

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 2019



# Horsley C of E Primary School

Dear Parents,

I would like to say a belated welcome to the new school year. Diary dates are now lining up and I'm in a position to update you on upcoming events. As we start this year we have 101 pupils-the highest number that Horsley has accommodated in its recent history. Everyone has settled into their new classes and made a positive start to the year. Class 1 would like to thank you for the kind donations of toys to their play area.

As always, we will be releasing newsletters via our various online accounts:

Facebook at: [facebook.com/HorsleyCOFPrimarySchool/](https://www.facebook.com/HorsleyCOFPrimarySchool/)

Twitter at: [@HorsleyPrimary](https://twitter.com/HorsleyPrimary)

Website at: [horsleycofeprimary.school](http://horsleycofeprimary.school)

You can also sign up to receive notifications from our online calendar on your mobile phone, so that you are notified of our upcoming events.

As always, please reserve social media for our communication to you only. Contact us directly, or come into school, if you have anything to discuss.

## **PE**

It is great to see that all our children are arriving into school ready to do PE and sport. Please remember that we ask that earrings are removed for these lessons, along with any bracelets, watches or necklaces. If your child is unable to remove their own ear-rings please provide tape to cover them up. Please remember that swimming rules stipulate that ear-rings must be removed.

## **Parking**

As we start the new term I would ask that you park your cars away from our neighbours' driveways, as this can be a source of tension between school and the local community.

## **School Helpers**

If you are interested in coming into school and helping, as always we are looking for support with the Thursday morning swimming session or listening to children read in school. If you are able to support us in either way, please have a conversation with Mrs. Elliott. She can also help you if you need to apply for a DBS certificate.

## **Clothing**

Please label your child's school clothes and PE kit, even if only with a biro on the label.

## **School Bags**

Could you please send your child's PE kit in a draw string bag rather than a rucksack, as they take up less space in our cloakrooms.

### Drink Bottles

We encourage our children to have access to drinking water throughout the school day. Many do this by bringing in their own drink bottles. If you do send one, please make sure that it contains water and not juice or squash.

### Playtime Snacks

Can you please ensure that snacks are taken into class and not placed into lunchboxes, as children accessing these can result in food being spilt onto the floor. Can you also try to ensure that such snacks do not arrive in wrappers as these can become litter on our playground.

### Guitar Lessons

We now have a new guitar tutor, Nick McCann who is coming into school on a Friday afternoon. Contact the office if your child would like to have these lessons.

### Dates

In the meantime, here are some outline dates for this Autumn:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September-Class 4 start swimming  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September-Valley CIDS Assembly  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September-KS1 Sportshall Athletics-Belper  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October-Film Club after school  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October-Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics-Alfreton  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October-Harvest-2.30 pm-all welcome in the church  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October-Parents' Evening-letter to follow  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October-Autumn Disco-after school  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October-End of term 1  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November-Start of term 2  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November-School Photos-individual children and families  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November-Class 3 start swimming  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November-Bible Assembly for Year 5 children-parents welcome  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November-Valley CIDS assembly  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November-Flu Vaccination  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November-Church Christmas Market  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December-Christmas Fair  
 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Lea Green trip  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December-School closes for end of term 2  
 Other dates will be added shortly.

### Illness

We are experiencing a bout of stomach bugs at the moment. As always, out of care and respect please keep your child off school for 48 hours after they are symptom free.

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*Our new starters have  
settled into school  
really well.*

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