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Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It seems as though the Christmas magic has hit Horsington this week, with an exciting stimulus for our Christmas writing, the children have certainly been able to use their wonderful imagination and descriptive language to engage in a magical train ride and letters to Father Christmas himself!

Whilst swimming with Earth class this week, I was stopped by a member of the public who commented on how amazing our children behave and conduct themselves whilst outside of school. We already know this but so lovely to have this recognition from others!

With the Christmas Bazaar happening straight after school today, a MASSIVE thank you to the amazing PTFA who have put everything together. I am sure it will be an enormous success!

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊

December



Friday 1st December ~ Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 5th December ~ Water Class
Nativity 2.45pm

Tuesday 5th ~ Choirs Christmas Songs and
carols around the Christmas Tree

Friday 8th December ~ School Open
Afternoon ~ 3pm

Monday 11th December ~ Pantomime

Tuesday 12th December ~ Nativity am,
Wednesday 13th ~ Nativity pm ~ Church

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

Next week will be the last week of
Prime sports PE and Forest School
Spinney and clubs.

Attendance w/c 27.11.23

Water Class 98%

Air Class 99%

Fire Class 98%

Earth Class 97 %

Whole School 98%

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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 last week. Due to the bazaar this evening there are no merit or sash awards.

Well done!



	w/c 24.11.23
Water Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	All Year 1
	Danyil
Air Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	All of Air class
	Loen
Fire Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	All of Fire class
	Sonny
Earth Class Marvellous Merits Super Sash	Charlie & Sonny
	Olivia



Boris Bookworm

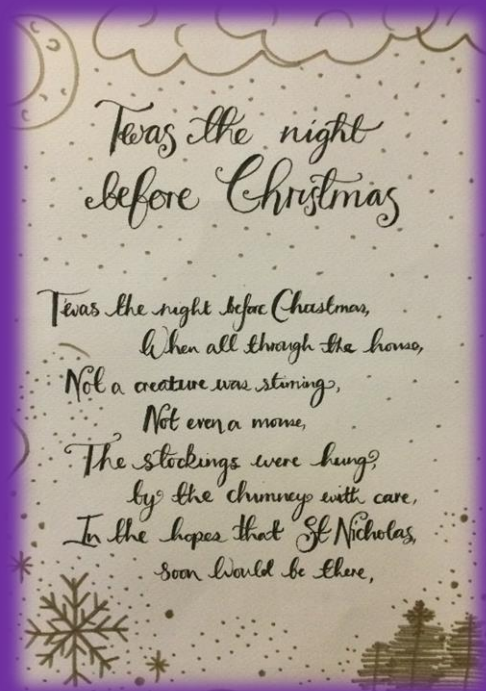


Thank you for supporting your child in their Reading journey, the children are making fantastic efforts and are so proud of themselves.

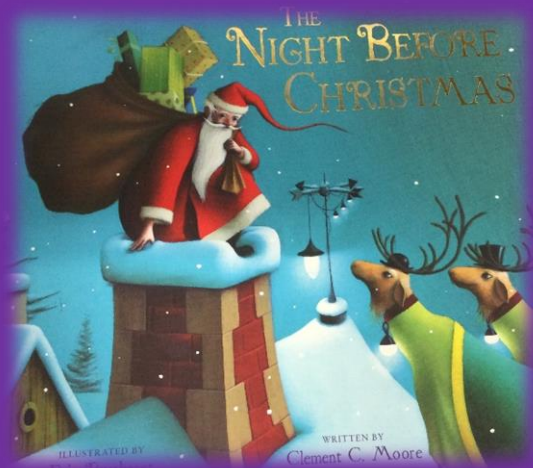
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Twas the Night Before Christmas

Very unexpectedly Christmas arrived early on Monday morning and the children were very excited to find that a special envelope had arrived in school, alongside a bell and the word BELIEF.



Belief...



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The Polar Express

The children were very excited to be arriving in school wearing their Pyjamas and wondering why?

Tuesday morning began in the hall, where the children soon found that they would be going on an imaginary train ride, with Miss Hardwill as Narrator and Ms Stringer as the train driver!

The children read and watched the initial part of the story 'The Polar Express,' discovering a young boy also in his pyjamas on an exciting journey to the North Pole. The children returned back to their classrooms with their own train tickets and the smell of hot chocolate as they waited to board their own train and off on their own adventures!

The whole school will be using this story as a stimulus for their writing over the next few weeks.



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All aboard!



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Train rides & Hot Chocolate!



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Water class thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the community police officers, asking lots of great questions. They gave advice about securing houses and sheds, driving carefully and helping one another. The children were very excited to sit in the police car and try on their helmets. The children now know they can give them a wave and say hello when they see them and ask them for help if we need it. The children have been busy recreating their experience in their own play.

If you feel that you or someone you know would like to visit Water class and talk about your job, Ms Stringer would love to hear from you.

Headlice



There have been a number of occasions where children have needed treatment for headlice this week. Please could everyone over the weekend check your child's hair and treat accordingly.



Many thanks

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Nativity Competition



Once again, we are offering the children the chance to design the cover for our nativity programme.

This year's nativity is called 'Bethlehem Bake Off' and yes it does contain cakes and judging! As well as the true meaning of Christmas, with the arrival of baby Jesus.

The children can be as creative as they like, with just the title needed. Designs need to be drawn on an A4 piece of paper, coloured and then handed into the office by Friday 8th December.



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In case you missed the Christmas UPDATES

Rehearsal

On Thursday 7th December we shall be having a whole school rehearsal, so we please ask that the children be collected from the Church at 3.30 and not school.

Water Class Nativity

Water class will be learning about the Christmas story and want to share their own mini-Nativity with you, so we invite Water class parents to come to the hall and enjoy this celebration on Tuesday 5th December at 2.45.



Choirs Christmas Carols around the tree

On Tuesday 5th December at the end of the day, Choir shall be singing their favourite Christmas songs and carols in the playground. We would love for you to come and join us. Singing begins at 3.20pm



Nativity Performances

Tuesday 12th December ~ Children will need to be dropped at the Church for 8.50am. Their costumes will already be there, so please arrive in school uniform. Families will not be invited into the Church until 9.10am

Wednesday 13th December ~ The afternoon performance will begin at 2pm. The children will all need to all get changed so please wait outside until the doors are opened. End of the day pick up from Church not school.



Christmas Jumper Days

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th the children can wear their Christmas jumpers to school, alongside their normal uniform of trousers or skirts.

Please can we also remind you that we are finishing slightly earlier on Friday 15th at 1.30pm



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.'

Sunday 3rd December is Advent Sunday, the first of four Sundays before Christmas Day, the start of the Advent Season of the Church calendar, with purple as its liturgical colour.



Children's Prayer for Advent and Hope
(Gloucester Diocese, [A Family Advent v2, anglican.org](http://anglican.org))

Excitement is like lots of fizzy bubbles popping inside us.
Excitement makes us wriggle and jiggle and giggle.

Hope is gentler.

Hope is quieter.

When everything seems slow and gloomy,
Hope holds our hand and helps us walk gently.
Lord Jesus, you are our hope, and that is exciting!

Amen

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