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Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a fantastic holiday. The children have arrived back with much enthusiasm and thankfully the rain has disappeared. Fingers crossed the wintry weather may banish the coughs and colds the children are experiencing.

With that in mind, could you please ensure that your child has on, or brings the necessary warm clothing for playtime and PE. The children will be outside for PE and many children have complained about being cold this week. So warm joggers/leggings and a hoodie/jumper are needed. The layers can always come off. The children also need trainers, indoor plimsols do not have the grip and support needed.

As we start a new year, we have some exciting projects happening in school with regard to the library, Spiritual Garden and the outdoor environment. If anyone has any time to help support a project, we would love to hear from you. 'Every little helps!'

Happy Weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊

January



Wednesday 17th January ~ SEND Coffee, Cake and Chat @ 2pm



Monday 22nd January – ALL children to bring packed lunch

Thursday 25th January ~ Water & Air class trip to Stourhead

February

Wednesday 21st February ~ KS2 Athletics

Half Term

Monday 12th February ~ Friday 16th February

March

Thursday 7th March ~ World Book Day
(More Info to follow)

Wednesday 20th March ~ Parents evening ~ 5.30

Thursday 21st March ~ Parents Evening ~ 6.30

Monday 25th March ~ Thursday 28th March ~ Earth Class Residential

Thursday 28th March – End of term

Attendance w/c 08.01.24

Water Class 91.7%

Air Class 93.6%

Fire Class 91.7%

Earth Class 92 %

Whole School 92%

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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 over the last few weeks. Well done to all of you!



	w/c 05.01.24	w/c 12.01.24
Water Class	Edie, Charlotte, Archie	Archie , Edie, Danyil
Marvellous Merits	Owen	Izzy
Super Sash		
Air Class	Tess, Charlie, Chloe, Willow, Zed, Leo, Sam, Barnaby	Tess, Athena
Marvellous Merits	Merrin	George
Super Sash		
Fire Class	Harvey S, Izaak	Felix, Isaac
Marvellous Merits	Isaac	Izzak
Super Sash		
Earth Class	Thomas, Charlie, Sam	Year 6
Marvellous Merits	Freddie	Brody
Super Sash		



Boris Bookworm



A huge well done to Chloe, George, Katie, Evie, Frankie, Noah, Felix, Florence, Oliver, Grace, Bella, Isaac, Jos, James SL, Edith, Amelia, Archie, Arthur, Owen & Olivia, Leo, Loen, Olivia, Freddie and Sam who have completed their **Bronze** Boris challenge of **25 reads!**

Well done to Frankie. Sienna, Havanah and Eli who has completed their **Silver** Boris challenge of **50 reads!** 😊



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Our Journey to discover Zimbabwe



We start the new year with an exciting project happening in school. We are extremely lucky to have the opportunity to connect and develop a relationship with another school in Zimbabwe, Africa. Local resident Christine is travelling to Zimbabwe and visiting a school in Mytoko called the 'Divine Child School.' Traveling with her will be letters and photographs from the children at Horsington, with plenty of questions they would like to ask and find out about. As a whole school we see this as a fantastic opportunity for great cross curricular links as well as enabling the children to be open to the diversity of cultures, backgrounds and beliefs from others across the world. As well as developing some new friendships.



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What is Spirituality?

As a school we have been thinking about the word 'Spirituality' and what it means to us, and for so many it can mean different things to different people.

Dictionary definition

The act of being fully human by revealing ourselves, our relationships with others, with beauty and the beyond and doing so through love.

As a school we want the children's spiritual development to be shown in a manner ways, either through their own beliefs, religion, or perspectives on life, whilst showing a respect for other people's feeling and values. It can be shown through their sense of enjoyment, and fascination in learning about themselves, others and with the world around them. Aswell as to use imagination, be creative and reflect on their own experiences.

To promote spirituality across the school we shall be using the analogy of Windows, Mirrors and Doors.



Windows

Looking out at the world and seeing the OWs and WOWs.

Being aware of the world in new ways and looking out into the world.

Wondering about life's WOWs, those things that are amazing.

Thinking about life's OWs, things that take us by surprise.

Learning about life in all its fullness.



Mirrors

Reflect on what you have seen. Think about how you feel.

Reflecting on our experiences.

Looking inside yourself.

Thinking about life's big questions and reach for possible answers.

Learning from life by exploring our own insights and those of others.



Doors

Respond to experiences. Creatively apply ideas.

Responding to our experiences.

Moving onto a new path or situation.

Doing something creative to develop and apply ideas.

Learning to live out our beliefs and values.

If anyone has a wooden door they no longer require, we would love it!



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REQUESTS!

Hats

Ms Stringer shall be sharing some lovely stories over the next few weeks and is requiring some **HATS**. Either hats that you are happy for the children to wear and keep in Water class or **HATS** just for looking and sharing. They can be hats of any kind!



Horsington Community Market



As a school we are extremely grateful for the support and donations from the Community Market project. So far, the school has received an amazing £307, and this will go towards enhancing our school library. As a school we would like to support the project and we were hoping that you may be able to help us. With the Community Market in need of produce to sell we wondered whether you would be able to provide some cakes - with the help from your children! We have assigned each class with a date, in the hope that you would be happy to bake a cake/s and deliver them to school on the Friday before them being sold. All the money from the cakes would come straight back to school. More info will follow.

Water	Air	Fire	Earth
Bring in Friday 2 nd February	Bring in Friday 1 st March ~ TBC	Bring in Friday 3 rd May ~ TBC	Bring in Friday 5 th July ~ TBC

Pallets!

As you know we are currently developing the forest school area and in need of some more **pallets**, if anyone has any.

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Lunchtime & After School Clubs

Lunchtime:

When	Club	Year group	Staff
Monday	Photography	KS2	Mrs Wickstead
Tuesday	Drawing	Y2 ~ Y6	Mrs Branson
Wednesday	Choir	Y2 - Y6	Miss Hardwill
Friday	Construction	KS1	Ms Stringer



When	Club	Year group	Staff
Monday 3.30 ~ 4.30	Multi Sports	Y1,2,	Prime Sports- Tom Coules
Tuesday 3.30 ~ 5pm	Forest School	All	Kate Hathway
Wednesday 3.30 ~ 4.30	Multi Sports	KS2 - Y3,4,5,6,	Prime Sports- Tom Coules



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Collective Worship

This half term as a school we shall be focussing on the value
PERSERVERANCE.



Roots & Fruits

A tree is known by his fruit ~ Matthew 12.33



Words of Wisdom

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try
and try again."

W.E. Hickson



A New Year Blessing

May the New Year bring you joy, peace, and abundant
blessings. Here's to looking back in gratitude for the past year
and looking forward to new beginnings!

Wishing you a year filled with opportunities, good health, and
prosperity.

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New Youth Choir

An exciting new youth choir is starting in Stalbridge for young people aged 7-16.

A fabulous opportunity to sing a range of songs, have fun and smile under the tuition of Rebecca Peckover-Mitchell.

6pm-7pm Tuesday evenings

Stalbridge Primary School Hall

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CALL BECKY FOR MORE INFO!