

## Horndon-on-the-Hill C. of E. Primary School



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### NEWSLETTER

Issue No 6

12th October 2018

Dear Parents,

As you are now aware, I can officially announce that I will be leaving at Christmas. I joined Horndon School in April 2013 and since then, we've had two Ofsted inspections, two visits from a HMI, a SIAMS inspection and many visits from the members of the progress board of governors and Local Authority Education advisors. It's been a tough journey, and I've had more inspections in my ten years as a head than some have in their career. Since the Local Authority have shrunk, we haven't even had an annual visit, so the school really needs the support, challenge and guidance that the Osborne Trust can provide.

I have had the pleasure of working with some amazing teachers and I am confident that the staff that we have in place now, are the best we've ever had. I've just finished a round of classroom observations and the quality of teaching that I saw, was fantastic.

As you know, I'll be moving to a school that has a very personal link to my family, it is a school that needs help and in many ways, is like Horndon was four and a half years ago. My wish before I leave, is to spend as much time as I can with the children, something that I have really missed over the last few months.

We would like to thank parents and children for their cooperation. Remanining behind the green wooden gate until the bells goes has helped to avoid any incidents with children riding their bikes, scooters and running around in the garden area.

#### Collective Worship

This week, we looked at how Jesus loves children and how in many ways adults can learn lessons from



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children.

In our split Key Stage worship, we looked at two paintings in detail, talking about the messages that were being given in these art works.

We looked at Jesus' welcoming body language, the age and race of the children and get the message that Jesus loves us all, no matter what our age or colour of skin. We all agreed that this was a good message to live our lives by.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14LMeBJel8qAOlrE2gstE6t6nS3eroIBUg08XUUdVjIw/edit#slide=id.p>

### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you for your generous gifts of food. It is always a humbling time, but also a time where we can reflect on how lucky we are. Only yesterday, in the paper, I read about a family where the father had lost his job, the food bank was empty, so he took his wife and young child to a homeless soup kitchen to be fed. As poverty grows, so should our charity. Thank you.

### **Reception 2019 - Open Days**

We've had an unprecedented amount of interest in places for September 19. There have been so many parents booked into the sessions that Mrs. Bradley and I have had to run split tours!

We'd like to fill Reception again next year, so if you know of anyone who has a child who will be of school age, please get in touch with us and arrange a tour. Mrs. Bradley and I will welcome them and take you around the school. I've always said that the best time to view a school is when the children are in, rather than a put on performance. So please book in and let's fill the school.

### **Headteacher's Awards**

Archie M

### **Letters on website**

Parent and Child Road Safety Walk - Reception class

Road Safety Walk - Yrs 3 and 5

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **October 2018**

Tuesday 16th October - Class drop in @ 3:15 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 16th October - 15:30 - 16:00 - Year 6 Sats meeting

Tuesday 16th October - 4:45pm Reception Class curriculum evening

Tuesday 16th October - Class 2 school trip - Hatfield House

Tuesday 16th October - FOHS AGM meeting @ 7:30 pm

Wednesday 17th October - Class 4 school trip payment deadline

Friday 19th October - Shoe Box Collection (or bring to the service on 4th November at Bulphan)



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Friday 19th October - Last day of half term  
Wednesday 31st October - Secondary school application deadline

### **November 2018**

Monday 5th November - First day of term  
Wednesday 7th November - Class 5 school trip - West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village @ 8:20 am  
Thursday 8th November - Class 1 school trip - V & A Museum of Childhood  
Monday 12th November - Remembrance Service  
Monday 12th November - 3:30pm - 5pm - Messy Church @ Horndon School  
Tuesday 13th November - Termly Learning Conference @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Thursday 15th November - Termly Learning Conference @ 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 20th November - Termly Learning Conference @ 3:30 - 5:00pm  
**Monday 26th November - School nurse to visit Class R**  
Tuesday 27th November - Class 6 school trip - Holdenby House  
**Tuesday 27th November - Road Safety Walk - Class R Parent and Child @ 9:00 am**  
**Tuesday 27th November - Road Safety Walk - Class 3 and 5**  
Wednesday 28th November - Whole School Flu Immunisations  
**Thursday 29th November - School nurse to visit Class R & 6**  
Friday 30th November - 9am - 1pm Whole School Panto at the Towngate

### **December 2018**

Friday 7th December - Christmas Bazaar  
Sunday 9th December - Christingle Service 6pm at Horndon with choir  
Wednesday 12th December - KS1 Nativity (OAP morning)  
Wednesday 12th December - Nursery Christmas songs afternoon  
Thursday 13th December - KS1 Nativity  
Thursday 14th December - Christmas Service (TBC)  
Friday 14th December - Swimming payment deadline - Yrs 3 and 5  
Tuesday 18th December - Carol Service on the playground - 3:30pm  
Wednesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner  
Thursday 20th December - End of Term  
Friday 21st December - Non-Pupil Day

