



“God with us, lighting the way to love and respect”

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Christian focus: Each half term, we revisit the Christian values of love, respect, forgiveness, compassion, courage, patience.
This half term, we will look at the themes of friendship, love and respect.

Dear Parent/Carer,
Hello and a happy New Year for January 1st 2024!

Christmas events

What a busy few weeks we have had before Christmas, thank you for all your support. A huge well done to all the children for their part in the nativities and Carol services. I am sure you will agree the children were fantastic! Thank you to the staff for their hard work preparing the children for the events and to Rev Nicola and Holy Trinity for allowing us to use the Church to host these events.

It was lovely to see so many at our Christmas fair. Thank you to the PTA for organising the fair, providing the hampers for our raffles and to the Carrs for their generous donation of pasties! The fair raised £1300. In total, all the Christmas events raised £3240. This money will be spent on the children once the School Council decide with their classes what they would like to purchase.

Tea with Santa was a huge success again this year. We were very grateful to Father Christmas for making time in his busy schedule to visit us at Horwich Parish! Thank you to Mrs Nolan for organising, Mr Littlewood for being our official photographer and the volunteers on the day.

Finally, this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their class Christmas parties.

Awards

It was lovely to present so many awards at our end of term service in Church last Friday. A huge well done to the 64 children who received a 100% attendance certificate.

Well done to Adam class who achieved the best punctuality for the term and 4S who achieved the best attendance for the Autumn term!

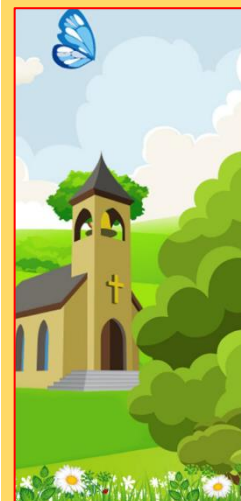
Trophies were presented to the following children for being superb role models for our school; Alfie Joe Shaw who received the “Letting your light shine” trophy and Myla Powell, Ophelia Addison and Toby Williams who received a “Love & Respect” trophy.

We close the school gates today, Wednesday 20th December, for our Christmas break and reopen on Monday 8th January 2024.

May I wish you and your families a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Kindest regards

Mrs Mills



Please follow us at
@HorwichParishCE and keep up to date with the class blogs on the website.





"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our vision is to be a school where everyone can achieve and "let their light shine" both individually and collectively as a community.

Learning to love each other as Jesus has loved us, respecting each other and growing into the people God has called us to be.

Dates for your diary...

Events at Horwich Parish in January:

School reopens Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 15th – Let's Go Sing club restarts

Tuesday 16th – Audiology tests for Year 1 pupils

Friday 19th - Year 6 Holocaust Art Project

Friday 26th – Year 6 Holocaust Memorial event with author Tom Palmer

Future Events:

Friday 2nd February - NSPCC Number Day

Wednesday 7th February - HH Kids Parent session 5.00 - 6.00pm (Puberty & Sex Education talk) for Year 5 and 6 parents

Sunday 11th February - Education Sunday at Holy Trinity Church

Friday 16th February – Horwich Parish has Got Talent show in Church at 9am – parents invited

School closes for half term on Friday 16th February 2024

Emails to staff

Just a reminder that staff will respond to all emails including year group emails between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm. If your message is urgent, please ring the school office which is open 8.00am to 4pm. Thank you!

School emails will be closed from Thursday 21st December to Monday 8th January 2024.

Year 6 "Snack Shack"

Year 6 will be holding their "snack shack" every Friday at morning break. All healthy snacks are 50p.



The Lighthouse Club at Horwich Parish

Places are still available at our before and after school club, The Lighthouse Club.

Before school 7.30am – 8.40am £5.50 per session

After school 3.15/3.20pm – 6pm £11.50 per session

If you are interested, please collect a pack from the school office.

The email address for The Lighthouse Club is lighthouse@horwichparish.net which can be used to register your child, book additional sessions, ask any questions.

PARENTPAY ITEMS

Lunches

The cost of lunches for the half term is £74.10 (8th January – 16th February 2024).

Payments need to be paid in advance and we are currently have to chase those accounts going into debt.

Please make sure you check your child's account regularly. Please remember that we require 2 weeks' notice in writing (email) from a parent/carer if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements.

Reception Snacks

Reception snacks for the half term are £7.50. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.

Year 6 Residential – Kingswood, Colomendy – October 2024

The payment schedule for the Year 6 residential to Kingswood, Colomendy in October 2024 is as follows

- First payment of £50 by 26th January 2024
- Second payment of £70 by 22nd March 2024
- Third payment of £78.50 by 7th June 2024

These payments can be made any time up to the deadlines as they are active on ParentPay now. If you have any questions about payments, please speak to a member of office staff.

Lunch box reminder

We have been pleased to see some very healthy lunchboxes in school so far this term. May we ask that sweet treats (biscuits, chocolate biscuits etc) are limited to ensure children have a range of food to eat and to limit the amount of sugar they may be consuming. As we are a nut free school, items in lunch boxes should contain no nuts.

Snacks and drinks reminder

Children in Years 1-6 are welcome to bring a snack to eat at breaktime. As we are a nut free school, snacks should contain no nuts and should be healthy e.g. fruit, rice cakes NOT crisps, chocolate bars etc.

Please can children bring a named bottle in to school which should only contain plain or flavoured still water NOT juice, cordial etc.

Mobile Phones

Please could we remind parents that Year 3 - 6 children may bring a mobile phone to school if it is required to keep the children safe travelling to and from school. In line with our safeguarding policy, children know that phones **MUST NOT** be switched on whilst on the school premises. School takes no responsibility for children's phones.

Volunteers

As always we welcome parents, carers, friends of HP, grandparents etc to come into school to help out. There are always lots of activities that can support and enhance life at HP whether it be hearing readers, supporting in a classroom, helping out in our library, practising times tables with the children, to name just a few ideas. If any volunteer has a particular talent / skill that they are happy to share with the children then please do get in touch.