



Newsletter

12 May 2023

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.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported our Coronation School Disco on Friday 5th May. It was such an enjoyable event for the children. Also, a big thank you to our fantastic parents who helped out – your support is greatly appreciated and these events would not be able to run without you!

Announcements

PTA Fundraising – Our PTA fundraising team will be running some exciting events over the coming months to help raise money for iPads and upgraded IT equipment for our school. Further information will follow shortly, but we would like to thank you in advance for any support you can give them. The PTA will also be looking for volunteers to help run these events – any help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact them on hkpta@yahoo.com. Thank you.

May half term – We will break up on Friday 26 May 2023, normal finish time, and return to school on Monday 5 June 2023.

Class Photos – Class photos will be sent home this week – please order online or return to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

Spelling Shed

Lorelei Lindeman – for playing 100 games!

TTRS Certificates

Jack Harrigan
Rosie Jenner
Hugo Kirby

Ebben Hurrell
Sampson Krefta
Beau Burgoyne

Monty Rhucroft
Abigail Reed

Headteacher Awards

W/E 12 May 2023

Acorn – Violet Penalver
Holly – Ava Carlisle
Fir – Zaini Darling
Ash – Amelie Clark
Willow – Sehajdeep Saini
Oak – Mason Smith
Cherry – Amelia Hennessy and All Year 6
Redwood – All Year 6

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.

Attendance

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

W/E 28 April 2023:

Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

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

W/E 5 May 2023:

Whole School – 93%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 96%
Holly - 84%
Fir - 86%
Ash - 96%
Willow - 92%
Oak - 91%
Cherry - 100%
Redwood - 94%

W/E 12 May 2023:

Whole School – 93%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 94%
Holly - 93%
Fir - 90%
Ash - 92%
Willow - 92%
Oak - 88%
Cherry - 98%
Redwood - 100%

Reading Awards

Bronze

Silver

Stanley Davis
Summer Mason
Violet Stanton
Sofia Mills

Gold

Sehajdeep Saini
Vihani Sood
Frederick Price
Charlie Hall
Sampson Krefta

PTA



Adventure Island, Western Esplanade,
Southend-on-Sea, SS1 1EE

All Wristbands - £16.00 each

Any child under 1.2m receives a free accompanying
adult to join them on the rides

Tickets are valid until 31 December 2024 and can be
used on any day (including bank holidays)

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby



Thank you, Horton Kirby PTA



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

