



HORTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! It has been wonderful to see everyone again and to resume life as a whole school rather than in bubbles.

On Monday the Juniors will be starting swimming. We are blocking swimming into terms to ensure all children get a chance to achieve their 25m after so long from the pool.

On Tuesday we will be starting PE again with our Swift Sports coach. This will be Mr Andrew Harknett. We hope to be starting clubs again shortly.



For INSET days please see our diary dates. We have one on **Monday 4th October** (due to trainer availability) and then the rest are added to the start of some terms (or the last day of term 6). **Monday 1st November** is the only other INSET this calendar year.

Thank you for bearing with us as we get everything in place with no Lesley Leahey and Covid19 related requirements. Whilst we have largely returned to normal there are still precautions we need to take and contingency planning. The main focus in school remains hygiene and ventilation. We are still maintaining handwashing and regular wiping of surfaces. As ever, if your child is displaying any potential symptoms please stay home and get tested. Also be aware of other infections that may do the rounds this autumn and winter and continue to contact the

school via email or telephone to let us know of any absence and cause. Thank you.

Whilst Lesley is off sick, Cat Ashley, the School Business Manager at SJM will be covering some of Lesley's duties and will be available in school on Monday mornings.

HUGE thanks go to Mr Needham who replaced the Infant decking over the summer; it looks fabulous and is wonderfully sturdy. THANK YOU!

A huge welcome to our new Reception children: Ruby, Charlie, Solomon, Brogan, Max, Bella, Jane and Stella. We are so impressed with how quickly you are settling into school.

We also wish our former Year 6s all the best at their new schools. It was heart-warming to see how much they had grown in confidence and maturity over their time at Horton (despite some rather unsettled times during a pandemic) and their new schools are blessed to have them.



Last year's Y6 looking very serious during their very funny and moving leavers' play.

This term, Swallows class are studying the Stone Age in history. You may catch a glimpse of their cave painting inspired art in the picture below. Here the children are exploring manipulatives to support their maths reasoning. On page 2 Years 1 and 2 have also been discussing use of resources to support maths problem solving.



Horton School's Book Recommendations

Charlotte recommends 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell

Harriet recommends 'Mega Monster' by David Walliams

Joseph recommends 'Uki and the Outcasts' by Kieran Larwood

Seth recommends 'Here in the Real World' by the author of 'Pax', Sarah Pennypacker.

Our children also love learning new words so watch this space for their new vocabulary suggestions.....

Reading Stars

Reading is something that can provide everyone great comfort and support well-being throughout a lifetime. Please continue to record your child's reads in their reading log so they can be earning their rocket reading certificates whilst also having the pleasure of reading. It can take perseverance before reading becomes enjoyable but sharing a book at home together and reading to your child can be a great source of joy to you both.

Safeguarding

As always, stay vigilant with your child's **online safety**. Checking your child's online exposure regularly (especially if they have a phone or take part in anything online) does make a difference. As ever, if you have any concerns or would like further support on this please let us know.

Our value this term is THANKFULNESS.

If you have any skills, interests or talents you are happy to share with the children and school please let us know.

Year 6 parents have been sent a letter and email about their child transferring to a secondary school next September. From 10th September 2021, if you live in South Gloucestershire, you will be able to apply for a place online at www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the submission of on time applications is 31 October 2021.



Left: William shared his technique for rapid counting.



Climate Fair

Come and have a chat and find out what is going on in the local area to address the climate and ecological emergency ...

Chipping Sodbury Town Hall
Saturday 18th September 2021
10am-4pm



- Stalls
- Expert advice and information
- Free tree give away
- Electric bike demo – take one for a spin
- Tea & cake



The Churches in the Sodbury Vale Benefice have created a web page for children called KIDZONE and invite the children from St John's Mead, Horton and Old Sodbury schools to contribute paintings, drawings, photographs, prayers, recipes, jokes to this. All contributions are welcome. They would like children to see it as their space and hope that we can work together to create an exciting and vibrant space where children can share news and ideas and display their creativity. You can find them at <https://svbcofe.org.uk/kidzone/> If you would like further details or have material that you would like to submit, please contact the team at kidzone@svbcofe.info

Academic year 2021/2022

Diary Dates Year 2021-22

2 Sept Thu	First day of term 1
6 Sept Mon	Juniors: swimming starts
7 Sept Tue	PE starts: children wear PE kit to school
21 Sept Tue	Meet the Teacher 3:10-3:30pm Owls Meet the Teacher 3:30-3:50pm Swallows
23 Sept Tue	Meet the Teacher 3:05-3:25pm Robins
4 Oct Mon	INSET
7 Oct Thu	Harvest Church Service TBC
12 Oct Tue	Parents Evening 3:30pm to 5pm
14 Oct Thu	Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6:30pm
22 Oct Fri	Last day of term 1
1 Nov Mon	Term 2 INSET
2 Nov Tue	First day of term 2 for children
8-12 Nov	Book Week
10 Nov Wed	Pyjama Party
12 Nov Fri	Book Week MUFTI
13 Dec Mon	Nativity at the Church 6pm
17 Dec Fri	Last day of term 2
4 Jan Tue	Term 3 INSET
5 Jan Wed	First day of term 3 for children
18 Feb Fri	Last day of term 3
28 Feb Mon	First day of term 4
8 April Fri	Last day of term 4
25 Apr Mon	First day of term 5
24 May Tue	Sports Day 1:30pm
14 June Tue	Reserve Sports Day 1:30pm
27 May Fri	Last day of term 5
6 June Mon	term 6 INSET
7 June Tue	First day of term 6 for children
5 July Tue	Summer Show rehearsal
6 July Wed	Summer Show TBC
21 July Thu	Last day of term 6 for children
22 July Fri	Term 6 INSET

