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Dear Parent,

Autumn Term Newsletter 2017 (1)

We warmly welcome all children and their parents who have recently joined Horsington Church School. If you have any questions or are uncertain about any of the events associated with the school please talk to any of our school staff who will be only too glad to help. Mrs Ham is available in the office every day.



Consent Form for the Recording of Images

This form is attached to the newsletter. I would be grateful if you could return this as soon as possible with the exception of the new reception children who have already completed this. We are required to send the form out annually.

This consent form has already been completed for the new reception children and children new to the school this year.

Consent Form for School Visits

With this newsletter is another consent form, but once this is completed when you pay for a visit on Parent Pay please ensure you tick the consent giving permission for your child to go then we will use the information on the attached form. You will not need then to complete a consent form for visits this year apart from Kilve Court residential for Earth Class. If your child's medical details change please inform us. If you do not pay for visits through Parent Pay then you will need to send in a consent form for each visit which is available on the school website or at the school office.



Harvest

Everyone is most welcome to attend our Harvest Service at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 27th September. This year we are trying a new way and holding our service on the school field or if wet in the Village Hall. Children usually bring a gift of tinned or dried food which is then sent to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil. We will be making a display of these gifts and the children are asked to bring them in the day before or on the Wednesday morning and put them in the kitchen. The service should last about 45 minutes. If the service is held at the Village Hall, all children will be walked back to be collected by parents at school.

Meeting for Year 3 Parents

Mrs Brady and Ms Epps will be holding an informal meeting for year



3 parents on Tuesday 19th
September at 3.30pm in Fire Class
to talk about such topics as reading
and homework.

Holidays in term time

Following the **Education (Pupil
Registration) Regulations 2013** that
regulates authorised absence from school
Headteachers are unable to authorise
absence for holidays taken in term time.
There are very few exceptions, such as
family funerals. If unauthorised holidays
are taken by parents the Local Authority,
through its Attendance Officer, may issue
a penalty notice which incurs a fine.

Entitlement to free school meals

Shortly we will be required to return
information that affects the way the school
is funded and assessed against other
schools. I would be grateful if you could
inform the school office if you are eligible
for free school meals even if you do not
wish to claim one or your child receives an
Infant Free School Meal. Any information
that you give to us will remain
confidential. Names will not be placed on
the information we return to the
Government, only the number of eligible
children

Music and singing lessons

We are pleased that Mrs Atkinson
has offered to take over as a
visiting piano teacher.

She is also able to
offer violin lessons to
year 3 and above.

Mrs Bartlett is offering singing
lessons to year 3 and above and also
recorder lessons. If your child is
interested in learning any of these
please contact either Mrs Atkinson,
Mrs Bartlett or the school office
for details.



After-school Clubs

After-school clubs have been arranged
on a Monday and Tuesday evening for
KS2 children and start on 18th
September. At the moment we have
been unable to find a coach to run any
KS1 clubs but will let you know if that
changes.

Contact Information

Please inform us as soon as possible
of any changes to your contact
information. Please ensure that we
have your most recent mobile phone
number.

Road Safety

Recently there has been some
concern expressed about the speed
cars are travelling along the roads
near the school, please be very
aware of your speed especially for
those who walk to and from school.

Bags to School

Don't forget to collect items for our
Bags2School collection on 28th September.
They will collect good quality adult and
children's clothing, paired shoes, hats,
belts, handbags, ties and soft toys. This
will provide funds for our PTFA.

Certificates gained outside school

If any children achieve
things out of school
please encourage them to
bring in their certificates to display
on 'The Outside School Achievement
Board'. We like to acknowledge
achievements in and out of the School
environment.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Earth Class are organising a coffee morning on Friday 29th September - look out for more details on posters around school soon.

Wincanton Library

The local library are encouraging children to join and a letter from them is attached to this newsletter.

PTFA AGM

The date for the PFTA AGM is being held at School on Tuesday 19th September at 3.45pm.



Flu Vaccination

The NHS are sending out letters direct to parents of children from reception to year 4 offering the flu vaccination. If you would like your child to have this in school please return the letter to the school office.

Thank you to Mr O'Gorman and Mr Dike who generously carried out various repair/painting jobs around the school during the summer holidays for us. We are very grateful for your time and support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Rumbelow'.

*Ian Rumbelow
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Dear Parents and Carers

At the beginning of this 2017/18 School Year we do hope that you will join your children to the Library if they are not yet members. It is free to join for both children and adults. You need to go into Wincanton (or any other) library, fill in a simple form and show some ID with your name and address on it. Library staff can then give you a library card and join up as many of your family who would like to have a card. There is no age limit. Children have a choice of card design and we encourage them to read for pleasure as well as keeping up their reading skills for school.

Each card entitles you to borrow 20 items: books are free and can be loaned for three weeks and DVDs (costing £2 or £3) for one week. In addition adults are able to use the computers in the library and children who are 10 or over can use them too, as long as we have permission for this from a parent or carer. The computers are free to use with a small charge for printing. We also provide free courses in computing.

Using your card you are able to check your loans and renew your books on line at www.librarieswest.org.uk. There is a brilliant phone or tablet app downloadable from this site and you can download audio books and E-books completely free. You can also look up and order books on our extensive catalogue. Somerset Libraries are part of a Consortium with Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, Dorset, Poole, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. With a library card you have access to all libraries in these areas and can take books out from and return them to any of the libraries.

Besides books, computers and films the library offers many facilities. We have a photocopier, a fax machine and can provide 3D printing. There is a Rhyme Time for children under five every Tuesday morning and a children's story time each Saturday morning for any age. Story times are extended each half term and during school holidays often incorporating a craft session. We also offer quiz sheets for adults and we happily cater for book clubs. The 'Knit and Natter, Sew and Craft' club meets once a month in the library and so does the Poetry Group.

To investigate all this and more please come and visit us as soon as you can. We are looking forward to welcoming you.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely

The Wincanton Library Friends

