkin Competition

WOW! What a fantastic array of carved pumpkins we displayed before half term! Such amazing creativity, flair and imagination shown in all the designs. The School Council had an incredibly hard decision to cast their votes on their favourites as there were so many. A huge well done to the children (and parents!)

G.P Weston Estate Agents very kindly sponsored the event and will be providing our winners with some special prizes.



School Council voting



Key Stage 1 Winner & Runner up



Archie Weston



Merrin Smith

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Key stage 2 Winner & Runner up

Ollie Pitcher



Archie Coles



All our amazing entries...



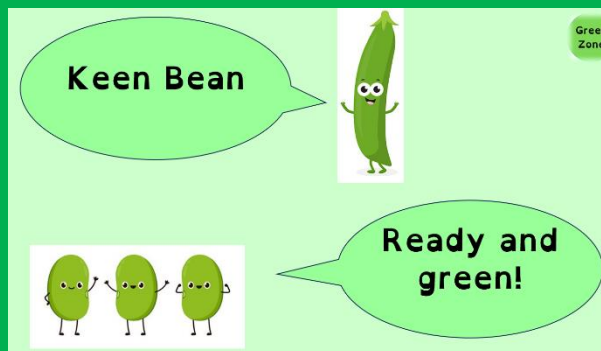
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Keen Bean, Ready and Green

As part of our ongoing work with Zones of Regulation, we know that children throughout the day will experience a range of feelings and emotions. However, as a school we would ideally like the children to be in the Green Zone – so they are happy, calm and 'Ready to Learn.' In collective worship and in class this week we have thought about what being 'ready to learn' means and how this has an impact on our own and other children's learning. Are the children able to stop, listen, be quiet, not be distracted or to distract others and follow instructions. Are the children engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. As part of this we are encouraging the children to be 'Keen Beans!' You may have spotted the stickers or even the children talking about being a bean!



Little Wandle

Reading Workshop ~ Water & Air Class

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



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. Our 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.



Remembrance

At the end of the day Earth class have been busy selling a range of poppy merchandise to raise money for the 'RBL Poppy Appeal.' Prices vary from 50 pence and upwards for poppy badges, slap bands and wrist bands. Unfortunately, we do have limited supply on some items ~ so sorry to disappoint.

On Friday 10th November as a school, we shall be walking to the War memorial to pay our respects. Any child who is a member of the Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, St Johns ambulance are more than welcome to wear their uniform for the day.



End of the Day!

Could I please once again remind you that at the end of the day the play equipment and field are not to be used by the children or younger siblings. Not only may there be clubs happening but for insurance reasons we are not covered once your child has been handed over to you. So please encourage your child to stay with you and not run around!

If your child has a scooter or bike in school, could they also please be walked off the school site before they are ridden.

Many thanks for your cooperation.



Forest School

As you know we are really lucky that on Tuesday's this year, Kate our forest school leader is working alongside the children to develop the 'Spinney' area and develop the children's forest school skills and knowledge. The children will have timetabled sessions across the year, with Fire class currently on a Tuesday.

Staff will let you know if your child's class will be going into the 'Spinney' forest school area on other days!



UNIFORM

A lot of uniform is being left in classrooms at the end of the day that is not named so can't be returned to it's rightful owner - PLEASE can you check ALL your child's uniform to make sure it is ALL NAMED



School Photographs

School photographs will now take place on the morning of Thursday 23rd November ~ we still have the list of sibling groups and if you would like to bring pre school children in for photos please come in to school between 11-11.30am.



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Perfect Pets Competition



Last half term, the children attending breakfast club had the option to take part and enter a competition to create the Perfect pet! Out of the those, 4 children have been successfully chosen to have their artwork published in a Perfect Pets Book.

So, a huge well done to Willow Shaw, Frankie Hodges, Charlie Yorke and Archie Coles.

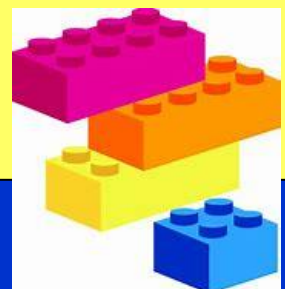
We look forward to seeing their wonderful artwork published soon. 😊

Thank you, Mrs Wiscombe

LEGO

Thank you for all the Lego contributions so far, Mrs Wiscombe is still in need of more bricks! If you do have any, please bring them along to the office.

Many thanks.





Collective Worship

Roots & Fruits

A tree is known by its fruit ~ Matthew 12.33

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

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else shoes,' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

At home maybe talk about....

How can we show compassion and kindness to one another at home.

Recognise when friends at school need us to listen and act with compassion.

Stories in the news that demonstrate how strangers show or need compassion in times of disaster or conflict.



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