



## HORTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER - 9 March 2018

Well, we are hopefully back to normal after all the excitement caused by the weather. It was so lovely for all the children to finally see some proper snow. I heard lots of stories about sledging and snow ball fights and it sounds like a lot of dads rather enjoyed themselves too!

### World Book Day



Thank you so much to everyone for all the effort you put in for World Book Day. The children looked amazing and the 'caught reading' photographs are fantastic and very entertaining. If you haven't seen them yet then do come into school to have a look. A huge thank you to Miss Preston who organised the day for us all.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 20th March and Wednesday 21st March. A **form is attached** for you to indicate your favoured time slot. Please return your form to the class teacher by 13th March.

### Mufti Day Friday 16 March 2018

On March 16th the children can come into school in their own clothes and instead of

bringing in a monetary contribution, we ask if they can bring in an Easter egg for the Easter Fayre. The FOHS have said that they would prefer more small eggs than large ones. Thank you very much.

### Swimming

We would really appreciate it if your children could wear suitable swim wear for their lessons. Some of the boys are wearing long swim shorts which makes it much more difficult for them to swim. The children also need to tie back long hair or wear a swimming cap. Thank you for your understanding.

### Acceptable Use Agreement

I have attached a new Acceptable Use Agreement for parents to sign. I am also sending you copies of the agreements we will be asking the children to sign in school. If you have any concerns about your child signing the agreement then please let us know.

### Hockey

Huge congratulations to our hockey team who came second at the KLB tournament this week. Mr Baglow was very impressed by their skill and team spirit.



### Easter Service

Our Easter Service will take place on Friday 23rd March, 2pm at St. James the Elder. We

would be delighted if you would be able to join us.

### **Easter Fayre**

The Easter Fayre will take place on Thursday 22nd March, straight after school in the Village Hall. We would be very grateful for cake contributions to sell at our cake stall.

### **Parking**

Please, please take care when dropping your children off in the mornings. I have received an email from a Horton resident saying how worried they are about the parking/dropping off situation because it is becoming increasingly hazardous driving up and down the hill. I appreciate you are in a rush but it is just a matter of time before there is an accident. Please consider parking at the bottom of the hill and walking up. It is great exercise and the children often come into school calmer because of the fresh air and less hectic start to the day.

### **Head Lice**

Please check your child's hair as we have yet another outbreak. If you could all check over the weekend it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money is £2.10 a day and can be paid either in cash or by cheque payable to South Gloucestershire Council. Can we please request that dinner money is paid at the time the child has the dinner. This makes it much easier for staff but also prevents a build up of arrears which can then be very difficult to pay.

### **Swimming Money for Year 1 to Year 4 - Term 3 and Term 4**

The cost of swimming lessons for term 3 and term 4 is £24.50 per child. If payment is made by cheque please make cheques payable to South Gloucestershire Council.

### **Easter Experience - Year 5 19 March 2017**

Year 5 will be attending a Easter Experience at Chipping Sodbury Baptist Church on the morning of 19 March 2017. The children will be transported by coach.

### **Governors News**

Unfortunately, our hopes to appoint a joint headteacher with Hawkesbury Upton Primary School proved impossible to proceed with. The legal requirements of recruiting jointly are considered a too high risk for both governing bodies. We are continuing to explore other options and more suitable working arrangements with other schools.

I am very excited to share with you that Nicola Berry from St John's Mead Primary School will be working with us as executive headteacher until we appoint. Nicola is an experienced headteacher and an OFSTED inspector. Both St John's Mead and Horton Primary are members of the Cotswold Alliance and already work closely together. We will benefit greatly from her experience. She is looking forward to meeting everyone.

I am also pleased to welcome Mrs Wootton back from maternity leave for 3 days a week. She has been promoted to acting deputy head and will lead the school when Mrs Berry is not in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email them to [chair@hortongovernors.org.uk](mailto:chair@hortongovernors.org.uk)

## Academic Year 2017/2018

### Start of term 4

12.03.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
16.03.18 Mufti Day  
19.03.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
20.03.18 Parents Evening  
21.03.18 Parents Evening  
22.03.18 Egg Hunt at School then  
Easter Fayre - Village Hall  
23.03.18 Easter Service at church - 2.00 p.m.  
23.03.18 **End of term 4**

### Start of term 5

09.04.18 **Start of term 5**  
09.04.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
16.04.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
23.04.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
30.04.17 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
07.05.18 Bank Holiday  
14.05.18 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
21.05.18 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
21.05.18 Life Skills Year 6 to attend for the morning children will travel by coach  
25.05.18 **End of term 5**

### Start of term 6

04.06.18 **Start of term 6**  
04.06.18 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
07.06.18 Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral will travel by coach  
Parents not to attend due to space restrictions  
11.06.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
12.06.18 Sports Day - at Village Hall - 1.30 p.m.  
19.06.18 Reserve Sports Day - at Village Hall - 1.30 p.m.  
18.06.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
25.06.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
02.07.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
03.07.18 Dress Rehearsal - at Village Hall - 2.00 p.m.  
04.07.18 Summer Production - at Village Hall - children arrive at 5.30 p.m. for a  
6.00 p.m. start  
  
09.07.18 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
16.07.18 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
16.07.18 Talent Show - at School - 2.00 p.m.  
20.07.18 Year 6 Leavers Service at church - 2.00 p.m.  
20.07.18 **End of term 6**

