



## “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 be learning about joy, peace and community as we look at Holy week and the events leading up to Jesus resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable February half term break.

On the last day of last half term, we held our very own ‘Horwich Parish Has Got Talent’, in Church. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and in particular to the children who competed in front of our HP judges: Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden!!! The event raised £40 towards buying more Chrome books for use in classes. Grace won first prize singing “This girl is on fire”, with second prize going to Seb and third prize to Thomas (on guitar) and Molly (percussion). A huge well done to the other contestants; Evelyn and her backing singers, Layla, Erica and Georgia (street dancing), Imogen for stand up comedy and Naysa for her solo piece on the piano.

Our ‘Break the Rules Day’ raised a whopping £440 which will go towards some additional chrome books.

Thank you to Mrs Burgess who organised our Number day. The children had great fun dressing up as numbers and rockstars whilst doing lots of fun number activities.

Thank you for supporting our non uniform day this week. We were pleased to support and donate to the NSPCC. Some of the classes participated in workshops led by the charity. Thank you to Miss Hargreaves for organising the visit.

A huge thank you to the children and parents who continue to care and feed our 4 hens when school is closed. Particular thanks to Dawn B, Sarah (Austin and Gabriella’s mum), Gemma (Libby’s mum), Beverley (Willow’s mum) who dropped off some netting and Lianne (Oliver and Cameron’s mum). A longer run and some perches were built for the hens!

This half term is short but jam packed with events and activities, please take a look overleaf.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Mrs Mills

***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.***



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



*Thank you to Mrs Rudd, Ethan’s mum, for sharing the information regarding digital support and internet access across Bolton (sent as an additional file).*



## Dates for your diary...

### Events at Horwich Parish in March

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Dance festival

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Y6 Puberty lessons commence

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – see additional letter with further information

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother's Day Celebration in Church at 9am

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Easter squares being sold – 50p per square

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Day – children will take part in Science activities throughout the day and may come dressed as a scientist or wear their usual school uniform - see additional letter with further information

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Basketball league

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day – children can wear red noses/paint red noses or wear a Comic Relief t-shirt with their usual school uniform

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Scholastic Book Fair 3.30 – 4pm – further details to follow

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 'Let's Go Sing' concert at King George's Hall, Blackburn

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 4.00-6pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Spring Reports home to parents

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Non-uniform in exchange for Easter eggs/chocolate

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 Puberty lessons

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Uniform giveaway outside school at 3pm (in the hall if raining)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Service in Church at 9am – parents and friends invited

***School closes on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March for Easter***

### **Future events in April**

**Monday 15th April** - School reopens at 8.40am

***Bookings for Parents' Evening will be via School Spider and will open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and close on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. If you have any questions, please ask at the office.***

### A plea for help!

We would like to request the help of any parents/carers/grandparents who would be willing to give up some of their spare time to help the school tidy up our allotment and then also maintain it on a regular basis. As I'm sure you will appreciate, if you have walked past the allotment recently, that it will be quite a big job. If you have any tools that you could bring along it would be much appreciated (please note there is no power source at the allotment).

If you are interested in helping out, please email [office@horwichparish.net](mailto:office@horwichparish.net) with your contact details and availability. Thank you!

### **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 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](mailto:lighthouse@horwichparish.net) which can be used to register your child, book additional sessions, ask any questions etc.

### PARENTPAY ITEMS

#### Lunches

The cost of lunches for the remainder of this half term is £49.40 (1<sup>st</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> March 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 this half term are £6.00. Payments can be made via Parent Pay if you have not already paid.

#### Year 6 Residential – Kingswood, Colomendy – October 2024

Thank you for the payments we have received so far. The payment schedule for the remainder is as follows

- Second payment of £70 by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- Third payment of £78.50 by 7<sup>th</sup> 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 or deadlines, please speak to Mrs Cheetham in the School Office.

#### 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!

#### 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 4 - 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.



## Holy Trinity Church

### News and Information

Informal Family Services are held each week at 9.15am with the occasional Sunday being a United Service at a slightly different time – usually for some of the significant dates in the church calendar.

A few notable dates coming up in the next couple of months for your diaries:

- 10th March – 10.00am Mothering Sunday with Cake Stall..... *There will be a cake stall in church with proceeds going to Christian Aid. All contributions of cakes for the stall will be most welcome!*
- 17th March – 9.15am Book Sunday..... *Books will be presented to all the children who attend our church. Children and parents are invited to come dressed as their favourite book or bible character!*
- 29th March – 10.00am Good Friday & Hike to the Pike ..... Hot cross buns and drinks will be served before the hikers set off for the Pike, walking at a leisurely pace to suit everyone from babies to great-grandparents. Bring a packed lunch.
- 31st March – 10.00am Easter Day.....A celebration of the risen Lord, with activities for all the family

Thanks and blessings.

Revd Nicola Butterworth

Team Rector: Horwich & Rivington United Benefice

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