### **January 2019**

Thursday 3rd January - First day of term  
Sunday 13th January - Deadline for Primary School places September 2019  
Monday 14th January - 3:30pm - 5pm - Messy Church @ Orsett School  
Tuesday 15th January - PGL 2nd Installment Deadline £115  
Friday 18th January - Yrs 3 and 5 swimming  
Thursday 31st January - Junior choir to Young Voices @ O2

### **February 2019**



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Tuesday 5th February - Class drop in @ 3:15 - 4:00 pm  
Monday 11th February - Launch Grow a pound Y6  
Monday 11th February - 3:30pm - 5pm - Messy Church @ Bulphan School  
Friday 15th February - Last day of half term  
Monday 25th February - First day of term  
Monday 25th February - Friday 1st March - Money Week  
Thursday 28th February - Final PGL payment due

### **March 2019**

Tuesday 5th March - Grow a Pound Presentation  
Wednesday 6th March - 11am - Ash Wednesday Service  
Monday 11th March - 3:30pm - 5pm - Messy Church @ Horndon School  
Tuesday 19th March - KS1 Girls Football Competition  
Thursday 21st March - KS1 Boys Football competition  
Monday 25th March - Friday 29th March - Book Fair  
Tuesday 26th March - Termly Learning Conference @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Thursday 28th March - Termly Learning Conference @ 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Friday 29th March - Swimming payment deadline - Yrs 3 and 4

### **April 2019**

Tuesday 2nd April - 3:30pm - 5pm - Termly Learning Conference  
Friday 5th April - 11am - Easter Service  
Friday 5th April - Last day of Term  
Tuesday 23rd April - First Day of Term

### **May 2019**

Thursday 2nd May - Class 1 school trip payment deadline  
Friday 3rd May - Yrs 3 and 4 swimming  
Monday 6th May - Bank holiday  
Monday 13th May - 3:30 - 5pm Messy Church - Orsett School  
Monday 13th May to 16th May - SATs - Year 6  
Monday 20th May - Year 6 - Residential  
Tuesday 21st May - Class drop in @ 3:15 - 4:00 pm  
Friday 24th May - Last day of half term

### **June 2019**

Monday 3rd June - Non-Pupil Day  
Thursday 6th June - Sports Day  
Monday 10th June - Sports Day reserve  
Monday 10th June - Phonics Screening  
Thursday 20th June - Class 1 school trip to Boydells Dairy Farm

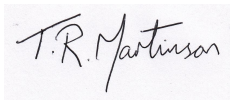
### **July 2019**



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Monday 1st July to 5th July - Secondary school - transition week  
Monday 8th July - 3:30 - 5pm Messy Church - Horndon School  
Tuesday 9th July - Class drop in @ 3:15 - 4:00 pm  
Friday 13th July - Reports sent to parents  
Tuesday 16th July - KS1 and KS2 Leavers Services at the church - parents welcome  
Wednesday 17th July - Leavers Lunch  
Thursday 18th July - Production 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Friday 19th July - Production 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Wednesday 24th July - Leavers assembly @ 10:00 am parents welcome  
Wednesday 24th July - End of term



Mr T R Martinson  
Headteacher

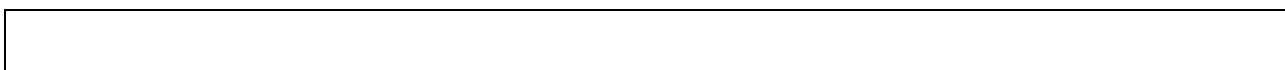
## SCHOOL CLUBS



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b>		<b>Dodgeball</b> ALL 8:00-8:40		<b>Badminton</b> ALL 8:00-8:40	
<b>Lunchtime</b>			<b>WOW</b> 12:30-1:00		
<b>After -school</b>	<b>Junior Choir</b> KS2 3:05-4:15	<b>Basketball</b> ALL 3:05-4:30	<b>Athletics</b> 3:05-4:30	<b>Pottery Club</b> Yrs 3 & 4 3:05-4:00	<b>Football Club</b> Girls and boys Yrs 5 & 6 3:15-4:15 (weather permitting)
	<b>Drama</b> Divergent Drama 3:05-4:15 <b>Contact</b> Kate/Vicky 0208 0045557	<b>CC4G</b> Yr 6 only ICT suite 3:05-4:15		<b>Omlet Club</b> KS2 3.05-4.00	<b>Star Sports</b> All pupils 3:05-4:30 <b>Contact</b> Kev 07976 756259
				<b>Infant Choir</b> KS1 3:05-4:15	



