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Read Write Inc Parents Information

On Wednesday we held a meeting for parents to explain some of the changes we have made to teaching reading, writing and spelling from Nursery to Year 2, using the 'Read, Write Inc' programme. A copy of the slides and notes were given to all parents attending the meeting and copies sent home to those who were unable to attend. Please let us know if you have any questions or need a further copy.

British Science Week

Next week is the start of British Science Week. This is a ten-day celebration of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**aths, known as '**STEM**'. It includes events and activities across the UK for people of all ages, including family events. Visit https://www.britishscienceweek.org/ for more information.

To celebrate science in school, we are encouraging the children to recognise science in their lives and the world around them by taking and sending us a 'ScienceSelfie'. You can email, tweet or Dojo your child's selfie and see some of the ones already taken by staff and children on our twitter @HorburyBridgeAc and website www.horburybridgeacademy.co.uk.



Classes will be exploring STEM subjects throughout the week and

we would like to invite you **drop into Church on Friday afternoon from 2.30pm** to see some of the things they have been doing. Groups of children will be on hand to explain what they have been doing and there will be practical activities for you to try.

Finally, if you work in any of the STEM subjects and would like to come in and speak to or work with our children, either during Science Week or in future, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mr Allerton to the staff team. He will be joining Foundation Stage after Easter whilst Miss Painter is on maternity leave.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held in church **on Thursday 29th March from 9.15am**. Children from Upper Nursery to Year 6 will retell the Easter story with song and drama. Parents are invited to join us and refreshments will be served from 9am.

Save the Date

SATs information meeting for Year 6 parents: Monday 19th March

In Case You Missed It

See our World Book Day photos and slideshow at http://bit.ly/HBWBD2018

World Book Day tokens-these can now be used until 31st March

Rickaro Books in Horbury, are also offering **10% discount on books** to children who join 'Tilly's Young Readers Club'.



St Peter's Church are running **free** Easter activities on Good Friday: **Tomb Raiders Children's Workshop**, PLUS each child gets a **FREE Easter egg** - all welcome, booking essential. Contact Margaret Holmes on 280371 to book or for details



Easter holiday club bookings need to be sent to the office by Thursday 29th March.

Class News

Foundation Stage Lower Nursery

The fire station theme has continued in our class this week and the children have been working really hard to paint a fire engine. They had to think about the things you might see on a fire engine and what colours we need to use. Evie tried really hard with her painting and was very eager to tell her friends the things she had painted.

Reception/Upper Nursery

It's been a very creative week for the children in Foundation Stage. They have been looking at a variety of different animals and learning about their habitats. Daniel said "A habitat is an animal house but it's not like our house." The children have enjoyed matching different animals to their homes and building storylines into their play. On the





creative table, the children have been skilfully using different materials to collage the outlines of animals. Thomas described the textures of his collage "This bit is fluffy and this bit is smooth."

Miss Painter, Mrs Lovell, Mrs Stearne, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Gaimster

Class 1

This week in Class 1 we had a fabulous afternoon in Coxley Woods! We used our knowledge of plants and flowers to identify common and wild flowers and enjoyed completing a flower hunt. We also picked some wild garlic and made wild garlic butter, which was delicious with some bread! We really enjoyed playing hide and seek, running up and down the hills and walking through the woods. We would love to go for the whole day next time!





Class 2

Class 2 have had an extremely creative week this week! In art, the children have continued to develop their printing skills. Last week they practised printing using fruit and vegetables but this week they have created their own printing blocks with card and string and used printing inks to produce beautiful patterns. These patterns will be used as the skin or fur of their very own fantastic beast creation!

Miss Aspinall, Miss Riley, Mrs Brammer



Class 3

Over the past few weeks Class 3 children have been creating a taste of India. Working in small groups, they have made chicken tikka masala and onion bhajis. They are now showing some fantastic culinary skills and it is super to think that they are so capable of making some fabulous dishes. Hope you are taking advantage of their skills at home! If you would like to try their recipes go to

http://bit.ly/HBATikkaMasala and http://bit.ly/HBAOnionBhaji Mrs Findlay, Mrs Callaghan, Mr Hammond



Important Dates for your Diary		
Date	Event	
Monday 19 th March	Y6 Parents SATs Information Evening, 6.15pm	
Monday 26 th March	NEW DATE: Year 6 Wake Up Shake Up rearranged	
Mon 9-Thur 12 April	Holiday Club	
Monday 14 th -Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 Statutory Tests (SATs)	
Sun 1 st - Mon 2 nd July	Year 3 and 4 Residential	
Mon 9 th –Wed 11 th July	Year 5 and 6 Residential	
Mon 23 July – Tue 24 July	Inset Day. Holiday Club available	
Mon 23 July – Fri 17 Aug Weekdays only	Holiday Club	

Achievement Awards this week

Foundation



JudeBeing really helpful and kind to his friends



Ted
Being confident to try lots of new things at home and school



CharleyIncreased confidence and taking changes in his stride

Class 1



Being a kind, caring and helpful

friend

Austin



Evie
A fantastic
attitudeputting
100% effort
and
enthusiasm
into all she
does

Class 2A



Brioney

Working hard and producing beautiful artwork



Chloe
Amazing
effort in
'VCOP'
leading to
great
pieces of
writing

Class 2R



India

Trying her best and challenging herself in all subjects



Delaney
Producing
fantastic
pieces of
writing

fantastic pieces of writing checking they are the best they can be

Class 3



Eleanor

Designing and creating a fabulous cam operated toy



Harvey

Working incredibly hard in maths and increasing his confidence

Term Dates 2017 – 2018	
Date	Event
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
Friday 20 th July	School closes for Summer. Please note 2 Inset Days have been allocated.

Term Dates 2018 – 2019	
Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th September	School reopens
Friday 26 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 5 th November	School reopens
Friday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas holiday
Monday 7 th January	School reopens
Friday 15 th February	School closed for half term
Monday 25 th February	School reopens
Friday 5 th April	School closed for Easter holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens
Monday 6 th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd June	School reopens
Tuesday 23 rd July	School closes for Summer Holidays

4 Inset days to be allocated