



Horsley CE Primary School Term 3
Newsletter

The Horsley & Mapperley Federation of
Church of England Primary Schools



The Heroes & Marvels Award

Name:



Dear Horsley families,

It is lovely to see the lighter evenings starting to arrive, and with that hopefully in school more outdoor PE lessons and outdoor lunchtimes. Just a quick reminder that children should be working towards their appropriate stage in their Heroes & Marvels Awards book, as we have our Federation Awards event on Tuesday July 1st in the evening. Reception have 1 year to achieve Bronze, Year 1 & Year 2 have two years for Silver, Year 3 & Year 4 two years to achieve Gold, and Year 5 & 6 two years to obtain Platinum. Please can completed books be brought to school the week of 2nd June.

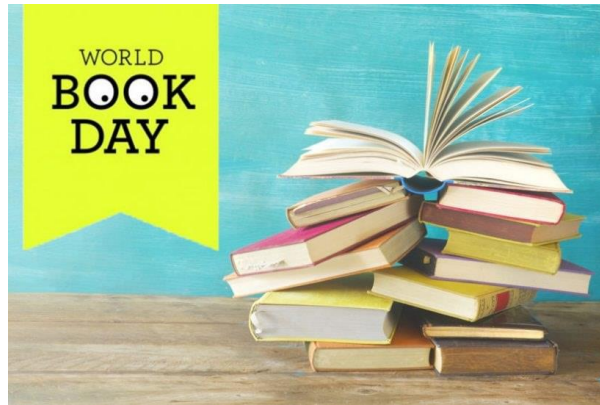
Please see dates for the year below. More detailed information will follow as we get closer to events.

Should you have any queries, then please get in touch with me, either in person at the gate, by phone - Mapperley (0115) 9285386 or Horsley (01332) 880782 or email me at headteacher@mapperleycont.derbsyhire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

R J Cripps

Executive Headteacher



1 - World Book Day

World Book Day 5th March

For World Book Day this year, we encourage children to wear their own clothes or whatever they are comfortable reading in. We would like children to bring in their favourite book from home (please make sure it is named) or choose their favourite in school. We want to make this year's World Book Day about enjoying a really good read and getting into a good book. We would like to invite parents, grandparents to pop into class to read with us at 3pm. Feel free to bring your own favourite children's book along to share.

Reminder: Since returning after Christmas, there has been an increase in jewellery being worn by the pupils. Can I just remind parents that due to health and safety grounds; we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small ear studs in pierced ears, or a watch. We do ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Can I also remind parents that children should not be wearing make up or false/gel nails to school.



2 - Attendance Matters

At Horsley we aim to develop the gifts and talents of all our pupils and encourage a life long love of learning. To achieve this, and for children to reach their full potential, excellent attendance and punctuality is crucial. We want to promote good attendance for the children in our school and as parents we need your help and support to ensure your child reaches their full potential.

What does Good School Attendance look like?

We take school absence very seriously. We identify students whose attendance drops below 96% and will work with families to help improve this. We will now contact any family whose child's attendance drops below 90% which is the persistent absence threshold. It is important that parents/carers and school work together to reduce absence and prevent legal action being taken as a result of persistent absence.

We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

GREEN - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

AMBER - 96.7% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

RED - below 96.7%. Attendance below expected level. We will monitor the child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement we will contact you by letter.

A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office and a copy will be provided with your child's annual report in the Summer term.

Absence Reporting

Please remember when phoning or emailing in for a child who is off school, we require a reason for the absence. Please remember to provide your child's full name and class as well. Thank you.

Medical Appointments - We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance.

We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration - *1.10pm* this will also have a positive impact.

Please make sure you have contacted the school by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

Holidays and Absence during term time Absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) from Derbyshire County Council. A FPN is issued per parent, per child and is £160. If it is paid within 21 days this may be reduced to £80. Further information can be found [here](#)

Punctuality

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day. Gates open at 8.50am , with the school day starting at 9am. Late arrival is between 9am and 9.10am. Arrival after 9.30am is recorded as unauthorised. 20 late arrivals can trigger a FPN especially if your child also has other unauthorised absence.



3 - We understand that school mornings can be hectic, but ... Did you know? Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!

Dates for 2025

Dates are subject to change

February

10th- Horsley Parents Evening

11th- Safer Internet Day, Y5/6 Dodgeball: Heanor Cluster - @ Heanor Leisure Centre 4-6pm, Governor meeting

12th- Horsley Parents Evening

14th-INSET 3 & Term 3 ends

24th- INSET 4

25th- Term 4 begins

March

1st- St David's Day

4th-High 5 Netball: @ Alfreton Leisure Centre 4-6pm

5th- World Book Day Horsley

14th- Lea Green day visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

17th- St Patrick's Day & Y5/6 Swimming Gala (tbc)

21st- Red Nose Day

27th- Mothering Sunday Worship led by Robins in church, Tag Rugby: Small Schools - 4-6pm

April

3rd- Easter Worship led by Owls in church

4th- End of Term 4

22nd- Term 5 begins

23rd- St George's Day

29th KS1 Cross Country: @ Shipley Park 3-4pm, KS2 Cross Country: Shipley Park - 4-5:30pm

May

5th Bank Holiday

12th- Year 6 SATs week

19th- KS1 Football: Belper Cluster - @ Belper High School 4-6pm

23rd- End of Term 5

June

2nd - Term 6 begins

4th-Golf: 4-6pm - @ Ormonde Field Golf Club

11th-13th Year 5 & 6 Lea Green residential

16th- INSET 5

19th-Rounders: 4-6pm

23rd Tough Runner Horsley

24th- 26th- John Flamsteed Year 6 Transition visits

27th- Sports Afternoon

30th- Balance Bike: @ Alfreton Leisure Centre 9:30-11:30am

July

1st- Tough Rower Horsley

3rd-5th Heanor Gate Year 6 Transition visits

7th- Summer Performance by Owls & Hawks

9th- Orienteering: Year 3/4 - @ Eyes Meadow 1-3pm, Year 5/6 - @ Eyes Meadow 4-6pm

11th- Reports sent home

21st- Year 6 Leavers evening

23rd- Horsley Year 6 Leavers 2.15pm

24th - End of Term 6

INSET Dates for 2025/2026

Thursday 4th September 2025

Monday 5thg January 2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