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## Thurrock Fostering

Thurrock Fostering are holding Open Evenings/Weekends over the coming months for anybody who would like to find out more:

Wednesday 10 October, 6pm to 8pm,  
Holiday Inn, Waterfront Walk, Festival Leisure Park, Basildon, SS14 3DG  
Saturday 10 November, 10am to midday,  
Mardyke Valley Golf Club, South Road, South Ockendon, RM15 6RR

Or visit the website [thurrock.gov.uk/fostering](http://thurrock.gov.uk/fostering) for more information and other drop in events



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# FRIENDS OF HORNDON SCHOOL

Next FOHS meeting: **16/10/18 AGM Meeting @ 7:30 pm**

## FOHS POST BOX

**Situated on the green gate just before main office doors to the School.**

**ANY IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS FOR FUND RAISING EVENTS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.** Any questions regarding FOHS, please contact **Kim Towlson 07724848069** or [cst1952@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cst1952@hotmail.co.uk)

Alternatively, send a message to our Facebook page 'Friends of Horndon School'.



Friends of Horndon School are pleased to be selling tickets for Adventure Island again.

This year we have:

**Blue** Wristbands for £15

**Green/Red** Wristbands for £12

You can get these through the village shop- High Road, Horndon on the Hill  
Or Contact Sarah Collins 07860 868640



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## Shoebox Appeal



Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, run by the Christian relief and development organisation Samaritan's Purse.

Our school and local community has, over the past few years, helped this charity by filling shoeboxes. These are distributed to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs.

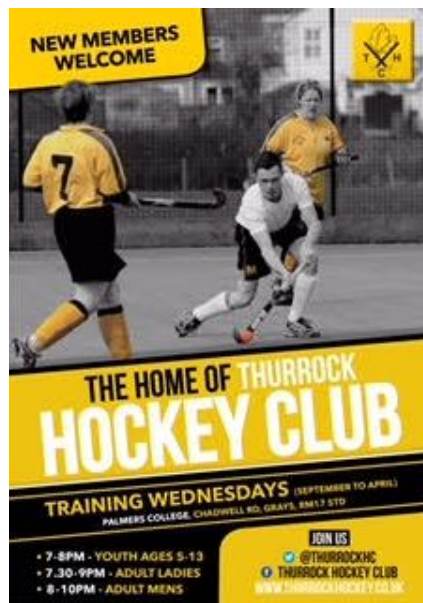
All pupils will by now have received a leaflet explaining how to fill a shoebox. (Toys, toiletries, stationery, sweets and small items of clothing are accepted)

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us with this worthy cause.

There will be a special service at  
**St Marys, Bulphan**  
on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am**  
to which you are invited to bring along your completed shoebox.

If you are unable to attend, you can drop off your shoebox at the **school office** any time before **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**.

For further information please contact Christine Mortimer 01375 641485



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

If your child was born between **1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015**, you must apply for a primary school place for **September 2019**.

Apply online from 1 November at: [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)



Go to [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions) and follow the instructions on screen. There you will also be able to open an electronic copy of Thurrock Council's composite prospectus for Thurrock primary schools which you should read before completing an application.

To apply online you must have an e-mail account.

You should go along to one of the Council's briefings for parents before you complete an application.

**Thursday 11 October 2018 Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex RM16 2JU.**

**First session begins at 4.00pm - 5.30pm and the second session begins at 7.00pm - 8.30pm.**

Offers will be available for online applicants from 12.30am on 16 April 2019 by logging into your account.

Complete the application, listing up to four schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference, including amongst them any schools outside of Thurrock for which you wish to apply. Make sure that you also complete the supplementary forms that some schools require and return them directly to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to primary school, it is essential that you fill in an application for each child needing a place.



If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **15 January 2019** you may be allocated a place at a school with space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

Information about the schools in Thurrock and how to apply for

them are in a booklet entitled **Primary Admission Information September 2019** available online at [thurrock.gov.uk/admissions](http://thurrock.gov.uk/admissions)

Please read the booklet carefully.

