



# Horton Kirby C of E Primary School

Newsletter – 20 October 2022

## Headteacher's Message

Thank you all for your continued support throughout the school, it is very much appreciated. It has been a long term that has given us its own unique challenges, however it has also been successful one. I hope those of you that have visited the school for a 'Fantastic Finish' or for Harvest Festival have all really enjoyed yourselves.

Next term let us hope that we are able to have a normal one! Our first proper run up to Christmas since 2019, with a Carol Service in the Church and Nativity plays in the hall!

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break!

## Our Values

At Horton Kirby Church of England Primary School, we aim to be the very best we can for ourselves, for others and for God. Our School values are:

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Reflection.

## Announcements

We return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

## Attendance

Attendance matters – we aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year.

Whole school attendance for week W/E 29 September 2022: 95%

Whole school attendance for week W/E 7 October 2022: 93%

Whole school attendance for week W/E 14 October 2022: 98%

Whole school attendance for week W/E 20 October 2022: 92%

## Class attendance:

W/E 29/09/22	Acorn	Holly	Fir	Ash	Willow	Sycamore	Cherry	Oak	Redwood
	91%	92%	91%	100%	93%	100%	97%	94%	93%
W/E 07/10/22	Acorn	Holly	Fir	Ash	Willow	Sycamore	Cherry	Oak	Redwood
	93%	89%	85%	98%	100%	89%	96%	96%	95%
W/E 14/10/22	Acorn	Holly	Fir	Ash	Willow	Sycamore	Cherry	Oak	Redwood
	99%	97%	96%	100%	98%	97%	96%	99%	98%
W/E 20/10/22	Acorn	Holly	Fir	Ash	Willow	Sycamore	Cherry	Oak	Redwood
	92%	90%	94%	93%	86%	92%	92%	97%	92%

## Headteacher Awards

### W/E 7 October 2022

Acorn – none this week  
 Holly – Noah Grigg  
 Fir – Georgie Turner  
 Willow – Jake Fensom  
 Ash – James Copeland  
 Sycamore – Aurelia Loader  
 Oak – Riley Attree  
 Cherry – Keira Vincent  
 Redwood – Ava Wakeman

### W/E 14 October 2022

Acorn – Ada Edwards  
 Holly – Jessica Willetts  
 Fir – Joe-Stanley Petherick & Lily Burroughs  
 Willow – Carter Wakeman  
 Ash – Arthur Donnelly  
 Sycamore – Kyla-Harmony Okullo  
 Oak – Rosie Lindars  
 Cherry – Scarlett May  
 Redwood – Bethany Lawson

### W/E 20 October 2022

Acorn – Elena Grainger  
 Holly – Freddie Dahman  
 Fir – Charlie Wenham  
 Willow – Isabelle Reed  
 Ash – Henry Gurnett  
 Sycamore – Lorelei Lindeman  
 Oak – Isabella Froud  
 Cherry – Tommie Jenner  
 Redwood – Igor Stolarski

### Accelerated Reader

#### W/E 7 October 2022

Sampson Krefta – 7,401  
Amelie Clark – 30,611  
Leah Kennedy – 12,527  
Danele Antwi – 279,701  
Yididya Daniel – 90,340  
Grace Bryant – 346,457  
Louis Crowley – 23,813

#### W/E 14 October 2022

Charlie Wenham – 5,529  
Louis Crowley – 38,944  
Tommy Roussounis – 23,604  
Leah Kennedy – 18,012  
Danele Antwi – 21,488  
Grace Bryant – 81,072  
Evie Dimmock – 55,895

### TTRS Awards

Grace Bryant  
Rosie Jenner  
Isabelle Reed  
Oliver Ballard  
Finley Avison-Williams

Rocco Williams  
Nancy Davis  
Lauren Whipps  
Rosie Jenner  
James Copeland

### Bikeability

Kent County Council Cycle Training Team

Kent County Council are looking to recruit cycle training instructors in your area.

The main aspect of the job is to deliver 'Bikeability' training to children in schools, predominantly to years 5 and 6.

Applicants must be confident cyclists and keen to support young riders, helping them achieve the necessary skills to be able to cycle safely on the road.

