

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



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## NEWSLETTER

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25th January 2019

Dear Parents,

### Collective Worship

This week we explored the theme of Talents and how God wants us to use these gifts rather than hide them away. During the assembly we identified the fact that it does not necessarily mean you are good at football, the best runner on the field or the best mathematician in the school but your talents can take any form including having the talent to make someone feel better. The children were encouraged to identify their own talents and relate them to our core values ensuring that the Christian ethos of the school is disseminated across the whole school community.

### Vision statement

We have reworded our code of conduct and this has now become our vision statement.

***Through our Christian ethos, we take care of each other and always try our best,  
with everyone learning together.***

### Year 3 school trip

On Wednesday the 23rd January, Year 3 went on a trip to Layer Marney Tower for a Stone Age day. We got to pretend to be archaeologists and dig in a sandpit to find a variety of different artifacts from the Stone Age and before. The oldest thing we found was a fossil from 63 million years ago! We then had a talk about what life was like during the Stone Age and a chance to look at more artifacts from different periods. We also got to test our hunting skills by completing a range of different activities to hunt for our food. Our favorites included fishing, lassoing and the slingshot. Finally, we got to use our art skills and create some cave paintings. We had a fantastic day at Layer Marney Tower.

Class 3

### Bike gate

It is great to see the children bringing their bikes and scooters through the bike gate, thus freeing up the front area of the school. Work is in progress to install a bike area that is completely fenced off in order for the children to be able to park their bikes and scooters and then join the rest of the children to enter school, through the main gate. Again this is a working progress and we thank you for your



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patience.

### **Attendance letters**

Following a discrepancy on our system, it has been brought to our attention that the attendance letters that were issued at the beginning of the week, have taken into account any children that have arrived in school after 8:50 am and has marked them as 'U'. This has now been rectified.

Thank you to all those parents who have continued to encourage their children to keep up their good attendance.

This week I am proud to say, Class 4 are the winning class with 97.24%!

**Class R ~ 95.67%**

**Class 1 ~ 83.64%**

**Class 2 ~ 92.86%**

**Class 3 ~ 90.67%**

**Class 4 ~ 97.67%**

**Class 5 ~ 97.24%**

**Class 6 ~ 91.67%**

### **Lost property**

Unfortunately after football club, one of the children misplaced his school shoes. Could you check your child's bags to see if they have been taken home in error.

### **Tea with the Head**

From next Friday 1st February, children who have been identified by their class teacher as excelling above and beyond the head teacher award, will be invited to have tea and cake with the Head, in her office. This may not necessarily be one child from each class but is purely at the discretion of the class teacher. Children will be asked to share their work with the rest of the group to acknowledge their brilliant efforts.

### **Carpark**

Can we please remind parents not to use the school car park when collecting children from after school clubs.

### **School Council**

Following the departure of one of Class 4's School Council representatives, we are pleased to announce Rosie D has been elected to be the new representative. Well done Rosie.

### **Headteacher's Awards**

Olivia A, Molly K, Luke M, Ciara M, Bertie T, Alfie Y, Darcey T, Mia E, Elwen N, Ronnie M

### **Letters on website**

ParentMail - letter to parents



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **January 2019**

Tuesday 29th January - Year 1 school trip - Southend Aquarium

Thursday 31st January - Junior choir to Young Voices @ O2

### **February 2019**

Tuesday 5th February - Class drop in @ 3:15 - 4:00 pm

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

Tuesday 26th February - Grow a Pound event in the hall (children and parents invited)

Thursday 28th February - Final PGL payment due

### **March 2019**

Friday 1st March - Payment deadline for Yr 3 school trip to Pizza Express

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

**Wednesday 27th March - FOHS Mothers Day Sale**

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

**Thursday 4th April - Non uniform day - Pyjama Day (suggested donation £1)**

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 - FOHS non uniform and bring a treat day**

Friday 24th May - Last day of half term

### **June 2019**

Monday 3rd June - Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 6th June - Sports Day

**Saturday 8th June - FOHS Summer Fayre**

Monday 10th June - Phonics Screening

Tuesday 11th June - Yr3 to Pizza Express am only

Thursday 20th June - Class 1 school trip to Boydells Dairy Farm



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## July 2019

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

Thursday 18th July - Production 6:00 - 7:30 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

