



## Newsletter 1 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Welcome back to everyone and an especially warm welcome to all our new Nursery children and parents. We hope you all soon feel a part of our school family and we look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Everyone has settled back into routines well this week and lots of children have been telling me how excited they are about being in their new classes and how much they are enjoying this week. Staff have also had big smiles and have loved their first week back.

It has been lovely to see so many of our 'old' Year 6 children who have been back to say how much they are enjoying High School and it is good to see them settling in so well.

Our weekly news is emailed, available on the school website and highlights published on Twitter. Please let us know if you need a paper copy. Class newsletters are being emailed today to give you an overview of the curriculum your child will be covering this half term. We hope that through these different ways of communicating with families, you will be able to keep up to date with the day to day life of school and be aware of forthcoming events and dates. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve or change what and how we communicate to be more helpful to you, please let us know.

Mrs Skinner

### Save the Dates

#### Church Harvest Service

Key Stage 2 children (Class 3, Class 2M, Class 2R) have been asked to lead the church Harvest Service again this year on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. A letter is being emailed to these classes today giving further details. All families are welcome to attend this community event.



#### Sports Tournaments

We will be taking part in the inter school sports tournaments at Horbury Academy again this year. It has often been difficult to recruit enough children to the teams until the last minute and this has made organisation and preparation beforehand less thorough than we would like.

**This year we are aiming to have full teams well in advance.**

Attached is the full list of events and dates for the year so that you and your child knowing advance what commitments we will be asking for.

We are keen to improve the profile of sport in our school this year and for the children to gain more specialised skills in preparation for competitions. If any parents can help us or have any contacts they can put us in touch with, please do let us know.



#### MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Mrs Jolly will be organising and hosting a coffee and cake afternoon on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

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#### Learn a brass instrument

**Horbury Victoria Band** are looking for children who would like to learn to play a brass instrument. Tuition and instruments are provided. Go along to the first session in the Band Room on Shepstye Road on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6.15pm** or for more information contact the band secretary, Arnold Tattersfield at 01924 629109 email [thetatts76@sky.com](mailto:thetatts76@sky.com)



## Flu jabs

Letters have been sent home regarding the flu jabs being offered this year for all children up to Year 4.



## Swimming

Ossett pool are unable to offer us a class swimming time until February due to their own timetable being full. We will continue to check with them if any slots become available beforehand but in the meantime, a group lunchtime slot will give a small number of children more focused time to develop their confidence.



## Daily Planners

Every child has a daily planner to help communication between home and school and as a reading record. Please check this daily for any notes from school and sign it weekly. Staff will also check daily for any notes from you.

### Reminders:

#### Entry Gates

The entrance gates to school operate on 2 different systems:

The **car park gate** can only be accessed by staff codes.

**This main pedestrian gate is closed but unlocked 8.45am - 9.15am and again at 3.15pm-3.45pm.**

Outside of these hours, parents and visitors need to ring the buzzer or call **07753298743** and if the **mobile phone used is registered with us the gate will automatically unlock**. If you change your number, please remember to let us know to add it to our system. **Please do not ring the gate whilst it is unlocked as this will lock it instead.**

#### Breakfast and After School Clubs

To make sure we have the right staffing ratios, it is important that we know in advance how many children will be attending these sessions. Please make sure that you book these sessions in advance as we may not be able to accommodate any last minute bookings.

## Class News

### Foundation Stage

What a fantastic first week back! All of the children came to school raring to go and wanting to explore the classroom. Our new Nursery children have settled in so well and have really impressed us with how polite and kind they are. Reception have been superstars too. They have been amazing role models for the new Nursery children, showing them where things belong and looking after them. We are extremely proud of our new class already and are looking forward to next week, when the fun will begin with our new topic book. Fingers crossed our magic story box delivers something exciting on Monday!

Miss Painter, Mrs Lovell, Mrs Stearne, Mrs Thompson



### Class 1

We have had a fabulous first week in Class 1! The children have wowed us with how mature and sensible they have been – they are certainly ready for the challenges Year 1 and 2 will bring! We have had a very busy week; we have started our topic work, learnt all about growth mindset, looked at our Christian value and discussed our class charter, to name but a few. We have also had lots of fun exploring and playing in the new areas in our classroom. We cannot wait to see what exciting opportunities this year has in store!

