



Horsley CE Primary School Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Horsley families,

What a fantastic start to the school year it has been! The children have really settled well into their new classes and we are all very proud of them. It has been brilliant to see our Reception children adjusting to their new journey into school life so very positively. We have had our first sports events of the year- girl's football tournament- which was a delight to see. Last night's Key Stage 1 Sports Hall Athletics was brilliant too! The mixed team football has been rescheduled for November 7th. Please see dates for the year below with other sports events that are planned- details will follow. This year, classes will lead some of the key services at church, our older children (Owls & Hawks classes) will perform this summer with an end of year play, with our younger children (Wrens & Robins classes) performing the Nativity.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 Residential at Drum Hill Scout Camp went very well and thankfully the weather was on our side! Such an amazing achievement for a number of children who had not stayed away from family before. The children were so well behaved and enthusiastic- they were a credit to everyone. A big thank you to the staff team for their support and care and also a big thank you to www.catering24.co.uk for their support with the visit. Thank you also to families for entrusting us to look after your children away from the usual school setting and overnight.

Please see key dates for the school year ahead below- there is already lots to look forward to and more to be added. 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,

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Executive Headteacher



1 - Drum Hill 2024!

School Improvement Priorities 2024-2025



We write a School Improvement Plan in partnership with Governors which has a long term vision and annual goals. We choose our priorities by looking at the needs of our learners, reviewing how well children achieve by the end of the year as individuals and compared to National expectations, by addressing areas of need identified by external consultants and local authority reviews and reflecting on what we want children to learn and achieve by the time they leave our school. We look at the starting points of our children, identify weaker areas and build programmes that will support rapid developments.

This year our whole school areas are:

- **To improve the quality of the teaching and learning in reading and phonics across the Federation of schools**
- **To improve the quality of the teaching and learning of Mathematics across the Federation of schools**
- **To ensure that attendance levels throughout school improve and that persistent absenteeism is reduced**
- **To continue to develop the role of subject leaders**
- **To ensure that children are experiencing a rich spiritual curriculum**

- **To develop stronger relationships with preschool settings**

Dates for 2024-2025

Dates are subject to change

October

10th- Harvest Worship, led by Wrens in Church

14th- Individual Photographs, Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics: Small Schools - @ Belper Leisure Centre 4-6pm, Horsley Parents Evening 3.30-5.30

16th- Horsley Parents evening 3.30-5.30

17th- Year 5 Bible presentation Church Horsley 2.45

24th- PTFA Non-Uniform Day

25th- INSET 2

November

4th - Term 2 begins

7th- Remembrance Worship led by Hawks in church

8th-Leadership Conference: Year 5/6 - 9:30-11:30am, Year 1/2 - 12:30-2:30pm

9th- PTFA stall at Bonfire Night at Sitwell Arms

11th-Assessment Week, PTFA meeting time tbc

15th- Children in Need Day

20th- Mini Basketball: (small schools) @ Belper Leisure Centre 4-6pm

29th- PTFA Bingo Night at Sitwell Arms

30th- St Andrew's Day

December

3rd- Governor Meeting

4th- School Christmas Dinner

9th- Derby Theatre visit to see "A Christmas Carol"

16th- PTFA Jingle Walk & Christmas Fayre at Sitwell Arms

18th- Horsley Nativity by Wrens & Robins

19th- Christmas parties

20th- End of Term 2

January

8th- Term 3 begins

13th Boys Futsal: Small Schools - @ Ripley Leisure Centre 4-6pm

14th- Rock Kidz Workshops

22nd-Indoor Rowing: 4-6pm

28th-Y1/2 Dodgeball: Heanor Cluster - @ Heanor Leisure Centre 4-6pm

February

4th-Y3/4 Dodgeball: Heanor Cluster -@ Heanor Leisure Centre 4-6pm

10th- Horsley Parents Evening

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

12th- Horsley Parents Evening

16th- Term 3 ends

14th-INSET 3

24th- INSET 4

25th- Term 4 begins

March

1st- St David's Day

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

6th- World Book Day Horsley

10th- Assessment Week

17th- St Patrick's Day

21st- Red Nose Day

25th- Governor Meeting

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

13th- Governor meeting

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

9th- Assessment Week

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 tbc

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

