



**Christian theme: Friendship, love & respect**

*God with us, Lighting the way to love & respect*

## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome

I hope you have all had a lovely summer!

What a super return to school we have had this week. It has been lovely welcoming our children and families back to school. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new reception children. The children have settled wonderfully and school has been calm and positive!

### **Building work Update**

We have completed a substantial amount of building work over the summer holiday; a wooden stage erected on the top playground, new lockers for year 3, new dining room tables for lunchtimes in the hall, new flooring in the corridor and new toilets that all the children will use at the side of the hall, which are nearly finished!

### **Drop off / pick up**

A huge thank you to parents/carers for your patience and support whilst we have tried different arrangements in regards to dropping off and picking up. Now that we have been back a week, we have reviewed the arrangements in regards to allowing parents onto the premises. Hopefully, the routines below will work and keep the children safe whilst reducing congestion on the path at the side of school.

The gates will be **CLOSED at 8.50am and 3.25pm.**

### **Arrangements for dropping off and picking up – 2021-22**

From **Monday 13th September** the following arrangements will be in place in regards to drop off and pick up.

#### **Morning Drop off 8.40am - 8.50am**

- All gates will open at 8.40am. All children may arrive from 8.40am but **must** have arrived and be in school by 8.50am.
- Children will enter through the gates we currently use as normal. A member of the staff will be on the gate to welcome children and deal with any immediate issues. However please be mindful that their priority is to get all the children into school safely.
- Once the gates are opened and a member of staff is present, the children may walk straight in and go to their classrooms.
- Any children arriving late (after 8.50am) must go to the office and sign in on the inventory system. If the gates are closed please go to the main gate.

## **Afternoon Pick up 3.10pm - 3.20pm – ALL TEACHERS TO RELEASE CHILDREN.**

### **Year 5 & Year 6**

- Year 5 & Year 6 will be released at 3.20pm through the front Hall doors, where they enter in the morning.

### **Year 3 & Year 4**

- Year 3 & Year 4 children will be released at the bottom gate (Yr3 at 3.10pm/3.15pm & Yr4 at 3.20pm). **Parents may now enter the bottom playground once the gates are opened and wait for the children to be brought down to the playground. Parents for Year 3 can wait on the football pitch and Year 4 parents on the playground with the climbing equipment. This will avoid congestion on the path.**

### **Year 2**

- Parents of Year 2 children **only** will now be able to enter through the main front gate and wait on the inside of the gate next to the new logo on the ground. Children will be released to parents from the KS1 building. Year 2 will finish at 3.15pm.

### **Year 1**

- Year 1 will now be released to parents via the pram gate at 3.10pm.

### **Reception**

- Reception children will also continue to be released via the pram gate at 3.15pm.

### **All Parents/Carers**

- Please do not walk through the school premises to collect children at different gates. You must exit the gate you collected at and walk round to collect at the other gate.
- Children/siblings of children must not play on any equipment whilst waiting.
- We ask that parents continue to communicate with the office via email/telephone call.
- Gates will be closed in the morning and at the end of the day after 10 minutes.

### **Other Information**

#### **Documents**

Attached to this newsletter is our current attendance policy and the home school agreement. Please do take the time over a cup of coffee to read these important documents.

#### **Lunches for September 2021**

Under the continuing government scheme Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child is in Year 3 - 6 then the price of the discounted lunches has increased to **£2.20** a day.

School meal prices for the week are:

**£11.00 for the week, or £77.00 for the half term**

School lunches should be paid using your ParentPay account and should be paid in advance on a Monday morning.

**A reminder that we require 2 weeks' notice if your child wishes to change their lunch option.**

### **Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball After School Club**

Key PE are running an after school dodgeball club starting on Tuesday 14 September for 6 weeks from 3.20pm until 4.20pm. The club will cost £21.00 and has been set up on your child's Parentpay account. (Year 3 & 4). Consent is required when the payment is made and will secure your child's place.

### **Year 5 & 6 Yoga After School Club**

There will be a yoga after school club starting on Thursday 16 September for 6 weeks from 3.20pm until 4.20pm. The club will cost £21.00 and has been set up on your child's Parentpay account. (Year 5 & 6) Consent is required when the payment is made and will secure your child's place.

### **Lancashire Science Festival**

There is an exciting opportunity for children and their families to visit the Lancashire Science Festival on Saturday 23rd October from 10am-4pm at the UCLan Preston Campus. It will be a day full of Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) activities with live shows, workshops and drop-in activities. The full programme & information how to book tickets will be available on [Lancashire Science Festival](#)

### **Volunteers**

We are now able to welcome parents, carers, friends of Horwich Parish, Grandparents etc to come into school to help out. There are always lots of activities that can support and enhance life at Horwich Parish 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 roles. If any volunteer has a particular talent / skill that they are happy to share with the children then please do get in touch by email at [office@horwichparish.net](mailto:office@horwichparish.net) We will send out further information next week. All volunteers need to be DBS checked, therefore the quicker you register your interest in helping the quicker we can start the process and get you into school. If you have volunteered with us previously then do let us know if you would like to return, it would be wonderful to see you back in school.

Please email [office@horwichparish.net](mailto:office@horwichparish.net)

### **Celebration assembly**

Every Friday at 9am we hold our whole school celebration assembly. We hope to be back in Church next Friday and as always parents and friends may join us. Please can we ask visitors to sit in the balcony due to the lack of space downstairs. Any visitor unable to climb the stairs may sit at the back of Church.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please could we remind parents that children in 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 in regards to loss or damage. Please refer to the Mobile Phone Policy on our website.

### **Social Media**

Please could I encourage parents to contact school (phone or email) if they have any concerns rather than using social media as a platform to share them. We would always encourage you to discuss any concerns directly with us so that we can address them with you and work to resolve them.

### **Calendar of events**

Please see the attached proposed calendar of events for this academic year.

### **Uniform**

Please can all children bring a named coat to school. As we know the British weather is unpredictable! Please could we remind parents that children **MUST** wear the correct school uniform, black trainers with uniform are not allowed. All Children must wear black school shoes. If your child wears earrings then you must provide them with tape/plasters to cover their earrings on PE days.

Please see the attached uniform list as a reminder.

**Events at Horwich Parish in September:**

9<sup>th</sup> Michael Rosen poetry session online with all year groups getting a 30 minute slot

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> September class curriculum newsletters with class information will be uploaded on our school website.

14<sup>th</sup> Drumming workshop for Year 4,5, 6 children

***17<sup>th</sup> Jeans for Genes day – children may come to school in jeans for £1 donation***

21<sup>st</sup> Year 5 healthy families talk on relationships

24<sup>th</sup> – Head Teacher drop in 2.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> – French day (European languages day 26<sup>th</sup>)

28<sup>th</sup> British Values day in school – Democracy – vote for new Y6 leadership team

30<sup>th</sup> Presentation assembly in Church for new Y6 Leadership team & council members

**Future dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Harvest service in Church (friends and parents welcome)

8<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet day in school