



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

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Christian Value for this half term: **Love**

*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believes in
him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.*

John 3:16



Dear Parent /Carer

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

I am delighted that as a school we are no longer operating in bubbles and whilst we continue to ensure high standards of hygiene and safety it is lovely to be back to “normal.” The children are starting to spend time with their buddies, assemblies are happening in key stages and children are playing together across school.

We are awaiting confirmation from Holy Trinity Church PCC as to when we can return to Church, so we can meet for assemblies as a whole school as our hall will not accommodate 350 children!

The children settled back into school well after the half term break and life continues to be busy and exciting at Horwich Parish!

It was super to see the different groups represented last Tuesday on Founder`s Day (Thinking day) We had an array of Rainbows, Beavers and Scouts represented throughout school!

Year 6 and staff had an amazing day last week at the “Show racism the red card” event at the Bolton Whites Hotel. We were very fortunate to have been selected and secure a place at this event. As well as being informative and inspiring, the children experienced a tour of the stadium, press area and met BWFC player Dapo Afolayan! It was lovely to hear such positive feedback from both children, parents and staff after the event!

We have had some fabulous enrichment opportunities for the children recently including a remote visit by the blue Cross Charity who spoke to the whole school about keeping safe around dogs and dog behaviour! Thank you for supporting this non-uniform day we raised a fantastic £288.00 for the Blue Cross. We are repeating the remote session with Blue Cross in a couple of weeks, next time focusing on cats and their behaviours!

Mrs Mills
Head Teacher



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Staff News

Miss Seager started her maternity leave at the start of the February half term and year 5 made a lovely card when she finished. Baby Seager is due in March so hopefully we will have some exciting news to share with you in our next newsletter. Mrs Holland has settled in well and parents of children in 5S will have the opportunity to meet at the Parents Consultations later this month.

Governor Vacancy

A reminder that the ballot for voting for the Parent Governor Vacancy closes tomorrow **Friday 4 March at 12pm**. Please send in your completed ballot paper with your child in a sealed envelope or via post addressed to Mrs Mills. The ballot box will also be available outside the main office.



Nurture Nest

Mrs McBride, our new learning mentor has settled well in the Nurture nest in the key stage 1 building. Mrs McBride operates a "Lunch Bunch" club at lunchtimes for children across school. The purpose of this club is to provide a safe, nurturing and fun environment for children to spend their lunchtimes if they are struggling with the demands of the playground. Children can struggle on the playground for a variety of reasons. Some children struggle with the lack of structure at playtimes. They find it hard to regulate their emotions and behaviour due to the unpredictability of playtime. Some children struggle due to sensory stimulation being heightened due to noise, light, space and activity around them. Some children have social and emotional difficulties and can find playtimes an isolating time. The club provides a space for talking about feelings, general conversations, and a chance to build on social skills and friendships through play and structured activity. It is also a smaller environment with a trusted adult on hand to support and facilitate a happy playtime. There is colouring and drawing material, board games, a chance to do meditation, yoga and at times a chance to do some work to boost self-esteem and self-worth.

Parents Evening Consultations

We will be holding our parent consultations remotely via Microsoft Teams with each class holding the discussions on a day during the week beginning the 21st March. Appointments will be booked using School Spider therefore please make sure you are able to access your login details. The booking system will be live from Wednesday 9 March. You will not be able to book before this date.

Please do make sure you book an appointment for a consultation with your child's class teacher, so we can share your child's successes and discuss specific targets your child needs to work on. You are welcome to have your child on the call with you, so they can hear the conversation if you wish!

Let's Go Sing – Blackburn Ewood Park Year 5

Year 5 continue to be busy practising singing ready to join “Let’s Go Sing” at Blackburn football club (Ewood Park) on 28 April. If parents wish to go and watch they will need to buy tickets in advance. Year 5 parents will receive further information in a separate email however tickets can be booked from **Thursday 3 March** using the following link www.eticketing.co.uk/onerovers. Adults £7 and children U15 £1.50.

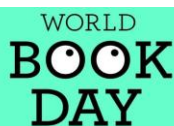


Open Classroom

On Thursday 10 March at 2.45pm we will be resuming our “Open Classrooms”. This is an opportunity for parents / grandparents to call in and look at their child’s work and classroom. The teachers will be teaching so it is not an opportunity for a parent consultation, these will take place the following week, thank you! Please can we remind parents that mobile phones are not allowed on the school premises when visiting your child’s classroom. Due to Safeguarding reasons you will be asked to leave the classroom without your child at 3:15pm and return to the playground to allow members of staff to safely dismiss the class as normal.

World Book Day - Thursday 3 March

We are looking forward to World Book day today with lots of prizes up for grabs!! This week we have had various authors speaking to the children remotely to celebrate and promote reading. Thank you to Mrs Burgess for compiling and sharing the Key stage 2 reading newsletter. Please see the information sent out in the separate email. The children and staff look fantastic, we can’t wait to share the photos of the day, please keep an eye out on Twitter.



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

PTA

It was lovely to see everyone who attended our AGM for the PTA this week, we will send out further information separately however we are delighted that we now have a Chair Mrs A Cowin, Secretary Mrs R Prescott and Treasurer Mrs S Lamplugh Wood. We have started to plan many exciting events for the children starting off with a PTA Movie night in the next few weeks.

Cluster Dance Festival

Last night a group of year 5 & 6 children took part in the cluster dance festival at St Josephs. They had great fun and we were so proud of their efforts putting on a great routine!

Events

March

- 3rd -World Book Day
- 9th March Year 6 puberty talk
- 10th Open Afternoon/classroom
- 16th March Puberty talk year 6
- 16th Science Day – Dress up in Green for Growth/Scientist
- 23rd March Puberty talk year 6
- 30th March Puberty talk Year 5
- 18th Red Nose day, Crazy hair day/£1 donation
- Week beg 21st – Parents consultations
- 22nd Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Movie Night 3:15-5pm
- 22nd Year 3 & 4 Movie Night 3:20-5pm
- 24th Year 5 & 6 Movie Night 3:20-5pm
- 28th Easter Hat Parade
- 29th & 30th Willow weaving in KS2
- 31st Easter service in Church – 9.30am

Vacancy

Our school Governors are continuing to look to recruit, in a paid capacity someone to work a few hours each morning in an administrative role. The role would include photocopying, laminating and general admin task. Please email me if you are interested or would like to know more about the role.
head@horwichparish.net



We are planning lots of fabulous events for the Queen's jubilee celebration at the end of May. If any parents/carers have any contacts with local businesses, supermarkets, shops etc. who would be happy to support school with donations of bunting, disposable tableware and /or food, please contact Mrs. Nolan in the school office or Miss McEwan in KS1.

If any parents have any spare bunting, red, white and blue decorations of any kind and would like to donate, school would be most appreciative. Thank you for your continued support.

Science Day – Wednesday 16th March

This years theme is "Growth". Children may come dressed in green for growth or as a scientist.