

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 28th April, 2017

Newsletter 27 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Justice**



Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term at Horsley.



Eco Loo

There's an eco loo in our playground, in
case you get 'caught short'
When I answer the call of nature,
I have this warming thought.
Not only do I gain relief,
When I come in to wee
I'm helping to save Mother Earth!
That fills my heart with glee.
I want to thank whoever thought to put this
toilet here.
It'll bring relief to boys and girls
Year after year after year.

David Parker

Open for Business!

The first day of term saw another "Horsley First", with the official opening of our new playground Eco Loo. Installed during the Easter holidays, the new toilet provides an environmentally friendly solution to the problem of children who need the toilet during break, lunch or outdoor lessons having to return to the main school building.

We are the very first school in Gloucestershire to have a composting toilet in our playground and to celebrate the occasion we welcomed back our former interim Head David Williams, who initiated the project. David officially opened the new toilet and read a specially composed poem which was written for the occasion by a former parent.

The toilet will come into use over the coming weeks once staff and children have had a chance to familiarise themselves with it.

Clubs List Week Commencing 2nd May 2017

Tuesday

Art Adventurers
Gymnastics

Wednesday

Archery
Art Sparks
Netball

Thursday

French
NO DANCE CLUB THIS WEEK

Friday

Field Sports
Forest School (subject to minimum numbers)



HORSLEY KNEX CHAMPIONS!!!!

Huge congratulations to Oliver and Felix who represented the school at Wednesday's Knex County Championship at Millbrook Academy. Charged with a challenge to produce a Moon Buggy, Felix and Oliver set about the task with great determination and flair. They were the only team to use gears on both of their designs and came first out of over 80 schools taking part across the day. As well as winning Knex kits for themselves, the boys also received some for the school too.

All in all a fantastic result—well done Oliver and Felix we are so proud of you .



Congratulations to this week's special award winners: Barnaby, Stan N, Jake, Bonnie, Lily, Amelia, Poppy, Pippin, Freddie and Joseph M.



Archery Tournament Update!

Well done to our fine archers, who managed to come 15th in the district at the local schools' tournament. This despite being one archer down, which apparently raises them to no less than 8th position, when an average is calculated. A special mention goes to Stan Vine, for his exceptional skill and accuracy.

Horsley Playground Grand Opening Saturday 12.00 midday onwards

Bring a picnic and try out the new park, with all its delights! If you can bring a spring-themed cake to share too, that would be most appreciated!

May Day Celebrations

Don't forget next Wednesday morning heralds the beginning of summer, with traditional music, poetry, dancing and general gaiety abounding. Jack of the Green and the May Queen will honour us with an appearance, and we shall all troop down to the Wash-pool and onwards to Ruskin Mill for more dancing and well-deserved refreshments.

We hope that all the children will come to school dressed in colourful clothing, but be aware that there are lots of stinging nettles *en route*, so please ensure that their festive dress is appropriate for any overgrown flora!

We very much look forward to sharing this special occasion with you all—parents are welcome for the whole celebration, but all children **must** stay with their class and/or teachers.

School Diary Dates 2017

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| May | |
| 3 | May Day Celebration 9-11am |
| 5 | Forest School Starts Y2-6 3:15-4:45pm |
| 8-12 | SATS week |
| 12 | FHS Quiz night |
| June | |
| 14 | Sports for Schools Sponsored Event |
| 20 | Y5 Experience Day at SWR School |
| 30-2 | Owls' Residential Trip |
| July | |
| 3 | Sports Day |
| 7 | Reports out |
| 14 | Big Breakfast |
| 18 | Summer Play 1:30pm and 6:30pm |
| 25 | Leavers' Assembly and End of Term |

Academic Year 2017-2018

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| Sep | |
| 4 | Inset Day |
| 5 | First day of term |

Governor Update- April 2017

I hope everyone had a good break over Easter. It was great to see the Eco Loo in place on Monday. Mr. Williams came back to school to 'open' it! This will make a tremendous difference to the children and will enable pupils to maximise the use of the outdoor area.

The governors met on the 5th April and Mike Smith was elected as our Vice Chair. Mr. Price submitted his headteacher's report and answered governor questions about matters such as attendance, the use of pupil premium finance and staffing.

Governors have attended training including 'New Governor Training' and 'Church School Distinctiveness'.

The Community and Values committee have met and will monitor actions that have been planned as a result of the SIAMS inspection.

Cathy Sane - Chair of governors (chair@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk)