



Newsletter

24 February 2023

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to school everyone. We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Please be mindful that, at times, when children come home with issues, stories can sometimes become distorted. If you do have any concerns, please remember to talk to your class teacher. Do not believe everything you are told about us, and we will not believe everything we are told about you.

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

Mobile Phones – Mobile phones should only be brought into school if your child is travelling to and/or from school alone. Upon arrival at school, phones should be handed into the office, and can be collected at the end of the day. Pupils should not have their phones during the day. **If your child is coming to school with an adult and being collected by an adult, there is no need for them to bring a mobile phone with them.**

Jewellery - 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.

School Uniform – Please can you ensure that your child is wearing their correct school uniform every day. Please note that trainers are not allowed – appropriate school shoes should be worn unless advised by your teacher. Our full school uniform policy can be found on the school website.

<https://www.hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk/our-school/uniform/>

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>

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

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.

Headteacher Awards

W/E 27 January 2023:

Acorn – Ellie Wiltshire
Holly – Mia Crow
Fir – Adela Olariu
Ash – Hugo Kirby
Willow – Luca Goodrich
Oak – Lacey Lawson
Cherry – Grace Bryant
Redwood – Myles Hall &
Kaylee Brookes

W/E 3 February 2023:

Acorn – Austin Clark
Holly - Elijah Unger Welch
Fir – Ossie Pitman &
Bray Robertson
Ash – Henry Gurnett
Willow – Sehajdeep Saini
Oak – Danele Antwi
Cherry – George Petherick
Redwood – Joe Stanton

W/E 10 February 2023

Acorn – Carter Etheridge
Holly – Malaki Okullo
Fir – Mason Lines
Ash – Rosa Dean &
Ebben Hurrell
Willow – Rocco Webb
Oak – Alexa Dorney
Cherry – Logan Trott
Redwood – Igor Stolarski

Headteacher Citizen Award

Bethany Lawson

TTRS Certificates

Sebastian Allman
Abigail Reed
Neil Bendigeri
Pixie-George Hanafin
Kyla-Harmony Okullo
Rosie Jenner

Sienna-Rose Geering
Vyan Sood
Harrie Hackworth
George Gurnett
Amelia Bull
Kalina Dobrosielska

Freddy Tall
Beau Burgoyne
Tommy Roussounis
Ada Edwards
Liam Hall

Attendance

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

W/E 27 January 2023:

Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 93%
Holly - 94%
Fir - 92%
Ash - 99%
Willow - 92%
Oak - 95%
Cherry - 97%
Redwood - 96%

W/E 3 February 2023:

Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

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

W/E 10 February 2023

Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 91%
Holly - 89%
Fir - 94%
Ash - 97%
Willow - 97%
Oak - 96%
Cherry - 98%
Redwood - 97%

Absences

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.

Sports

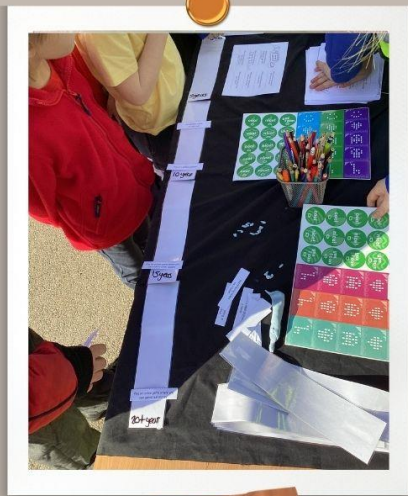
Well done to our fantastic football team - the boys winning their FA cup match 5-0 and a subsequent game 10-0!



The girl's football team have also done incredible well representing the district in the county finals. They have a FA cup fixture today (Friday 24 February). Fingers crossed for a good result!

Topics

Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February 2023

The theme for this year is
**'Want to talk about it? Making space
for conversations about life online'.**

School Parliament and the digital
leaders organised a range of
activities for all the children on the
playground.



Reading Awards

Bronze

James Copeland
Emme Clark
Elsie Smith
Harrie Hackworth
Dylan Lloyd
Leo Flood
Hunter Brightwell
Valerie Alamu
Thomas Wakefield
Finley Avison-Williams
Kyla-Harmony Okullo
Suzie Davies London
Ava Carlisle
Layla Brown Till
Louie Bell
Eyosias Daniel
Keira James

Silver

Kyla-Harmony Okullo
Noah Murnane
Noah Grigg
Penelope Smith
Aurelia Loader
Monnie-May Money
Kieran Quinn
Abigail Reed
Ivy Edwards
Olly Tall
Finley Martin
Sampson Krefta
Alfie Beadle
Lily Burroughs
Mason Lines
Dixon Copas
Alexa Dorney

Gold

Leah Kennedy
Daisy Brown
Zaini Darling
Theodore Light
Francesca Sandford
Noah Murnane
Jessica Willetts
Penelope Smith
Charlie Wenham
Malachi Okullo
Sebastian Allman
Jordan Copeland
Imren Mustafa
Eve Dean
Finley Martin
Amelia Crowley
Austin Clark

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:-



ON SALE NOW!
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE SPELLBINDING PANTOMIME
SAT 9 - SUN 31 DEC 2023

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