Miss Schofield, Mrs Ross



### Class 2

This week in both classes, we have been looking at our new book 'The Tin Forest'. We began by filling in applications to be 'Dream Givers'; an elite branch of mystical creatures that grant the dreams of humans. We then set off on a quest to find a worthy person who deserved their dream granting. On our quest, we came across a land that was in the middle of nowhere, almost forgotten and surrounded by things that nobody wanted. In that place, there was a house. The children used their imagination to recreate their scene and draw an image of what they believed this place looked like.

Mr McHale, Miss Riley, Mrs Brammer







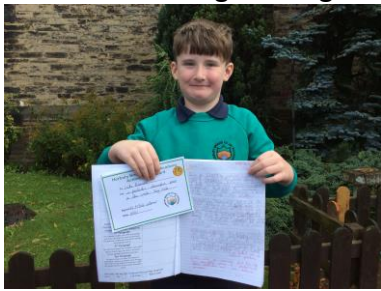




### Class 3

We have had a fabulous first week back and are all settling into Class 3. The children are already stepping up to the mark of being the role models for the younger children and are taking on more challenges. As well as thinking about our rights and responsibilities, we have been unpicking what it means to have a 'growth mindset' and how by believing and persevering will help us to succeed with so many different things. We have explored different celebrities and how they showed true determination even when they were told they would never reach their dreams. Our growth mindset tree will express when the children have had a special 'wow' moment in their learning.

Mrs Findlay, Mrs Callaghan



## Achievement Awards this week

<p><b>Foundation</b></p>	<p><b>Nursery Star:</b> Priya Thompson An amazing first week in Nursery, settling in so well</p> 	<p><b>Reception:</b> Oliver Cross Being an amazing role model to the new Nursery children and returning with a mature attitude</p> 
<p><b>Year 1</b></p>	<p><b>Callum Power</b> Starting Year 1 with such a positive and mature attitude</p> 	<p><b>Billy Fairbrother</b> A fantastic role model and a good friend</p> 
<p><b>Class 2M</b></p>	<p><b>Luke Ramsden</b> Producing a fantastic, descriptive piece of work in 'Big Writing'</p> 	<p><b>Flossy Hayward</b> Having an amazing 'Growth Mindset' in all subjects</p> 
<p><b>Class 2R</b></p>		<p><b>The Whole Class</b> For being so welcoming and helpful to Miss Riley in her first week</p>
<p><b>Class 3</b></p>	<p><b>Scarlett Butterworth</b> A fantastic attitude towards her learning</p> 	<p><b>Nathan Guy</b> A fabulous week in Class 3</p> 

<b>Whole School Achievement Awards</b>	<b>Lunchtime Award: Reception</b> For settling so well into their new lunchtime routines	<b>Headteacher Award: Whole School</b> For a wonderful first week of the year. There has been a lovely atmosphere in school with everyone working and playing well together
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<b>Important Dates for your Diary</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Thursday September 14th	Cross Country inter school event, Year 4,5,6
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Church Harvest Service 10am
Thursday September 28th	Year 4 Touch Rugby
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Class 2M and 2R visit to United Hebrew Synagogue, Leeds
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Football
Thursday October 19th	Year 6 High Five Netball

<b>Term Dates 2017 – 2018</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School reopens
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer

**We have 4 closure (INSET) for staff training to be allocated for 2017/2018**

**Horbury Academy**  
**Primary School Festival Dates 2017/18**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Event</b>
September 14th	Year 4/5/6	Cross Country
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	Touch Rugby
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5	Football
October 19th	Year 6	High Five Netball
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year ½	Benchball
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6	Basketball
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	Benchball
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6	Badminton
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6	Sportshall athletics
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2	Multiskills
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3	Unihoc
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Wake Up Shake Up
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4	The Cube
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Years 1/2/3	Handball
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2	Races and relays
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4	Summer games
June 15 <sup>th</sup> 12.30	Year 5/6	Mini Olympics- Thornes Park
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3/4	Athletics
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Kwik Cricket
July 5th	Year 5	Rounders