

The Horsley School Bag

Tuesday 25th July, 2017

Newsletter 38 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: Courage



Dear Parents,

Today we said goodbye to our Year 6 children as they start the next chapter in their lives. We wish Ben, Idoi, Cameron, Stan, Isaac, Felix, Henry, Oliver, Danielle, Chinu and Amelia all the very best when they join their new schools in September. The children are transferring to Sir William Romney's, Cirencester Deer Park, Pates, Marling, Malmesbury and Katharine Lady Berkeley's schools, where I am sure they will all continue to grow and thrive. We also wish Max and Joni much happiness as they take their next steps in their education journeys.

The whole school also united on Monday to wish a sad farewell to Mrs Greig, who leaves Horsley a much sportier school than when she arrived 13 years ago. Thank you Mrs Greig for all you have contributed to the life of Horsley school over many years.



Alice in Wonderland 18th July 2017



Music Tuition

If your child is currently having music lessons in school, the assumption is that they will continue in September, unless you give the appropriate notice to their tutor.

If your child would like to start tuition in September please let the office know and we will pass your details to the tutor. Just to remind you, we currently can offer tuition in: Flute, Clarinet, Piano, Violin, Guitar and Singing. Pupils generally begin tuition in Year 3 although piano and guitar can start in Year 2. Next year we are hoping to have a lunchtime orchestra led by Mr Price.

We will keep you posted!



Term Dates 2017-18 are at the bottom of this newsletter and on the school website

www.horsley.gloucs.sch.uk

Please can we draw your attention to the fact that next year we will again be breaking up for the summer holidays mid week (on Wednesday 25th July), in line with Gloucestershire County Council's published term and holiday dates.

Please ensure that your holiday plans for 2018 are made with this in mind, as holidays in term-time cannot be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

Sports for Schools Sponsored event

Thank you to all those children who completed and returned their sponsorship forms and money.

The event raised £363.12 for the Sports for Schools Charity, to support their work with Paralympic Athletes, and £156.90 for the school, which will be spent on PE equipment.

The child who raised most sponsorship in the whole school was Poppy Stratford with a staggering £65.00!

Certificates for the top fundraisers in each class, along with blue wrist bands for children who raised over £5 and red wristbands for children who raised over £15 will be handed out next week.

"I would like to express a massive 'thank you' for the lovely gift card, the very kind messages in cards and the contributions in a remembering book from past and present children and parents at Horsley Playgroup, especially to Poppy, Julia & Sarah for organising. It has made me feel very loved and valued for my work and years as Playleader & Operations Manager at playgroup. It has been a complete privilege to be part of so many children's earliest and formative years.

I am looking forward to a bit of a rest and my involvement is continuing as a regular volunteer at playgroup and school. Very best wishes and thank you again, xxx Mags."

School Diary Dates 2017

Academic Year 2017-2018

Sep

- 4 Inset Day
- 5 First day of term

Oct

- 20 Inset Day
- 23-27 Half Term
- 30 Inset Day
- 31 Start of Term 2

Dec

- 15 End of Term 2

Jan

- 2 Inset Day
- 3 Start of Term 3

Academic Year Dates

2017-18 term dates for Horsley are as below:

- Term 1 5th Sep - 19th Oct
- Term 2 31st Oct - 15th Dec
- Term 3 3rd Jan - 9th Feb
- Term 4 20th Feb - 29th Mar
- Term 5 16th Apr - 25th May
- Term 6 4th Jun - 25th Jul

The school is closed for inset days on 4th Sept, 20th and 30th Oct, 2nd Jan and 19th Feb

Clubs

Don't forget to send in completed clubs request forms!

Confirmation of all clubs will be sent out at the beginning of next term, when you will also be able to make the relevant payments via Paypal or BACS *prior* to clubs starting.

All club places must be paid for in full in advance.