

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 12th May

Newsletter 15 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Justice**



Coronation Big Breakfast

Despite the rain last Friday, our whole school community gathered in the playground for a big, healthy breakfast, to mark the coronation of King Charles III. Organised by our School Council, the breakfast was a lovely chance for parents and children to gather and enjoy some time together. Bunting blew, flags flew, patriotic music played and the sun even decided to make an appearance! A massive THANK YOU to the School Council, led by Miss Mansell, for all their hard work and organisation.



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL



What's going on this term in Foxes Class?

Who
lives
here?

Here's
a clue:
Fi Fi Fo
Fum



Could it
be a
GIANT?



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HOW TO COMBAT ONLINE BULLYING



Defined as "ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online", cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health – so, in support of Anti-Bullying Week, we've provided a list of tips to help trusted adults know what to look for and how to respond to it.

1. GET CONNECTED

Playing online games together with your child or connecting with them on social media (providing they're old enough) is not only fun but also an excellent way of establishing some common ground to discuss things you've both seen or done online – as well as keeping an eye on who your child is communicating with in the digital world.

2. KEEP TALKING

Regular chats with young people about their online lives are good practice in general, but they can also be an excellent refresher to help prevent cyber-bullying situations. Topics you might want to revisit include why it's important to only connect online with people we know and trust, and why passwords should always remain secret (even from our best friends).

3. STAY VIGILANT

Observe your child while they're using technology and just after they've used it. Are they acting normally, or out of character? Possible signs of a problem may include seeming quiet or withdrawn, jumpy or anxious, angry or repeatedly checking their phone. When you feel it's the right time, you may want to check in with them to see if everything is OK.

4. MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE

If an online bullying incident does occur, it may take a while before your child is ready to open up about what happened. Just gently remind them that they can always come to you with any problems – and that they won't be in trouble. You might also suggest a trusted family member they could turn to, in case they feel too embarrassed to tell you directly.

5. BE PREPARED TO LISTEN

When conversations about online bullying do take place, they're likely to be difficult, emotional and upsetting for both you and your child. Actively listen to your child while they're bringing you up to speed, and try not to show any judgement or criticism – even if they haven't dealt with the situation in exactly the way you would have hoped.

FURTHER SUPPORT AND ADVICE

If you or your child need additional help with an online bullying issue, here are some specialist organisations that you could reach out to.

Childline: talk to a trained counsellor on 0800 1111 or online at www.childline.org.uk/get-support/

National Bullying Helpline: counsellors are available on 0845 225 5787 or by visiting www.nationalbullyinghelpline.co.uk/cyberbullying.html

The NSPCC: the children's charity has a guide to the signs of bullying at www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/ and can be reached on 0800 800 5000

6. EMPOWER YOUR CHILD

Depending on their age, your child might not want a parent 'fighting their battles for them'. In that case, talk through their options with them (blocking the perpetrator, deleting the app and so on). By allowing your child to choose the path they take, you're putting them in control but are also demonstrating that you're there to support them along the way.

7. REPORT BULLIES ONLINE

Cyber-bullying often takes place through a particular app, social media platform or online game. If this is happening to your child, encourage them to report the offender to the app or game in question – ideally with screenshots to support their complaint. Most games and apps have reporting tools specifically to stamp out abusive behaviour and protect users.

8. ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

Protecting themselves online is the priority, of course, but young people should also feel empowered to help if they witness other people falling victim to cyberbullying. Even if they don't feel confident enough to call someone out on their abusive behaviour online, they can still confidentially report that person to the app or game where the bullying occurred.

9. SEEK EXPERT ADVICE

Victims of online bullying frequently experience feelings of isolation and anxiety, a loss of self-esteem and potentially even thoughts of self-harm or suicide. If you think that an incident of cyber-bullying has affected your child's mental wellbeing, then seek psychological support for them. There are some useful contact details in the central panel below.

