

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 17th March

Newsletter 12 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Generosity**



World Book Day

A cosy afternoon was spent in our PJs or book character costumes, with hot chocolate and stories, read by various members of staff. Thank you to all the parents who donated hot chocolate!



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL



More from World Book Day...



Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Rupert, Rhys, Vanessa, Sylvie, Lottie, Noah, Etta and Harper
Gabe, Aaron, Ewan, Penny, Sam, Ryder, Lottie and Sophia



The latest
'In it to win it'
winners are

Gabe and Kitty



Cross Country

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our cross country runners were amazing last week, and today received their certificates in assembly. We wish Kitty and Joseph the best of luck in the district run on Sunday.



A blanket of white...

With Spring weather just around the corner (hopefully), here is a reminder of the snowy weather just a few weeks ago. Foxes children donned their outdoor gear and tramped around to the field, to create snow angels!



Competition time!

Are you a young eco champion? Then why not enter Nailsworth Climate Action Network's

Recycling Competition?

Design an eye-catching poster to encourage recycling in our town and we'll display the winning entries at the Nailsworth Festival for all to see. You can use pictures, information or both - we'd love to learn new recycling facts from you!

Entries must be in colour and on an A4 sheet with your name, age and parent's contact details on the back. Please hand in at the **Nailsworth Library** by the **20th April** to see your name in print and your work come to life. Entrants must be 12 years and under.



Cross Country

Kitty and Joseph received their medals today in assembly. As featured in the last newsletter, they both excelled at the Stroud cross country competition for schools, both going on to run in the District races last Sunday. Amazing, both of you!



Run, Kitty, run!

Having qualified for the District cross country, Kitty ran her socks off last Sunday, coming in 5th, and gaining a place at the nationals in a few weeks time, in Loughborough. We are very proud of her!



THE GREAT

WASHPOOL



DUCK RACE

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023

12.15PM ONWARDS, WASHPOOL

(AT THE BOTTOM OF WORMWOOD HILL, HORSLEY)

PARKING IS LIMITED, PLEASE WALK DOWN FROM SCHOOL)

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE! PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE!

Duck numbers will be on sale before/after school at £1 each - look out for the crazy duck costume!

Safeguarding

Attendance and Safeguarding

Below are the attendance figures for all classes for this academic year to date.

Our Local Authority attendance threshold for persistent absence is 95%.

	Attendance (%)	Lates (after 8:55am)	Unauthorised Absence
Foxes	97.5	0	0
Badgers	96.36	2	0
Otters	90.37	2	1
Owls	97.42	1	0

Diary Dates

March

- 20 Foxes/Badgers Mothers Day tea, 2pm in school
- 23 iRock Concert, 2.45-3.15pm in the church
- 31 Otters - Passion Assembly, 9.10am in church
Duck Race, 12.15pm at the Washpool (see poster on previous page)

April

- 21 Otters swimming lessons start (until July)
- 28 May Day Celebrations

May

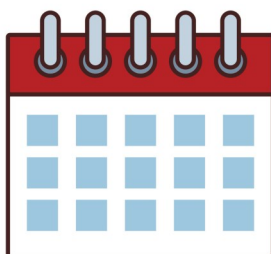
- 1 May Day Bank Holiday
- 2 Messy Church, 3.15pm in the church
- 8 Y6 SATS week (Monday Bank Holiday)
- 15-18 Owls Residential - Viney Hill
- 26 Foxes Class Assembly

June

- 7 Whole school photo + Y6 leavers
- 13 Messy Church, 3.15pm in the church
- 26-27 Otters' residential @ Raffles Forest School
- 29 Sports Day (morning)

July

- 4&5 Y6 Induction Days at SWR
- 5 Parents Drop-in Evening 3.30-5.00pm
- 6 Reserve Sports Day (morning)
- 11 Y5/6 Production 6-7pm (tbc)
- 13 Y5/6 Production 6-7pm (tbc)
- 18 Move-up morning
- 21 Leavers' Assembly, 11am



Please use the link below, on Parentpay, to donate to Red Nose Day! All proceeds go directly to Comic Relief.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10604>

Look out for further information via text, to find out what we'll be up to in school!



2022-2023

2022/2023 Academic Year Dates

- Term 1:** Tues 6 Sep - Fri 21 Oct 2022
- Term 2:** Tues 1 Nov - Fri 16 Dec 2022
- Term 3:** Wed 4 Jan - Fri 17 Feb 2023
- Term 4:** Mon 27 Feb - Fri 31 Mar 2023
- Term 5:** Mon 17 Apr - Fri 26 May 2023
- Term 6:** Mon 5 Jun - Fri 21 July 2023

INSET days this year

- Mon 5 Sep 2022
- Mon 31 Oct 2022
- Tues 3 Jan 2023
- Mon 24 July 2023
- Tues 25 July 2023



See next page for a calendar dates for 23-24

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24

SEPTEMBER

Mon	4	11	18	25
Tues	5	12	19	26
Wed	6	13	20	27
Thur	7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

OCTOBER

Mon	2	9	16	23
Tues	3	10	17	24
Wed	4	11	18	25
Thur	5	12	19	26
Fri	6	13	20	27
Sat	7	14	21	28
Sun	1	8	15	22

NOVEMBER

Mon	6	13	20	27
Tues	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thur	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
Sat	4	11	18	25
Sun	5	12	19	26

DECEMBER

Mon	4	11	18	25
Tues	5	12	19	26
Wed	6	13	20	27
Thur	7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

JANUARY

Mon	1	8	15	22
Tues	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
Thur	4	11	18	25
Fri	5	12	19	26
Sat	6	13	20	27
Sun	7	14	21	28

FEBRUARY

Mon	5	12	19	26
Tues	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
Sun	4	11	18	25

MARCH

Mon	4	11	18	25
Tues	5	12	19	26
Wed	6	13	20	27
Thur	7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

APRIL

Mon	1	8	15	22
Tues	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
Thur	4	11	18	25
Fri	5	12	19	26
Sat	6	13	20	27
Sun	7	14	21	28

MAY

Mon	6	13	20	27
Tues	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thur	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
Sat	4	11	18	25
Sun	5	12	19	26

JUNE

Mon	3	10	17	24
Tues	4	11	18	25
Wed	5	12	19	26
Thur	6	13	20	27
Fri	7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22
Sun	2	9	16	23

JULY

Mon	1	8	15	22
Tues	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
Thur	4	11	18	25
Fri	5	12	19	26
Sat	6	13	20	27
Sun	7	14	21	28

AUGUST

Mon	5	12	19	26
Tues	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thur	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
Sun	4	11	18	25

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	

Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023	40 days
Term 2: Mon 6 th Nov – Fri 22 nd Dec 2023	35 days
Term 3: Mon 8 th Jan - Fri 9 th Feb 2024	25 days
Term 4: Mon 19 th Feb – Fri 22 nd Mar 2024	25 days
Term 5: Mon 8 th April – Fri 24 th May 2024	34 days
Term 6: Mon 3 rd June – Mon 22 nd July 2024	36 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024

*195 days are defined as 'School days'. In the school year 2023/24 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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2nd Saturday
of each month
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