



Newsletter

26 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 all our parents, carers and pupils for a great Term 5. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th June for our final term of this academic year.

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 return to school on Monday 5th June 2023.

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.

TTRS Certificates

Montgomery Rhucroft
Amelia Crowley
Sofia Mills

Jack Harrigan
Sofia Mills
Hugo Kirby

Sebastian Allman

Headteacher Awards

W/E 19 May 2023

Acorn – Madison Simmons
Holly – Amelia Froud
Fir – Skylar Ettridge
Ash – Francesca Sandford
Willow – Teddy Chapple
Oak – Jordan Lavender,
Kaaviya Sivaganesh & Charlie Brown
Cherry – Chloe Scott
Redwood – Poppie Krefta

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Acorn – Finley Martin
Holly – Noah Murnane
Fir – Fir Class
Ash – Christina Penalver
Willow – None this week
Oak – Noah Chapple, Jasper
Hurrell and Isabelle Armstrong
Cherry – Lexi Goodrich
Redwood – Theo Fensom

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 19 May 2023:
Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

Acorn – 100%
Holly – 99%
Fir - 95%
Ash - 96%
Willow – 92%
Oak - 95%
Cherry - 90%
Redwood - 95%

W/E 26 May 2023:
Whole School – 95%

Class Attendance:

Acorn - 98%
Holly - 95%
Fir - 95%
Ash - 96%
Willow - 93%
Oak - 91%
Cherry - 93%
Redwood - 95%

Sport

A huge well done to our football team who reached the semi-finals last week! We are all extremely proud of you.



Reading Awards

Bronze

Isabella Carfora
Rocco Annett

Silver

Jolie Burgoyne
Arthur Donnelly
Emme Clark
Dylan Lloyd
Poppy Smith
Dallas Raynsford

Gold

Jake Fensom
Megan Bell
James Copeland
Phoebe Chakkarath
Safiyah Alsaleh



**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