10. INVOLVE THE AUTHORITIES

If the nature of any online bullying makes you suspect that your child is genuinely in imminent physical danger – or if there are any signs whatsoever of explicit images being shared as part of the bullying – then you should gather any relevant screenshots as evidence and report the incidents to your local police force.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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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	88.54	0	1
Badgers	98.86	2	0
Otters	93.75	2	1
Owls	96.37	2	0

Diary Dates

May

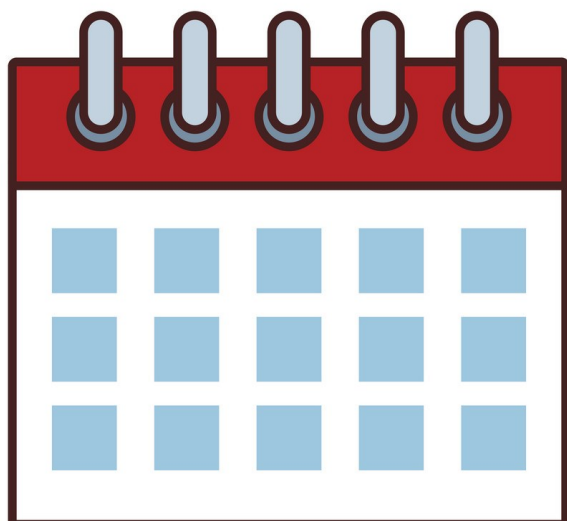
- 15-18 Owls Residential - Viney Hill
- 26 Foxes Class Assembly
- 26 Ice Cream Friday, 3.15pm, outside church

June

- 7 Whole school photo + Y6 leavers
- 13 Messy Church, 3.15pm in the church
- 13 Y6 Leavers' Service, Gloucester Cathedral
- 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)



There are no certificates or In It To Win It winners this week, due to the Big Breakfast and SATs taking place.

Our celebration assemblies will resume, as normal, next Friday. All are welcome!

Ice Cream Fridays are returning!

On the last Friday of every month, grab an ice-cream from outside the church for a special Friday treat. You know you deserve it. (Your children may do too).



The first one is on Friday 26th May at 3.15pm.



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 ⁱ	11	18	25	
Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
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	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
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	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
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	29
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	29
Sat		2	9	16	23
Sun		3	10	17	24

APRIL

Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
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	29
Thur	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
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	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

JULY

Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tues	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
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	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
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.

NAILSWORTH FESTIVAL 2023

Eco Fancy Dress Competition



Costumes: Eco-friendly / hand-made / recycled or upcycled

**Saturday 20th May at 12 noon
in Market Square (shop end), Nailsworth**

Open to individuals or groups, ages 0-7 and 8-100.

Prizes

Overall Best aged 8-100: A family day for four at adventure park 'Cattle country'.

Overall Best aged 0-7: A family day for four at Slimbridge, including Welly Boot land.

Also prizes for 1st and 2nd in each category: Amazon Gift Tokens and Coco Gift Tokens.
Rosettes for all entrants. Special prizes for Judges' choices.

Prizes will be awarded by the Judges and the Mayor of Nailsworth.

Categories

1. Events, people, and famous characters
2. Robots, machines, items and things
3. Conservation, the natural world and climate action

Entry Forms Fill in below and give in to Town Information *Office* by Nailsworth Library
or enter by email: fancydress@nailsworthfestival.org.uk

Name

Category

Contact

Age

School

Apply online for

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

Church News



***Invitation to
the Annual Parochial Church (3 in 1) meeting
Sunday May 21st at 3pm
St Martin's Church
followed by refreshments***

The APCM is a very important meeting that enables our Parish church (the 3 in 1) to function effectively. The purpose of the meeting is to hear reports on 2022 activities and Parish finance, to elect new members of the Parochial Church Council.

With the treasurer for the 3 in 1 standing down this year, we will have a vacancy for a treasurer. If you are interested in this position please contact Reverend Caroline email rev.carolinebland@gmail.com or 01453 836536

*The 3 in 1 is school and community and all are welcome
to this important meeting*

Music Festival at St George's Church, Nailsworth

An exciting weekend of music is planned for a music festival at St George's Church on 17th and 18th June. It is hoped that children (and adults!) from Horsley School will take part on the Saturday afternoon with musical performances. This is an exciting and great opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate the many talents of children at Horsley School, as well as for children to gain performance experience. There will also be a free djembe drum workshop of 30 drums for children and adults!

Please talk to Mr Price if your child would like to take part.

With thanks Reverend Caroline