Once you have read the information on the Thurrock Council website, if you have any questions please contact the Admissions Team on **01375 652883** or by email at [school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

**School Admissions  
Thurrock Council  
Civic Offices  
New Road  
Grays  
RM17 6SL**

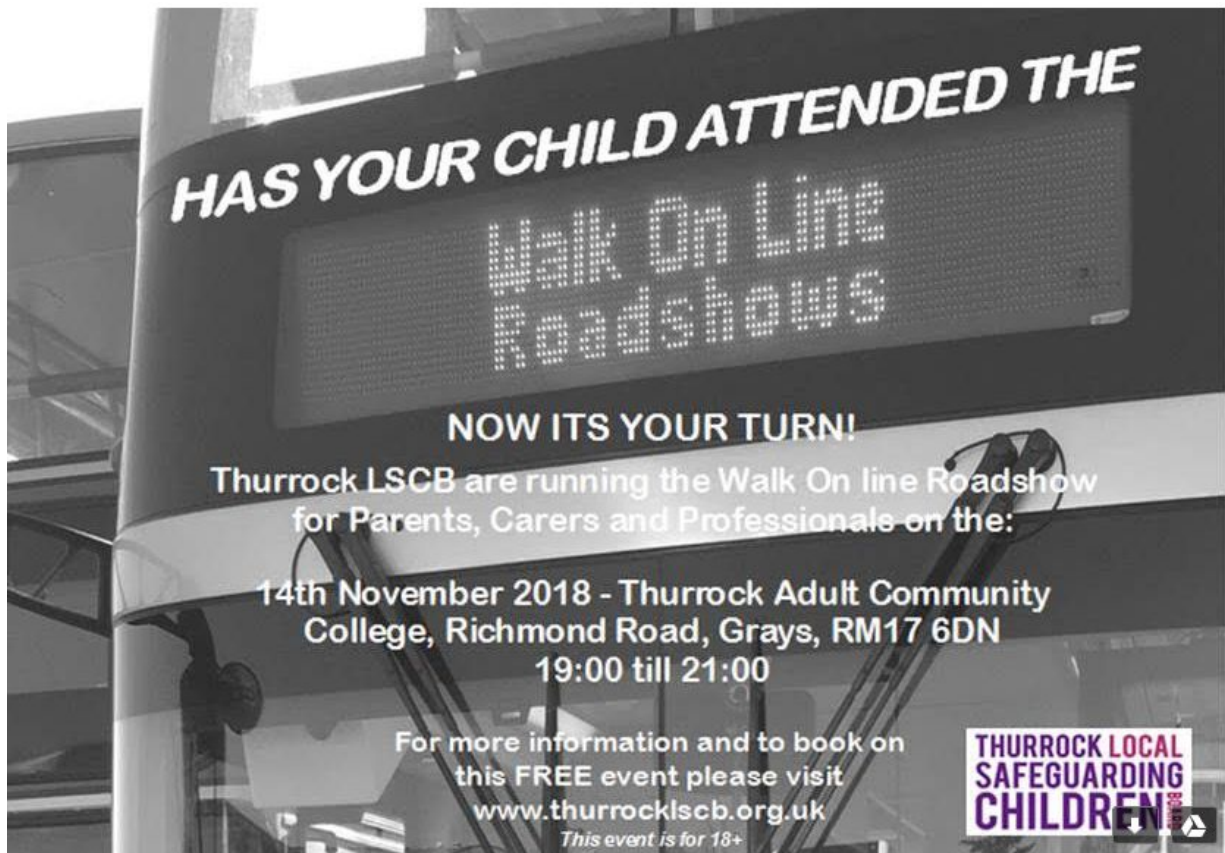


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# COFFEE MORNING

HORNDON  
VILLAGE HALL



Bev's Treasures  
Hand-made Cards

Cake stall

Lucky Bags

Raffle

Tea, Coffee and Bacon Rolls

SATURDAY  
27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

9AM UNTIL 12.30PM

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL



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# Aiding Your Anxious Child

Free workshop for parents/carers. Call 01375 372476

Are you concerned that stress and anxiety are becoming a problem for your child and you're not sure how to help? You're not alone.

Enrolments open June for 2018-19 courses



## Aiding Your Anxious Child

Friday 8 February 2019  
9.30am-12.30pm  
Course Code G5A18COM

**Venue:**  
Grays Adult Education Centre,  
Richmond Road, RM17 6DN

This supportive and informative workshop will help you to understand more about anxiety in children and introduce you to effective coping strategies that can be used to build resilience and promote healthy thinking and positive self-esteem.

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# Keeping Up With Your Child's Literacy

Free Level 1 qualification course specially designed for parents/carers

Free



## Literacy 10 week course

Starts Tue 6 November 2018  
9.30am-12 noon  
Course Code G2A07COM

**Venue:**  
Grays Adult Education Centre,  
Richmond Road, RM17 6DN

Call 01375 372476 to book your assessment

This 10 week portfolio-based qualification course is specially designed for parents/carers to support and explore the approaches used to teach literacy in Primary Schools. Discover fun and practical ideas to support your child's learning and try out activities you can use at home, together.

You can chose to study literacy alone but completion of numeracy too at Level 1 qualifies to for the Ascentis Award in Supporting A Child's Learning and Development

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