

Newsletter 4 28th September



Harvest

'What a credit to the school' was one of the many comments we had on Sunday after leading the Church Harvest Service. Our children sang and read with the confidence and high standards that we can always rely on them for, as they explained our Harvest appeal.

This year we are **raising funds for our link school, Mmazami Primary in Tanzania**. The church collection raised **£314** which is a tremendous start to our fundraising. It was lovely to see so many families joining us and a huge thank you to all the children who gave their time to this.



Foundation Stage Harvest

Nursery and Reception children will be holding their own Harvest presentation on **Thursday 19th October** in our hall. Please be seated by 9.15 and we will start **between 9.15 and 9.30am** as soon as the children are **changed and ready**. Refreshments will be available at 9.00am whilst families are waiting.

Sports News: Rugby

The Year 3/4 rugby team gave an excellent account of themselves at yesterday's tournament. We held the eventual winners to a 0-0 draw and only conceded one try in all our games. It was also good to see one of our past pupils acting as a Young Sports Leader and supporting us.

Charlie's comment beforehand summed up the whole team's attitude and determination: "The other teams may think girls can't play rugby but they haven't met Horbury Bridge girls yet-we never give up!" 'Well Done' to you all.



Netball

Mrs Jolly will be running **after school netball practice** on **Tuesdays for the next 3 weeks**. This is for any **Year 5/6** children and in particular, for those who are interested in taking part in the Hi 5 Netball tournament. Sessions start next **Tuesday 3rd October** from **3.30-4.30pm**.

'That Poetry Bloke' www.thatpoetrybloke.com

Next **Thursday** afternoon, **5th October**, poet and performer, **Craig Bradley**, is leading a poetry workshop in school and sharing some of his own poems with us. He will have **signed copies of his children's poetry books** at £5.99 each or £10 for 2 if any children would like to buy them on the day.



Parents Association

A number of parents have shown interest in re-establishing our Parents and Friends Association. We all have busy lives but the more people who can get involved with the ideas and organisation of our social and fundraising events, the easier the workload for everyone and the more varied activities we can offer. We will shortly be arranging a meeting of any interested parents so do think about coming along.

Music Lessons

We have a limited number of spaces for children in Years 3-6 who are interested in learning woodwind, brass or percussion instruments. Lessons cost £30 per term for 20 min sessions. Please contact the office for more details and to arrange a free taster session for your child.



Class News

Foundation Stage

Horbury Bridge Police Station opened its doors this week with lots of keen police officers raring to start work. Their job was to find the Naughty Bus and friends and stop them causing any more trouble. PC Oliver and PC Thomas hunted for clues, high and low, inside and out. They carefully learnt how to use our new cameras to take photos of any evidence they found. PC Oliver found a Naughty Bus hiding in the water tray, PC Arrietty found tyre marks in the sand and later in the week, PC Mason caught the Naughty Bus red handed outside. Unfortunately it was too late for Rory as the Naughty Bus jumped on a water ramp, revved his engine and came speeding down, splashing Rory in the face! Can anyone stop the Naughty Bus?!

Miss Painter, Mrs Lovell, Mrs Stearne, Mrs Thompson



Class 1

This week in Class 1 we were very excited to find out that Michael (the main character in our story) travelled to Egypt, as he was tasked with finding missing treasure! We decided to use the iPads to find out lots of information about Egypt. We found some great facts and really enjoyed using the iPads to help our learning. We look forward to using them again very soon.

Miss Schofield, Mrs Ross



Class 2

This week in Class 2, we have been looking at passing our 'Dream Giver Navigation Tests'. This included a 2 part exam, where we had to use an 8 point compass to navigate our way around the field. The children then had to collect letters to spell out words. For



the other exam, the mini Dream Givers had to show their directional skills by 'programming' their partner to move special objects in various directions. Lots of fun was had and to the delight of the children, everyone passed their exams! The miniature Dream Givers have now qualified for their wings and will have the full powers of a Senior Dream GivMr McHale, Miss Riley, Mrs Brammer



Class 3

Class 3 have been keeping extremely fit this week and have had a fun-filled week of sport. Monday started with rugby, practising their passing skills and then Tuesday focusing on netball skills and footwork in preparation for our tournament in a couple of weeks' time. They then finished the week with another sporting session led by our PE coaches.

Mrs Findlay, Mrs Callaghan

Save the Dates

INSET day

Please note school will be closed on Friday November 17th for staff training and review of best practice in spelling strategies. We are sorry we are unable to offer any childcare on this day.

Sports Tournaments

Year 5 Football: 5th October

Year 6 Netball: 19th October





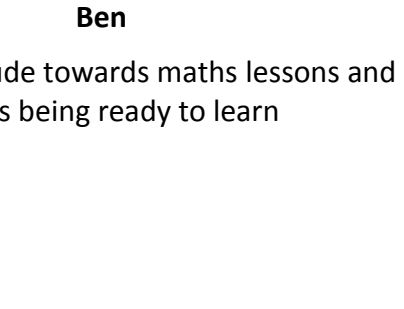







Afternoon Tea with 44th Wakefield Guides (Horbury Bridge)

Saturday 14th October, 2.00-3.15pm or 3.30-4.45pm



Achievement Awards this week

<p>Foundation</p>	<p>Nursery Star: Thomas Joining in and trying his best with all activities- always a lovely smile too!</p>		<p>Reception: Ollie Showing fantastic outdoors knowledge-a scientist in the making!</p>	
<p>Class 1</p>	<p>William Great listening skills and following instructions in cooking</p>		<p>Finn Putting 100% effort into his writing and trying hard to work independently</p>	
<p>Class 2M</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ben Excellent attitude towards maths lessons and always being ready to learn</p>		<p>Lydia Putting 100% effort into all lessons-what a superstar</p>	
<p>Class 2R</p>	<p>Matthew Consistently producing high quality, independent work in all areas</p>		<p>Izzie-Mae Improved confidence in maths and having a growth mindset</p>	
<p>Class 3</p>	<p>Dan Being an excellent role model and always trying hard in all aspects of school life</p>		<p>Connah Putting 100% effort into all he does-a pleasure to have in class!</p>	

Important Dates for your Diary	
Date	Event
Monday 2 nd October	Class 2M and 2R visit to United Hebrew Synagogue, Leeds, am
Monday 2 nd October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 4 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 th October	Year 5 Football
Wednesday 11 th October	Class 1 visit to Middleton Railway
Wednesday 18 th October	School Harvest Years 1-6, in church, 9.30am
Wednesday 18 th October	Foundation Stage Harvest, hall
Thursday October 19 th	Year 6 High Five Netball
Friday 17 th November	School closed for INSET

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

We have 3 closure (INSET) for staff training to be allocated for 2017/2018

Horbury Academy
Primary School Festival Dates 2017/18

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