



## HORTON CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year. Our value this term is Joyfulness and it has been wonderful to see this evident across the school. The children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniform and black school shoes and wearing big smiles. We have been impressed with how well our new Reception children have settled. Congratulations and welcome to: Sam, Henry, Airlie, Buddy, Jimmy and Oscar. Whilst she has already been part of the Horton team for a while, we also officially welcome Mrs Jacqueline West as our job share teacher alongside Mrs Jodie Mitchell.

On Tuesday we thought about what we needed for a successful school year. The children identified the key ingredients for this successful recipe to include: lots of love, perseverance (not giving up), kindness and courage (believing in yourself to have a go), respect (for school property, for themselves and for others). Other practical suggestions included: children, teachers, school dinners, books and a building.

Well done Daisy, Lilia, Seth, Ollie, Ewa and Ethan who have completed the Library's Reading Challenge: Space Chase. We were impressed to hear about all the books they have read over the summer. We will also celebrate the achievement of any other children who have completed the challenge next week so feel free to bring in your certificates and come prepared to tell us about your favourite books.

Clubs will start the week commencing

16th September. The opportunity to Meet the Teacher will be from 3.30 to 4.00 on Tuesday 17 September Owl Class, Wednesday 18 September Robin Class and Thursday 19 Swallow Class. This is a chance to pop into your child's class to meet their teacher and find out more about homework, expectations, class routines and events. Parents and carers will also get the opportunity to see Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed in action and to hear ideas about how to support children's learning at home.

We also want to hear from parents and carers about your interests and expertise and whether you would be happy to share these with us at school. This might be by coming in to talk to the children or lead an activity with groups during an enrichment day (you will have staff with you at all times so do not worry!) or sharing your expertise and interests in general repairs and decorating around the school! Lesley will be sending home a form to fill in along with the Data Sheets to check contact details. These will be in sealed envelopes, please return them directly to Sara Gray or the office.

Have a joyful term everyone.

**Reminder: School Dinner Money has increased from September onwards to £2.30 per day.** School dinners for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 remains free. Please remember that if your child is entitled to pupil premium funding they will have additional support in school and also 50% off all trips paid for and free swimming. Have a chat with Lesley if you think you may qualify. If your child is already in receipt of this you do not need to do anything new.

There will also be a parents forum meeting on **Wednesday 18th September at 9am**. This is a chance to share your thoughts and hear about some of the things we are doing at school.

Learning

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Exploring

Sharing

## Academic Year 2019/2020

02.09.19	<b>Start of Term 1</b> Inset Day staff only
03.09.19	Inset Day staff only check this out
03.09.19	Start of school for children check this out
04.09.19	Start of school for children check this out
09.09.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
16.09.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
23.09.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
30.09.19	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
02.10.19	Harvest Service at St. James the Elder - 2.00 p.m.
07.10.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
14.10.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
21.10.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
23.10.19	Science Day
25.10.19	<b>End of Term 1</b>
04.11.19	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
04.11.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
11.11.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
18.11.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
25.11.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
02.12.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
09.12.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
18.12.19	Christmas Service at St James the Elder - 6.00 p.m.
16.12.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
20.12.19	<b>End of Term 2</b>
06.01.2020	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
	INSET day for staff only
06.01.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
07.01.2020	Start of school for children
13.01.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
20.01.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
27.01.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
03.02.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
10.02.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
14.02.2020	<b>End of Term 3</b>
24.02.2010	<b>Start of Term 4</b>
24.02.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
02.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
09.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
16.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
23.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
30.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
02.04.2020	Easter Service at St. James the Elder
03.04.2020	<b>End of Term 4</b>
20.04.2020	<b>Start of Term 5</b>
20.04.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
27.04.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
04.05.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

11.05.2020 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
18.05.2020 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
22.05.2020 **End of Term 5**

01.06.2010 **Start of Term 6**  
01.06.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
08.06.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
15.06.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
22.06.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
29.06.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
06.07.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
13.07.2020 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4  
17.07.2020 Last day of term 6 for children  
20.07.2020 INSET DAY  
20.07.2020 **End of Term 6**