



Horn's Mill
Primary School



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September Preparation

This term seems to be flying by! I don't know if this is my age or whether everyone is feeling this way? 😊 As we all begin to make preparations for next year, I wanted to offer a few reminders of school policy please.

- Children in T3 and 4 must continue to use their red reading bags or a plastic alternative (that can be provided by the school office) to bring their books to school. The cloakroom is too small for ruck sacks, so please leave these at home. 
-  Children in Rec, Team 1 and Team 2 are also not permitted to bring big rucksacks please. Just their red drawstring bag for their PE kit and their reading bag.
- T5 and 6 have more room in their cloakroom so are allowed a ruck sack, but please can this be a small sized one.
- Children need a water bottle that is dishwasher safe that stays in school at all times. We will be sending water bottles home for re use next year unless you choose to buy a new one.
- Please can I ask that lunch boxes are as small as possible please – the new trendy 'Smiggle' ones are beautiful, but take up so much more room in school! 😊
- Children in Team 3,4,5 and 6 will come to school on their PE day in their PE kit. A reminder please that this PE kit must be school uniform. Black bottoms (shorts, leggings, joggers) and red t shirt, with school jumper on colder days.
- In line with new government statutory guidance, it still remains the case that uniform at Horn's Mill does **not** have to have the school logo. However, I would be grateful if the colours could be adhered to please and that EVERYTHING is labelled! Those of you wishing to buy uniform with logos can do so at <https://www.uniformityschools.com/collections/horns-mill-primary-school> Please remember that we still run our 'pre-owned' school uniform store in the main entrance to school so if you have any uniform that is **good quality** with plenty of wear still in it, please bring it in to share! We offer this completely FREE! We are especially short of PE kit and polo shirts.
- Our policy is that **no jewellery is worn in school..** However, exceptions are made for small stud earrings.
- Please can everyone ensure that all school spider accounts are up to date ready for a fresh start in September.

“BUILD your VOCABULARY”

The junior children have learnt a new word in reading assembly.

The word is “Elated”

Children in Team 3-6 have been trying hard to use it in their writing.

Dates for your diaries

Updates and changes in **Red**:

Summer – Changes and new information in RED			
Transition Days for Y6 at Helsby High	6 th & 7 th July	Inflatable Day – Team 6	Wed 15 th July
Transition Day at Horn's Mill	Mon 6 th July	Annual Reports to Parents	Mon 20th July
Year 6 SATS results day	Tues 7 th July	Water Wonderland	Mon 20 th July
Reception visit to West Kirby Beach	Tues 7th July	Big Cheese of the Year 8.45am	Wed 22 nd July
Year 6 Leavers Production and Party 6.30pm	Thurs 9 th July	Team 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm	Wed 22 nd July
Team 6 Camp Over	Mon 13 th July	Break Up	Wed 22nd July
Team 6 off school	Tues 14 th July	Back to School	Wed 2nd Sept
Team 6 visit to Wind Farm	Mon 29 th June		

Building Work – The Nest

The building work is progressing well, but there has been another slight delay to the finishing date. The predicted end date is now 27th July, (after we have finished) but we are hoping that we can have access to the room before that. The new room will be called 'The Nest' and is the next stage



of the provision for children with SEND that we have had in place at the front of school (in the old HT office) for the last two years. This room will offer provision for children who have additional needs in school. For September, we have created a staffing structure that allows The Nest to have a teacher full time for the children who need this provision. Miss Foster and Mrs Hughes are very excited and detailed plans are being made!

New Site Manager – Derek Simpson

As some of you may have noticed, our site manager Mr Walker has moved on to a school nearer to home. After a recruitment process last week, I am delighted to announce that our new site manager will be starting on 2nd July. David Stuart has been kind enough to return to cover in the meantime, but he will leave the role in Derek's capable hands once induction is complete. Derek comes to us as a parent of a little boy in Reception, so already a Miller! He is very keen to take ownership of the maintenance of our lovely grounds, and become part of our Horn's Mill team. I am sure you will join me in giving him a great big Horn's Mill welcome. 😊

Eco Communities

I wanted to introduce you to Eco Communities...they started the plastic free Cheshire campaign. They have a new hub locally.

