



Newsletter

20 January 2023

Headteacher's Message

I hope you have all had a good start to the year. Please look out for a parent survey that was sent via email on Tuesday (16 January). The survey is only five questions and should only take a minute or two to complete. Please try to spare the time to do so and help shape development of our school.

Our School

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

Last day of term - Friday 10 February 2023.

Earrings - Earrings should not be worn in PE sessions for Health and Safety reasons. They will need to be taken out or taped prior to the school day. Staff are not able to remove the children's earrings for them or tape them. If your child is wearing earrings on their PE day, and they are not taped, then they will not be able to take part.

Lego - If anyone has any unwanted lego we would love this to use in our lunchtime lego clubs. Please contact the school office if you are able to donate some.

Spelling Shed and TTRS - Our school is lucky enough to have these great online resources. They really help with your child's journey with learning, and also make it more fun. These are also great apps to help with homework. Please make use of them if you are not doing so - if you require log in details, please contact your class teacher.

Parking - there should be no stopping or parking on the yellow zig-zag markings outside the school in the morning or afternoon as this creates congestion, and more importantly, endangers the children coming into/leaving school. The ramp up to the school and the driveways of our neighbours should also not be used for turning vehicles.

Headteacher Awards

W/E 6 January 2023:

Acorn - Dylan Lloyd
Holly - Noah Grigg
Fir - Arthur Mitchell
Ash - Ash Class
Willow – Willow Class
Oak - Rocco Williams
Cherry - Samuel Lockyer
Redwood - Layla-May Drury

W/E 13 January 2023:

Acorn - Poppy Smith
Holly - Louie Carter
Fir – Olly Tall
Ash - Valerie Alamu
Willow – Sofia Mills
Oak - Riley Attree &
Jasper Hurrell
Cherry - Arnav Goel
Redwood - Wilf Pitman &
Gabriel Dobrosielski

W/E 20 January 2023

Acorn – Amelia Gibbons
Holly – Kalina Dobrosielska
Fir – Daisy Brown
Ash – Violet Edwards
Willow – Philip Dobrosielski
Oak – Molly Turner &
Beau Burgoyne
Cherry – George Petherick
Redwood – Isla Kennedy

Attendance

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

W/E 6 January 2023:

Whole School – 94%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 94%
Holly - 97%
Fir - 87%
Ash - 97%
Willow - 95%
Oak - 96%
Cherry - 90%
Redwood - 98%

W/E 13 January 2023:

Whole School – 93%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 96%
Holly - 90%
Fir - 93%
Ash - 94%
Willow - 95%
Oak - 93%
Cherry - 89%
Redwood - 95%

W/E 20 January 2023

Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 95%
Holly - 94%
Fir - 94%
Ash - 98%
Willow - 96%
Oak - 95%
Cherry - 96%
Redwood - 95%

TTRS Certificates

Theo Light
Kaaviya Sivaganesh
Elsie Smith
Gabriel Dobrosielski

Mya Lewis
Rocco Annett
Kyla-Harmony Okullo
Joshua Syres

Topics



Years 1 and 2 have been enjoying their Moon Zoom topic this term.

Years 3 and 4 have started their new topic 'Potions'.



Finding forage in Forest School Making 3D potion bottles out of clay

Vacancies

We will soon have a part-time (two days per week) position in our admin team. Further details will shortly be posted on our Trust website, please visit www.aletheia-trust.org.uk/join-aletheia-academies-trust/vacancies.

Absences/Safeguarding

Please can ALL absences be reported to the school office on the morning of each day your child is absent. You can either leave a voicemail on 01322 863278 or email office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk. This is important, and we appreciate your assistance in keeping our records up to date.

You said, we did!

If you have any suggestions for improvements at our school, or would like to volunteer, please contact the office on office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk

PTA

We are always looking for new volunteers and fresh ideas. If you have any questions or are interested in being part of a fun team and raising money for our school, please drop our PTA team an email at hkpta@yahoo.com for further information.

Current Vacancies:- PTA Chair Person

Upcoming Events:-



The Orchard Theatre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1ED

Saturday 30th December 2023 at 5.00pm

Sunday 31st December 2023 at 1.00pm

£19.00 per ticket (includes an ice cream)

£5 deposit required per ticket

Seats are in the Stalls (Rows G to S) and

Upper Stalls (Rows A to D)

For further information and to purchase your tickets
please visit:-

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby

Hope you are able to join us for an amazing show!



Thank you, Horton Kirby PTA