*D. Bradley*

**Mrs D Bradley**  
Interim Headteacher

## SCHOOL CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b>		<b>Hockey</b> ALL 8:00-8:40		<b>Dance</b> ALL 8:00-8:40	
<b>Afterschool</b>	<b>Drama</b> Divergent Drama 3:05-4:15 <b>Contact</b> <b>Kate/Vicky</b> <b>0208</b> <b>0045557</b>	<b>Gymnastics</b> ALL 3:05-4:30	<b>Football</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>Junior Choir</b> KS2 3:05-4:15	<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> <b>Kev</b> <b>07976 756259</b>
				<b>Infant Choir</b> KS1 3:05-4:15	



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# FRIENDS OF HORNDON SCHOOL

- TBA, 7.00pm FOHS Meeting
- Wednesday 27th March - FOHS Mothers Day Sale
- Friday 24th May - FOHS non uniform and bring a treat day
  - Saturday 8th June - FOHS Summer Fayre

## 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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# Family Wellbeing

After-school course at Tilbury Children's Centre  
delivered by Thurrock Adult Community College

Help yourself and your children deal with everyday emotions.

Learn the skills to be a mindful family, to feel good and function well. Explore mindfulness and relaxation techniques through fun activities and games.

**FREE**  
3 week  
course

**Starting**  
**Wednesday**  
**30<sup>th</sup> January**  
**3.45pm - 5.15pm**

#### Where?

Tilbury Children's Centre, RM18 8EY

#### How do I book my place?

Ring to enrol on **01375 372476**  
quoting course code **X5A03COM**

\* Free crèche (please book directly  
with Children's Centre)



\* Drink & snack provided each week




Learn how to set manageable goals to help family members deal with anxiety, bounce back from difficulties and improve concentration.

Activities are recommended for families with children aged 5-12 years (approx)

**Places limited – don't miss out!**

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# Thurrock Healthy Walks



Why not join us for one of our **FREE** short Health Walks, No special equipment needed just a comfortable pair of shoes and weather appropriate clothing.

Join our walks starting at the following venues.

- Impulse Leisure, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU  
Thursday 10am
- War Memorial, Civic Square, Tilbury, RM18 8AD  
Friday 9.30am
- Davy Down Pumping Station, Back Lane,  
North Stifford, RM16 5UL  
Friday 1.30pm

Develop a love of walking with likeminded people and live a healthier happier life.

**For more information**

Email: [eulph@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:eulph@thurrock.gov.uk)

Call: **01375 652006 ext. 64186**

 [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)



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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:

Saturday 12 January 2019, 10:30am to 12:30pm, Corringham Library, St John's Way,  
Corringham, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, SS17 7LI

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 6pm – 8pm, Benfleet Conservative Club, Cunnington House,  
69 High Street, Benfleet. SS7 1NA

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 9:30am – 12:30pm, La Salette Hall, 1 Rainham Road,  
Rainham, Essex, RM13 8SP

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 5pm – 8pm, Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, Room 1,  
New Road, Grays, Essex RM17 6SL

We also have Drop in events

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 10am to 12noon, South Ockendon Garden Centre,  
South Road, South Ockendon, Essex. RM15 6DU

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 10am to 10pm, intu Lakeside Shopping Centre,  
Level 2 outside M&S.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 10am to 10pm, intu Lakeside Shopping Centre,  
Level 2 outside M&S

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 10am to 10pm, intu Lakeside Shopping Centre,  
Level 2 outside M&S

Or visit the website [thurrock.gov.uk/fostering](http://thurrock.gov.uk/fostering) or <https://www.facebook.com/thurrockfostering>  
for more information and other drop in events



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# Cake & Coffee Morning

## Horndon Village Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

9:30 – 12:30



Hi, my name is Yves and I am 14 years old. Following a selection process with guides from around the country, I have been given the opportunity to travel to Mexico for 2 weeks to run a service project in the community surrounding Our Cabana, one of the 5 world headquarters for Girlguiding.



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# Introduction to Being An LSA

Free 2 week course at Tilbury Children's Centre



Free  
course  
offer

## Discover what is required to be a Learning Support Assistant in a primary school

### Introduction to Being An LSA

Thursday 7 February 2019  
for 2 weeks, 10am to 12.30pm  
Course Code X4A07VOC

#### Venue:

Tilbury Children's Centre  
Anchor Field, London Road  
Tilbury RM18 8EY

**Free course**

Learn more about the role of an LSA and training progression routes available, on your doorstep.

Don't delay if interested as only 12 places are available.

**Call the college on 01375 372476 to enrol or Freephone 0800 783 7733**



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