



Christian theme: Friendship, love & respect

God with us, Lighting the way to love & respect

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school this week after a very busy half term.

Good news!

We are delighted to share with you that Miss Seager (5S) is expecting a baby in the Spring and therefore will be going on maternity leave in the New Year. We wish Miss Seager all the very best.

Open Days

We were delighted to be able to open our school at the beginning of the new academic year to prospective parents who are considering schools for September 2022. The junior and senior pupil leadership team represented the school well and were excellent role models. We received such positive feedback from the parents who looked round and the children really enjoyed it. Thank you!

Flu Immunisations

An email was sent yesterday with the link for E consent for the Flu Immunisations which are due to take place in school on the 23 November. Children from Reception to Year 6 are eligible to receive it. The closing date for consent is **12 November 2021**.

Data Protection – Privacy Notice

At Horwich Parish Primary School we collect and use personal information about staff, pupils, parents and other individuals who come into contact with the school. This information is gathered in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. This information is used to ensure that school complies with its statutory obligations. Our Privacy Notice includes information on the data which we gather, how it is processed, with whom it is shared and your rights to access this information. The Privacy Notice can be found on our website at horwichparish.net

Uniform

Please can all children bring a named coat to school now that the weather has turned colder.

Please could we remind parents that children **MUST** wear the correct school uniform including no black trainers. Ankle boots are not part of the uniform policy and children must wear school shoes. Please could children with stud earrings cover them on PE days with plasters that are brought from home. In regards to School PE kit, to clear up any confusion regarding PE tops, children may wear a plain black tracksuit top for outdoor PE over their white polo shirt or their red school jumper.

Appointments

Where possible please try to arrange routine medical appointments out of school time.

If you have a medical appointment during the school day please make sure that you complete an absence request form, available on the website, and return via email along with a copy of the appointment confirmation in line with our

attendance policy. Failure to do this may result in the absence being unauthorised.

School Lunches

A reminder that lunch payments are due for this half term. Lunches cost £11 per week and £77 for the half term. Please can we remind parents that accounts should remain in credit and lunches paid for in advance.

Readathon

A huge thank you to all children who took part in the Readathon. All the sponsor money collected will go towards funding books for hospitals and our school. A reminder that sponsor money should now all be submitted online.

The Royal British Legion

Poppies and various items are still for sale in aid of the Royal British Legion. Children can buy items from the school office for a suggested donation of 50p to £1.50.

Parent Online Safety Session

A reminder that the parent online safety session is taking place via Teams on Wednesday 3 November at 3.30pm. The link is on the email sent earlier today and open to all parents.

Governor monitoring week

Thank you to the Governors who came into school recently to monitor certain areas of school life. Governors attended assemblies, spoke with children about their learning and behaviour and monitored teaching during their learning walk. Analysis of the visits will be shared with parents once they have presented to full governors.

Governor Impact Report

Please find attached the Chair of Governors, Mrs Sue Baines, report to parents on the impact the Governing board have had in school during the last academic year.

Communication with Parents

Just a reminder to parents that we use various methods of communication to send messages home and keep you up to date. Please see the Parent Communication Policy attached. Staff members are always on the gates at home time if an informal chat is needed.

Parents questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have completed the questionnaire on our School Spider, we are delighted to have received 238 responses. We will report back to parents an analysis of the questionnaire in due time.

Parent Consultations

The Parent Consultations took place last term through Teams. Thank you for your patience when we experienced some technical difficulties. Thank you to those parents who booked appointments. If you didn't manage to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact them via the year group email. The Parent Consultation for children in 4B has been rescheduled to take place on **Thursday 11 November**. A separate email has been sent with information regarding rebooking.

Parent Forum

The first meeting will be held remotely on Tuesday 16 November at 5.30pm. The purpose of the forum is to meet informally every term and discuss ways that we can improve life at Horwich Parish! A link will be sent prior to the day.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association has played a tremendous part in fundraising for our school over previous years, raising large amounts of money for our library, IT equipment for the children and class reading corners to name just a few. Recently, we have seen the number of PTA members decrease as children have left therefore the fundraising efforts have rested on a small number of valued members. This year, I would like to reach out to all parents, grandparents, families and friends of Horwich Parish and ask that you join and support our PTA.

Even if you are unable to commit to attend all the meetings (usually a meeting every 6 weeks) we are more than happy for members to sign up to support one event each year. We are continuing to organise various events despite Covid restrictions and are keen to hear suggestions in how we can raise funds for the children.

We will meet for the first time on **Thursday 11th November at 3.30pm** in the school hall and socially distance. Activity tables will be set up for any children attending with their parents and juice and biscuits served. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Mills

Events at Horwich Parish in November:

1st November – School reopens

9th National Social Media Kindness Day

11th Remembrance Assembly 9.00 am led by Y6 via TEAMS.

15th Filled shoeboxes to be brought to school for International Aid

Wk commencing 15th - Friendship week (anti-bullying)

18th British values day

Friday 19th non uniform day for a £1 donation which will go towards our link between ourselves and schools in Namibia.

23rd - Immunisation flu programme

26th Head Teacher available by phone 2.30-3pm

Wk beginning 29th November: Y3 Stone Age trip

Future dates:

Thursday 2nd December – Diversity Day in school

School closes on Friday 17th December and reopens on Thursday 6th January 2022

