

Horsted School Newsletter – September 2017

Welcome Back

Dear Parents

Welcome back to another year at Horsted School. Hope you have all had a wonderful Summer break and are looking forward to the new year and term ahead.

Welcome to our new Reception Year, who are just starting their journey at Horsted School. You all look so smart in your new school uniform. I'm sure you will enjoy your time in Buttercups and Daisies Class.

We have two new members of staff.

Miss Emily Winfield is the new Year 3 teacher of 100 Acre Wood. Miss Winfield is a very talented Year 3 Teacher and also Mr Paul Webber our new Site Manager. We feel very lucky to have them at our school

Over the summer Miss Cordrey had a beautiful baby girl, Ava Louise. I am sure you join us all in congratulating Miss Cordrey on her happy news

We have so much to do and look forward to this term. Don't forget Mr Geary's weekly blog on the school website, which Mr Geary updates every Friday

<http://www.horstedschool.co.uk/mr-gearys-page>

Could we remind you to remember to label all school belongings with your child's name.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ONTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ANY TIME. THIS INCLUDES PARENTS DROPPING CHILDREN OFF AND PICKING THEM UP FROM STAY AND PLAY

OBVIOUSLY OUR FIRST CONCERN IS FOR THE CHILDRENS' SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY IS ALWAYS A VERY BUSY PLACE. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS AN ACCIDENT TO OCCUR, REMEMBER IT COULD BE YOUR CHILD

Thank you for your co-operation

GREAT NEWS

I am sure you will join us all at Horsted in congratulating our new school chef Mr Jason Ryder on the award he has just achieved Teamwork Manager Medway 2017

What an amazing achievement

CHILDREN'S SICKNESS

Just a gentle reminder that should your child be absent from school through sickness, please ring the school on 01634 335400 to inform the office before 10.00 am. If we do not receive a call, we will ring to ask why your child is absent.

On your child's return to school a note will still be required for our records.

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

175 days not at school!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments

365 days in a calendar year

(0 days absence)
190
school days in each year

100% attendance

Best chances of success.

"Well Done!"

(10 days absence)
180
days of education

95% attendance

Poor attendance - less chance of success.

(19 days absence)
171
days of education

90% attendance

"I'm worried"

(29 days absence)
161
days of education

85% attendance

(38 days absence)
152
days of education

80% attendance

Very poor attendance - serious impact on education and reduces life chances.

"I'm seriously concerned!"

(47 days absence)
143
days of education

75% attendance



Did you know? A bus week by Edfas in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

Term Dates

Break up - Friday 20 October – End of Term 1.

Back - Monday 30 October – Start of Term 2.

Break up - Wednesday 20 December – End of Term 2.

Back - Thursday 4 January 2018 – Start of Term 3

Break up - Friday 9 February – End of Term 3

Back - Monday 19 February – Start of Term 4.

Break up - Thursday 29 March – End of Term 4.

Back - Monday 16 April – Start of Term 5.

Break up - Friday 25 May – End of Term 5.

Back - Tuesday 5 June – Start of Term 6.

Break up - Thursday 19 July – End of Term 6.

Staff Development Days

Thursday 21 December 2017

Wednesday 3 January 2018

Monday 4 June 2018

Friday 20 July 2018

Home and School

The Partnership between school and home.

For all the staff, Horsted is more than just a job – staff deeply care for the pupils in their care.

The following of both the social rules and the rules set out by the school are as important as learning Maths and English.

Teachers discipline children on the evidence they can gather and who they objectively believe has broken the school rules.

As parents we all have a tendency to see our children through rose tinted glasses. Consistent defence of your child's actions does not help them to learn the rules at school or equip them for future life. Errors will happen but they will be honest mistakes which we will be quite happy to rectify.

On occasion your child may well fall out with another child in their class or in the school. Please come in and see the class teacher or Mrs Steer or myself about this rather than confronting the parents of the child concerned. These issues can be solved successfully and quickly with the school acting as a go between.

Thank you for your continued support in regards to homework and the general support you give the school.

Parent Forum

The Parents' Forum is an effective way of communicating. It provides a valuable way for the school to listen to Parents/Carers concerns and views – helping to create and strengthen the partnership between home and school to ensure pupils reach their full potential

The next Parents' Forum Meeting is Friday 10 November at 9.00 am

We are looking to recruit new representatives from our new Reception Classes. If you are interested please contact Mrs Jane Baldwin to get more details

In School Review

The dates for the next In School Review will be:-

Infant School – Tuesday 31 October 2017

Junior School – Tuesday 21 November 2017

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28 September - Year R Trip to Pympe Farm

Wednesday 18 October – Infant Harvest Festival 9.15 am
Year 2 Parents only to Infant Harvest Festival

Thursday 19 October – Junior Harvest Festival 9.00 am
Year 4 Parents only to Junior Harvest Festival

More details to follow



LIFE OR DEATH
Fire engines responding to 999 calls
are being blocked by parked cars.
Don't let yours be one of them.