They are thrilled to announce that a Full Circle Shop is now available at Helsby Library! Between this new hub, another new one in Neston and their existing network, they're now reaching more of Cheshire than ever before, and it's been a genuine team effort to get here.

Helsby Library, their first indoor hub is a trial with the Libraries Team, and we're excited to see how it goes, with an eye on expanding to more library locations if it proves successful. More information here: [We're Growing — Two New Hubs, a Lot of Bottles, and Why This All Matters - Eco Communities](#)



District Sports

A massive well done to all the children who competed in the District Sports at Kingsley this month. It was a warm night, and I thank all the families who made the effort to bring your little ones along. Special mention to our Tug of War team who were phenomenal in the final against Hillside. Whilst we didn't lift the final trophy, we definitely won in resilience, team work and effort – you were all amazing!!



Team 4 Ressie

Team 4 had such moments of brilliance while we were away on residential. There were many times when children pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and showed resilience and team work, this was wonderful to see. We had an amazing (and tiring) time, which we thoroughly enjoyed! Well done Team 4! 😊



Poetry competition

I cannot tell you how proud I felt during our Poetry Recital final earlier this month. Firstly, the vast majority of children were involved at classroom level prior to the final, and I know that this is not every child's strength. Many of them worked incredibly hard and pushed themselves to do it. That on its own makes me feel great pride, but then I hear that many children had not just learnt a poem, but had written it themselves! Several of their poems were very close to their hearts, writing about their families or their school which is very touching. During the final it struck me that a significant proportion of the poems recited, were a celebration of our little Miller's neurodiversity. This is something that we pride ourselves in at Horn's Mill. Acceptance, understanding and allowing each child to be an individual and identifying their strengths is so important to us. As OFSTED once said: *"The school encourages pupils to celebrate difference and to feel empowered to be who they want to be."* Here is evidence to say that this is true! To top off my pride, our lovely Poppy (T6) presented the whole thing independently and confidently and this really did bring me to tears! What a wonderful morning. Many congratulations to all that entered, to Miss Morris for organising it, our reading champions and to our final three winners! Congratulations to Luna, Lottie and Emilia 😊



Family Support at Horn's Mill:



As always Miss Foster is in place at school for your support. She will still be working for Changing Lives Together as part of her full-time role next year. So, if you have any need for support with your child's behaviour, your finances, your lifestyle, medical needs or anything else, please give her an email. Also please note, t support is **completely confidential** from school staff unless there is a safeguarding need. ✉ hayley.foster@changing-lives-together.org.uk



Annual reports

The teachers are all busy preparing the children's annual reports ready for them to be sent home to you on Monday 20th July. This year we will be using INSIGHT to send our reports so they will look slightly different to previous years. They will come to you in the same way as the termly reports we have sent this year. Alongside this, there will be an opportunity for you to provide your feedback for the year. This is very valuable to us as we continually strive to improve our offer to our families, so I would be grateful for your views.

After School Clubs next year

I know that many of you are working families and that some of you rely on our after school club offer to help with child care until 4pm. For this reason, I wanted to give you some warning that we are planning some changes to our clubs next year. To support staff well-being, and due to poor attendance at several of our clubs of late, we are reducing our school led offer from September. School run clubs will only take place on Mondays and Tuesdays next year, and there will be a reduced number available. We are hoping to extend the offer of clubs on Wednesday and Thursday but these will predominantly be delivered by outside companies and will therefore have an increased charge and will be booked externally by parents/carers not through school. This change will bring us in line with other local schools, and will very much support school staff to manage the growing pressures of the job. I need my team to be at their very best during the school day and this will help to make that happen. Confirmation of clubs will come out at the end of this academic year.

And finally...

Thanks everyone so much for your help during the hot weather this week. It has been very challenging for everyone, and I am grateful for your patience, support and understanding. If this continues, please make sure your child is protected with sun cream, a hat and cool clothes. Thanks everybody.

Have a great weekend everyone,

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