



## **Newsletter**

*28 April 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*

We would like to say a special thank you to some of our wonderful parents who have helped the school with donations. We have recently been donated some amazing gymnastic equipment (which was transported from West Malling to our school). We have also been donated some lovely large pot plants to go outside the school office area. Thank you to all – we really appreciate it.

### *Announcements*

**School Coronation Celebrations** – To celebrate the King's Coronation in school, on Friday 5 May 2023 we will be having a non-uniform day. Children can come into school wearing red, white or blue, or a combination of all 3 colours, or dress up as a prince/princess/king/queen. They can also bring in a plate of food for celebratory parties in the afternoon. Please ensure that the plate is covered and named. Unfortunately, we are unable to refrigerate the party plates, so no chilled items please.

**Coronation School Disco** – Friday 5 May 2023. Please go to [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby) for further information and to purchase tickets. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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.

**Night Owls** – Do not forget to order your individual owl photos.

**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](http://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.

### *4 R Certificates – 31 March 2023*

#### **Respect**

Amelia Crowley  
Freddie Dahmen  
Hunie Queenbarrows  
Oliver Ballard  
Jolie Burgoyne  
Isabelle Armstrong  
Harry Gear  
Tao Gambura

#### **Responsibility**

Jack Harrigan  
Kalina Dobrosielska  
Georgie Turner  
Rosie Jenner  
Hunter Brightwell  
Molly Turner  
Grace Bryant  
Lily Kowalska

#### **Resilience**

Harrie Hackworth  
Keira James  
Ossie Pitman  
Megan Bell  
Ebben Hurrell  
Alfie Beadle  
George Petherick  
Damope Adedeji

#### **Reflection**

Ada Edwards  
Josiah Daniels  
Charlie Wenham  
Rocco Webb  
Aurelia Loader  
Rocco Williams  
Lexie Goodrich  
Autumn Loader

### *TTRS Certificates*

Frederick Price  
Finley Avison-Williams

Beau Burgoyne  
Georgie Turner

Tommy Roussounis  
Monty Rhucroft

Rico Boulton

## *Headteacher Awards*

### **W/E 21 April 2023**

Acorn – Eve Dean  
Holly – Louie Bell  
Fir – Alice Graves  
Ash – Dallas Raynsford  
Willow – Stanley Davis  
Oak – Harrison Oakins  
Cherry – Samuel Lockyer  
Redwood – Rhys Chappell

### **W/E 28 April 2023**

Acorn – Connie Goldsmith  
Holly – Layla Brown  
Fir – Hayden Pardo-Laurie  
Ash – Valerie Alamu  
Willow – Luca Goodrich  
Oak – Stanley Kennar  
Cherry – Ava Biddle  
Redwood – Amelia Stone-Cengiz

## *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](mailto:office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk). This is important, and we appreciate your assistance in keeping our records up to date.

## *Attendance*

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

### **W/E 24 March 2023:**

Whole School – 96%

#### *Class Attendance:*

Acorn - 98%  
Holly - 100%  
Fir - 96%  
Ash - 98%  
Willow – 93%  
Oak - 94%  
Cherry - 98%  
Redwood - 97%

### **W/E 31 March 2023:**

Whole School – 96%

#### *Class Attendance:*

Acorn - 97%  
Holly - 92%  
Fir - 92%  
Ash - 98%  
Willow - 93%  
Oak - 98%  
Cherry - 98%  
Redwood - 97%

### **W/E 21 April 2023:**

Whole School – 94%

#### *Class Attendance:*

Acorn - 92%  
Holly - 97%  
Fir - 90%  
Ash - 95%  
Willow - 93%  
Oak - 97%  
Cherry - 94%  
Redwood - 96%

## *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](mailto:office@hortonkirby.kent.sch.uk).

## *Sports*

For those that may be interested, Miss Harper will be playing in the Kent Women's Cup Final, Aylesford -v- Gillingham, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm at the Gallagher Stadium in Maidstone. If you would like to support her, please do come along.

## *Reading Awards*

### **Bronze**

Dallas Raynsford

### **Silver**

Jaxon Slight  
Jack Harrigan  
Carter Etheridge  
George Gurnett  
James Copeland  
Elsie Smith  
Valerie Alamu  
Thomas Wakefield  
Phoebe Price  
Phoebe Chakkarath  
Violet Penalver  
Dolly-Rose Grant  
Philip Dobrosielski  
Safiyah Alsaleh  
Violet Edwards  
Ebben Hurrell  
Logan Mackay  
Frederick Price  
Amelia Froud  
Vihani Sood  
Olivia Sandford  
Megan Bell  
Sehajdeep Saini  
Jake Fensom  
Hunie Queenbarrows  
Leo Flood

### **Gold**

Jack Harrigan  
Elsie Smith  
Charlie Kennedy  
Alexa Dorney  
Jaxon Slight  
Dixon Copas



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

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm

£31.00 per ticket  
Seats are in the Stalls (Rows D to F)

For further information and to purchase your  
tickets please visit:-  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby)

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



Thank you, Horton Kirby 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)

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**Coronation School Disco**  
Horton Kirby C of E Primary School

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Reception and KS1 – 3.15pm to 4.45pm  
KS2 – 5.00pm to 6.30pm

Tickets - £6.00 each

For tickets and more information, please visit  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofhortonkirby)



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

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 5.00pm  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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)

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