This is a part-time role and the majority of the work will be during term time with opportunities to work during school holidays if available to do so. Although we deliver training throughout the year, the spring and summer months are usually the busiest.

If you are interested in applying to be a cycle instructor with the KCC, please contact us via the email below and we will provide you with further information about the role.

Regards

Peter Wedlake

Cycle Training Team Leader

Email: [Bikeability@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Bikeability@kent.gov.uk)

### The Community Cupboard, West Kingsdown

This week some of our pupils, along with Mr Sexton, visited The Community Cupboard in West Kingsdown to learn about their volunteers, the donations and they receive and where they are sent to.



### Reception Parents – Acorn Class

Starting school is a big step and our service is here to help. We'd like to know a little more about your child to see if there are any areas in which we could support them. It will also provide you with information regardless of whether you have a worry or concern or not.

Please follow the link below (or copy into your web browser) to complete our short survey **before the end of November 2022**. It should take no more than 15 minutes.

<https://kent.hapi-system.com/school-entry>

**You will need to enter the following password: Sevenoaks2022**

Once you have completed the survey you will get a link to additional advice and guidance. Depending on your answers, a qualified School Nurse will read and review your response to identify if support may be needed.

#### Contact us

More information on the School Health team can be found [here](#), or you can contact us any time (even during the school holidays) on **0800 0113 474** (Mon – Fri 8am – 6pm) or email [kentchft.kentschoolhealth@nhs.net](mailto:kentchft.kentschoolhealth@nhs.net)

### St. Mary's Church, Horton Kirby

Afternoon tea and cake is back on at St. Mary's Church every Tuesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. All very welcome.

### Safeguarding

Action for Children are a charity who protect and support children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support. They work to ensure their voices are heard, and campaign to bring lasting improvements to young people's lives. They also have a Parenting Hub, with a wealth of information to support parents and carers.

[www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)

Have a safe and happy summer. If you have any concerns regarding children's safety or welfare you can contact social services on 03000 41 24 45 and they will advise you on the best course of action.

### School Drop Off

When driving to school to drop off or pick up your children, please be considerate of our neighbours, of each other and most importantly of the children! I ask that you do not park so that neighbours are unable to exit their gates or driveways, and also that the entrance to Court Lodge Farm is left clear and not parked in. The zigzags should also always remain clear – they are not an area for drop offs and pick ups.

### School Car Park

We have recently noticed a lot of parents/carers driving into the school car park to drop off children. Please be aware that you are only allowed to use the school car park if this has been authorised by the headteacher for this academic year. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Absences

Please could all absences be reported to the school office on the morning of each day your child is absent. You can either leave a voice message on 01322 863278 or email [office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk).

### Healthy Eating

A gentle reminder that we are a healthy eating school. Children are NOT allowed to bring in sweets, chocolates (Mars bars etc., and fizzy drink in their lunchboxes – this week several children have been seen with two or three chocolate bars/sweets in their packed lunch and although a treat is allowed this is excessive. The following link will take you to a website full of healthy lunch box ideas: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

**Reading Awards****Bronze**

Daisy Brown  
Zaini Darling  
Theodore Light  
Georgie Turner  
Hayden Pardo Laurie  
Philip Dobrosielski  
Francesca Sandford  
Kyla-Harmony Okullo  
Christina Penalver  
Rosie Jenner  
Mia Crow  
Pixie-George Hanafin  
Noah Murnane  
Jessica Willetts  
Noah Grigg  
Lola Thompson  
Penelope Smith  
Aurelia Loader  
Monnie-May Money  
Charlie Kennedy  
Charlie Wenham  
Alice Graves  
Malachi Okullo  
Rosie Lindars  
Jordan Lavender  
Riley Attree  
Noah Chapple  
Freddy Tall  
Sebastian Allman  
Kieran Quinn  
Abigail Reed  
Jordan Copeland  
Ivy Edwards  
Olly Tall  
Ada Edwards  
Sienna Rose Geering  
Amelia Bull  
Imren Mustafa  
Finley Martin  
Eve Dean  
Sampson Krefta  
Alfie Beadle  
Lily Burroughs

**Silver**

Theodore Light  
Riley Attree  
Sienna Geering

**Gold**