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Horsington School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although the month of January seems extremely long! It is lovely to see the nights slowly drawing out and the snow drops and daffodils appearing around the school.

As the weather has improved over the last week, I would just like to remind you about our school uniform expectations. Children should be wearing royal blue jumpers/cardigans, royal blue/pale blue or white polo shirts, grey/black trousers/skirts, grey/black tights and black school shoes. I know with the cold weather extra layers were needed, but leggings, jogging bottoms, coloured jumpers and trainers are not part of our school uniform. Hair bands should also be blue, black, grey or white not bright pink! Thank you for your support on this.

With that, I would also like to remind you that at the beginning of the day, children should be dropped off at the school gate. Parents should only be coming into school if they need to speak with a class teacher. This enables our children to organise themselves and be independent. We appreciate your support on this too.

It is quite a mammoth newsletter so please read on!

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Barge 😊

February

Half Term

Monday 12th February ~ Friday 16th February

Wednesday 21st February ~ KS2 Athletics

March

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

Thursday 7th March ~ Earth class Kilve Residential Parents meeting

Friday 8th March – Recycling Collection Day

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 22.01.24

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 19.01.24	w/c 26.01.24
Water Class	Amelia, Edith, Zac, Arthur, Owen, Sonny, Olivia	All Children
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Orla	Charlotte
Air Class	George, Athena, Willow, Archie, Chloe, Mitzi, Willow	George, Chloe, Charlie, Marlie, Colbie, Willow
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Leo	Zed
Fire Class	Benji, Stefan, Florence, Isaac, Bella, Ollie	Scarlett, Tiro, Noah, Emile
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Josh	George
Earth Class	Oliver	All children
Marvellous Merits		
Super Sash	Iga	Sienna



Boris Bookworm



A huge well done to Matilda, Izzy, Charlie Y, Archie S, Sunny, Charlotte, Orla, Edie, Zeke, Edith, Oliver, Bordy, Finley, Barnaby, Max who have all completed their **Bronze** Boris challenge of **25 reads**!



Well done to Sam, Tess and Amelia who have all completed their **Silver** Boris challenge of **50 reads**!



Well done to Frankie, who has completed her **Gold** Boris challenge of **75 reads**! 😊



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Our Journey to discover Zimbabwe.



On Monday the children heard an unfamiliar, yet beautiful sound as they entered collective worship. The children were surprised to see Tiro' mum 'Coralie' playing a strange looking instrument, which they later discovered to be called a Mbira.

The children were extremely grateful to hear from Coralie and her wealth of knowledge about Zimbabwe, having lived and studied there. The children were intrigued to hear about the history of the country, the 'Shona' culture, the landscape, and day to day living. The children enjoyed looking at the objects that she had brought and especially enjoyed listening to the instruments and singing along.

The children had lots of great questions to ask! We thank Coralie for giving up her time, and for coming and sharing her knowledge with us.



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Theodore is all set for Zimbabwe!



Last Friday, Theodore our school bear readied himself for his big adventure off to Zimbabwe. With him, he is taking 2 large boxes of donated reading books, which we hope the children at 'Divine Child School' will enjoy learning to read. As well as some lovely letters from Earth class and a Horsington scrap book, full of photographs that show what we love and enjoy about our school.



Horsington Community Market



So next Friday the 2nd February, we are hoping that Water class parents and children will be willing to bring in any cake donations to be sold on Saturday morning at the Horsington Community Market. The cakes can be labelled with flavours, and whether they cater for any allergies~ Gluten Free. The cakes can be brought into Water class on Friday morning. We really appreciate you in supporting this and all money will be donated back to the school! 😊

Water and Air Class Visit Stourhead

Thankfully the rain stayed away and the children from Water and Air class enjoyed a wonderful day out at Stourhead yesterday,

A big thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the trip!



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Feeling and Emotions



As part of our work on zones of regulation, the children have been very open about sharing how they feel and strategies they can use to support themselves. A number of children experience feeling **Yellow** – where they have a worry and feel anxious about something. As a school we shared the story 'The Worry Box' and identified how sharing a worry can sometimes help, the worry doesn't always go away but it can make us feel less anxious. In school the children are able to write down their worries or thoughts and post them in the worry box. Many of them are anonymous, so can be discussed with the class in a general way. We thought it would be good to share these with you too, it maybe something that your child is worried about and would enable a conversation to be started....

Things that worry me...

My dog, times tables, my friends won't let me play, maths, my rabbit, falling over, missing a loved one, not liking my sandwiches and bad dreams ~ a number of children wrote this one.



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Entrepreneurs raising money

We love to encourage the children to take an active role in being creative, taking on a challenge, being purposeful and succeeding in what they set out to achieve.

