

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 24th March, 2017

Newsletter 24 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Generosity**



Dear parents, there is lots to share this week—read on!



Everyone has been seeing red—in a good way—today as we raise money for Comic Relief. Red noses, red clothes and delicious cakes have all been in abundance. So far, over £150.00 has been collected...



Experience Easter

Thank you to the volunteers from Open the Book who made 'Experience Easter' an experience to remember. The children took great delight in learning about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane and the Crucifixion, Jesus in the tomb and the real meaning of Easter. All the children in KS2 had the opportunity to explore the carefully and beautifully presented stations, each of which linked with the story of Easter. The children all spoke enthusiastically about the experience. Eden said 'It was really fun!' and Anamaria recounted that 'On the Last Supper, it felt that we were really there.'



A taste of the high life!

Our locally renowned (see below!) hockey team was treated to a practice session at Beaudesert School on Wednesday afternoon. They were invited to use the Astroturf pitch to hone their skills, and will be returning next week for one more visit.



HORSLEY HOCKEY SUCCESS—WORD HAS SPREAD ...

Dear Mr Price & the students of Horsley Primary School

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Stroud Hockey Club to congratulate the team on your recent success at the Kwik Stick District Championships. It's great to hear of local schools embracing the new ways of participating in Hockey and even better that you returned as champions to boot!

I hope that you can pass on our congratulations to the team and let them know (if any of them don't already) that Stroud HC has a thriving Juniors section that welcomes over 150 players to training every week, as well as playing in local tournaments at every age group (U8, U10s, U12s and Youth) and we would love to see the team (and any other keen hockey enthusiasts) come along to keep up their interest in Hockey.

We train at Stratford Park on a Tuesday evening between 6pm & 7.15pm - all of the information is available on our website <http://www.stroudhockeyclub.com/junior-hockey/> and although this season is now over, we will be back with a bang in September ready for another successful and busy season ahead!

*Kind Regards,
Ben Orme*



Breakfast Club

A record number of children have attended this week, with reports of children dragging their parents out of bed, demanding to be taken! Maybe it's the delicious breakfast on offer including freshly made smoothies, the daily yoga sessions with Alice, or just the great fun had by all, but it is great to see the club being enjoyed by so many children. Please see website for booking form and payment information.

Congratulations to this week's Special Awards winners: Oliver, Felix, Amelie, Esme, Bonnie, Lucien, Archie, Connie, Ziggy, Martha C, Martha P and Joseph

Singing Club

Biddy would very much like to be able to offer a singing club after school again next term but for this to be possible we would need at least 10 children to attend. If your child would like this opportunity, please can you let the office know; depending on replies it may then appear on the clubs list to be sent out shortly. In the meantime, any adults who enjoy singing might like to know that Biddy is starting an adult choir:

DAY TIME CHOIR IN NAILSWORTH

Tuesdays 10.30-12pm in upstairs room of Nailsworth Sub Rooms. Men and women of all ages welcome - no previous experience or note reading skills needed. Nervous singers welcome! First session free, £5 per week after that.

Run - a - mile club

The club will run each Thursday at break-time, children just need to bring their trainers to school.



AMNESTY COUNTRY DANCE SKIRTS!

Still no sign of our missing skirts - this is a last plea, on our knees, to rummage in your cupboards if your daughter has taken part in the country dancing festival in the past few years. We originally had a class set, and are now down to just 10.... Thank you!



A reminder for Badgers class parents, the dance festival is on Tuesday 4th April at Stratford Park Leisure Centre and any parents attending will need to purchase a programme, available from the school office for £1.00.



Scholastic Book Club

Still time to order your books online at www.schools.scholastic.co.uk/horsley-gl6 and earn 20p for the school for every £1 spent. Postage is free if you order before the deadline of 28th April.

School Diary Dates 2017

March	
26	Mothering Sunday (Children to share within the service)
April	
4	Country Dancing Festival 6.30—8.00 pm
7	End of Term 4 - 2:15pm
	Duck Race 2.15 onwards
24	Summer Term begins
June/July	
30-2	Owls' Residential Trip PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Clubs Week Commencing 27th March

Monday	Cross Country Multi Skills R-Y3
Tuesday	Gymnastics Y1-3 Art Adventurers Y4-6
Wednesday	Lunchtime Sports Y3/4 ArtSparks Y1-6 Hockey Y3-6
Thursday	French Y3-6
Friday	Football Y3-6 ArtSparks Y1-6

Another Plea...

Last week Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. T. visited Horsley Playgroup to share ideas and good practice. Following this exchange, they have identified resources which would be useful in Foxes class to promote children's play and learning, in particular small world play. It would be fabulous to put together a basic 'toolkit' for the children, and they would be extremely grateful for any second-hand toys in good condition. They are keen to source the following:

- Diggers / cranes / building site props
- Farm - tractors, trailers, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, farmer figures
- Garage - with trucks, vans, motorbikes
- Road layout - signs, trees, houses
- Dolls house
- Castle
- Woodland animals
- Fire station / hospital / police station (and figures / vehicles)
- Figures showing injury / race
- Pasta, rice, dried peas, lentils, animal print fabric, whisks and water wheels for water play.
- Toys which we have some of, but more would be great:
- Railway - trains and track (we do have some)
- Small mini figures (Lego/Play mobile is ideal)
- Zoo (we have some animals)
- Water creatures
- Lego

Thank you!

Children's early years in Horsley at Horsley Playgroup

At Horsley Playgroup we turn the community hall into a very special, child centred place, a friendly, happy and secure place for young children to learn whilst making friends and having fun. We create a space that helps to support children's developing skills, and that encourages exploration, thinking and learning together.

We operate from the lovely rural setting of Horsley Village Hall providing high quality early years care and education for children aged 2 years 9 months to 5 years, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during term time. Although we were originally set up to cater for the children of Horsley, children from the neighbouring areas of Nailsworth and beyond are really welcome.

We have an excellent range of high quality resources which enables a varied and very creative play and learning environment, both inside and outside, with free-flow to a lovely rural outside area that is secured by a fence that is used every day. There is also a park with play equipment (currently undergoing refurbishment), a hard surface area, playing field and woods where children experience a 'forest school' type approach.

We have been judged by Ofsted in 2015 as 'outstanding' in all areas. We also hold a pre-school session in Horsley Primary School each week for children in the year before they go to school, that was awarded 'outstanding' for a second time in 2015. We have a website where you can learn more at <http://www.horsleyplaygroup.co.uk>.

OFSTED: "Outstanding"

Places available September 2017!

OPEN MORNING 27TH MARCH
9.45-11.45am Horsley Village Hall

I have a better group for my children." Parent 2015

HORSLEY PLAYGROUP

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Outstanding
early years provision
2019/2020



Sessions are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Children aged 2 years 9 months to school age

Contact: horsleyplaygroup@gmail.com

See our website for more info: www.horsleyplaygroup.co.uk