With that, Iga, Sienna and Havannah from Earth class had a plan to raise money for charity. They spoke in assembly about their role in making friendship bracelets and then proceeded to sell them at lunchtime (all initiated by them.) The girls have been really successful and have raised an amazing £25 pounds.

Having been inspired, some of the girls in Fire class have since designed and made some simple bookmarks, which they too are hoping to sell for 10/20p, this too will go towards the chosen charity.

We appreciate that you don't want to be barraged each week for extra pennies, nor do we want to curb the enthusiasm of our entrepreneurs so we will be monitoring this, and also that your child receives what they have paid for.

Thank you in supporting this.



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Spotlight on Governors

Over the next few weeks, we shall be using the Newsletter to introduce you to our school Governors, highlighting their roles and responsibilities and the great work that they do. The Governing committee works incredibly hard behind the school scene; undertaking training, monthly meetings and learning walk around school. The Governors play a significant role in your child's education, ensuring that the school is effectively monitored and challenged. As a school we appreciate that this is voluntary job and the commitment and time they give to us.



GOVERNOR'S PROFILE: JEANNE MORTAROTTI

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I have been a governor at Horsington Church School for the last 9 years, with more than 3 of these as the Chair of Governors. Firstly, I was elected as a parent governor while three of my 4 children attended the school. Being French and married to an Italian, I didn't have any experience of the British education system; the role of a governor seemed a good way to better understand it and to get involved in my children's education. On top of this, with my children settling in at school so well and the entire family in the village after three previous moves in one year, it was a way to give back to the community. Which I continue today with the Horsington Community Market project and The Villager magazine.

Through my years as a governor, I have developed a strong interest for all fields related to education, providing more depth and value to my work as a language tutor. The varied training, I have accessed as a governor has given me a wealth of knowledge and expertise, all while the world of education keeps changing.

Many of my friends that I have met on the governing board, have been from all ages and lines of business, proving anyone can be a governor. "I wish that everyone could become a school governor for a month to better understand the role and to take part in shaping the education of today and tomorrow."

Although I have an overview of the whole school, this year I have taken on the role of SEND Link Governor.

If you would like to find out more about being a governor please contact me on

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Recycling – Raising money for School

We are hosting a clothes Recycling event to raise money for the school.

If you have any good quality clothes or shoes you no longer wear or the children have grown out of, put them to one side and bring them in to school on the morning on Friday 8th March. We will be sending out collection bags nearer the date.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated:

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults, children's and babies clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear etc.

They cannot reuse the following items:

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.

Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.

Work uniform, School uniform or school sports kit



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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

This week the children shared the story about Jeremiah,
a prophet who never gave up and remained faithful to God and
persevered in doing the right thing. Even when things got difficult.



At Horsington we love it when children want to share or do
something they have been practicing.
This week George, who has been busy rehearsing, shared the story
of The Great Storm to the whole school in collective worship.



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Parenting Information



Somerset are running a number of parenting courses locally, so please use the link below to see what's available.

[Flipbook \(flipbookpdf.net\)](https://flipbookpdf.net)



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Valentines Virtual Balloon Race

The Virtual Balloon Race is back!!

To help fundraise for the school,
purchase a balloon

BEFORE 12PM ON 14TH FEBRUARY.

Step 1: Login and purchase your balloon.

Step 2: Choose the decoration, helium content
and shape of your balloon.

Step 3: Follow your balloon's progress over
the 7-day race

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

[https://ecoracing.co/cause/horsington-church-school-parent-
teacher-friends-association-2581/](https://ecoracing.co/cause/horsington-church-school-parent-teacher-friends-association-2581/)

SCAN ME



£3 A Balloon

PRIME SPORTS COACHING

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Football Camp

We welcome the return of our popular Football Camp! Held this time at a new location at Stalbridge Primary School! Ran by our Head Football Coach - Tom Coules. He will take the children through a week full of Technical practices, Gameplay and Fun!



NEW LOCATION



primesportcoaching.classforkids.io/camp/39

STALBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEB | 12 | 13 | 16 | 2024

MONDAY, TUESDAY, FRIDAY | 9AM - 3PM

£27.50 FULL DAY | £70 ALL 3 DAYS

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

LUNCH BOX REQUIRED | ALL STAFF FULLY FIRST AID
TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

PRIME SPORTS COACHING

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Multi-Activity Camp

SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFT and GAME activities in a fun packed week for your little ones this half term! If you need somewhere you can trust to send your child whilst you work, then we are your team!



2 LOCATIONS



MILTON ON STOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL | STALBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FEB | 12TH - 16TH | 2024

MONDAY - FRIDAY | 8:30AM - 5:30PM

£33 FULL DAY | £22 HALF DAY | £132

FULL WEEK (ONE FREE DAY)

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

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