The Horsley School Bag

Friday 17th November 2023

Newsletter 5 from Mr Price, Head Teacher

Our value this term is: Service





Ready, Steady, BAKE!

School Council's cake sale and decorating competition was a resounding success. The winners were announced in assembly last week (see photos later in this edition), the competition having been judged by Ivy-Mae, Darsha,

Ryder, Mrs Kerry and Mrs Brown.

Cupcake Winners:

- 1st Owls on a Stick cakes by Maggie 2nd Halloween cakes by Arthur
- 3rd Pumpkin Cupcake by Billy Kelly

Large Cake Winners:

- 1st Pikachu Cake by Henry, Sam and Arthur Candler 2nd Pumpkin Cake by Imogen 3rd Joint prize Heart Cake by
- 3rd Joint prize Heart Cake by Nancy and Spider Cake by Samuel









Well done to the other entries: Hattie, Gabe, Erin and Benji's joint cupcakes, Clara's cupcakes, Sam Kelly's cupcake, Rupert Kelly's cupcake and Noah's cupcakes.



A massive thank you to EVERYONE who brought in cakes to sell! We raised an amazing total of £105.31, £53 of which will be donated to Smile TrainUK (see Darsha's article in this newsletter, for more information about this charity) and £52.31 of which will to to the Salvation Army.

















We will remember them.

As is Horsley tradition, the whole school gathered by the war memorial, to commemorate Armistice Day, with a short service, led by Reverend Caroline, followed by a 2-minute silence.











Tag Rugby

Last week, children from Otters and Owls classes attended a rugby development festival, where rugby skills were learnt and fun games were played.

At the end, Horsley played 6 proper matches, winning 5 and drawing 1. Amazing!

Thanks to Steve Hopkins for lending support!



Thank you...

...to Sylvie, who played beautifully in our Congratulations Assembly this morning.



Cake Decoration Competition Winners! (see front page)





Back to School!

There were lots of new 'children' in school yesterday, for our Geography Open Morning, as parents came to share activities with their children in class. The atmosphere was focused and enthusiastic, and it was lovely to be able to open our doors in this way. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Children in Need and Au Revoir to Mrs Kerry

We all dressed up as someone we admire today, with several children in Otters Class deciding to emulate their much admired teacher, proudly displaying their very own baby bumps! Ms Finlow played her guitar most beautifully for the birthday children. We sent Mrs Kerry off with gifts and much love, and with anticipation at the safe arrival of her new baby. We will all miss her, but she'll be back!



























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Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Tobias, Benji, Margo, Ozi, Joseph, Darsah, Freya and Molly



Harley, Imogen, Harry, Sam, Rory, Romi and Leo



The latest 'In it to win it' winners are Alice, Juno, Ewen and Erin





Congratulations to everybody else who achieved 100% in their spellings this week!







Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023 Nov

23 Flu immunisations - whole school



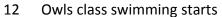
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- 12 Nativity production, 2.00pm, in church. All welcome.
- 13 School Christmas Dinner
 Nativity production, 6.00pm, in church. All wel come.
- 20 Christingle Service, 6.00-7.00pm, in church. All welcome (note change of date)
- Whole-school panto trip (afternoon, late pick-up time to be confirmed)
- 22 End of term, 12.15pm

Spring Term 2024

Jan

9-12 Epiphany Week



Feb

6 Chamber Concert, in church, 6.00-7.00pm

Mar

- 7 World Book Day
- 12 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.00pm
- 14 Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00pm
- 15 Comic Relief
- 22 Easter Passion assembly. All welcome. End of term, 12.15pm

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 |
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| Foxes | 88.84 | 0 | 0 |
| Badgers | 99.17 | 4 | 0 |
| Otters | 93.93 | 1 | 0 |
| Owls | 92.59 | 0 | 0 |

Summer Term 2024

April

12 Otters class swimming starts

May

- 3 May Day celebrations
- 6 May Day Bank Holiday
- 13 SATs Week (Year 6)

June

- 3 Multiplication Test Check Week (Year 4)
- 10 Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
- 25 New Reception parent info evening, 6.00pm
- 27 Parent Drop-in evening, 3.30-5.00pm

July

- 1-4 Owls class residential to Viney Hill
- 9 KS2 End of Year production, 6.00pm
- 10 KS2 End of Year production, 6.00pm
- 12 Sports Day
- 16 Move-up morning
- 17 Sports Day (reserve date)
- 19 Leavers' Assembly, 11.00am. All welcome. End of term, 12.15pm

Term Dates



2023/2024 Academic Year Dates

Term 1: Wed 6 Sep - Fri 27 Oct 2023

Term 2: Tues 7 Nov - Fri 22 Dec 2023

Term 3: Tue 9 Jan - Fri 9 Feb 2024

Term 4: Mon 19 Feb - Fri 22 Mar 2024

Term 5: Tue 9 Apr - Fri 24 May 2024

Term 6: Mon 3 Jun - Fri 19 July 2024



INSET days this year

Mon 4 Sep 2023 Tue 5 Sep 2023 Mon 6 Nov 2023 Mon 8 Jan 2024 Mon 22 July 2024



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24



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| Term 1: Mon 4 th Sept – Fri 27 th Oct 2023 | 40 days |
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| 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 |
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Holidays Inset Days

Term Time

Bank Holiday

 Term 4: Mon 19th Feb – Fri 22nd Mar 2024
 25 days

 Term 5: Mon 8th April – Fri 24th May 2024
 34 days

 Term 6: Mon 3rd June – Mon 22nd July 2024
 36 days

Total 195 days*

| Christmas Bank Holidays | 25 th December 2023 | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | 26 th December 2023 | | |
| New Year Bank Holiday | 1st January 2024 | | |
| Good Friday | 29 th March 2024 | | |
| Easter Monday | 1st 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.



An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

WHAT IS ORACY AND WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

HOW WILL THE COMPETITION WORK?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. Those winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition, with lots of other local schools!

WHAT CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT?

Children can talk about <u>absolutely anything</u> that they choose to, for up to two-minutes They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoints please.

HOW CAN YOU HELP THEM AT HOME?

- * First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home or anything else! It can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to plan and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practice and give them lots of encouragement!
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





child off school?



Until...

| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over | | | |
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| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode | | | |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. | | | |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics | | | |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared | | | |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started | | | |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics | | | |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics | | | |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |





Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

A word from Darsha about the Smile Train and her experiences of living with a cleft lip

My early childhood was very different from the childhood of others – being born with a cleft lip and palate can be hard. I was lucky when I was born as my cleft lip was mended by the best cleft lip doctor in in the country. However, there are children all over the world



that are not so lucky and that is what the Smile Train charity is trying to change. 1 in 700 babies are born with a cleft lip across the world.

Cleft lips are formed in the mother's tummy whilst the baby is growing. It happens when the tissue that makes up the lip does not completely join before birth. They can involve the lip and the roof of the mouth. The Smile Train charity says that it can make breathing, eating and speaking difficult when left untreated. There may also be issues with hearing or speech. Every 3 minutes a baby with a cleft lip is born globally.

Smile Train Charity - who? What? Why?

The Smile Train charity was set up by Brian Mullaney and Charles Wang in 1999. The charity wanted to focus on one area of need to ensure they had a big impact. With so many children being born with a cleft lip or palate and medical services all around the world still developing in this area, the Smile Charity have created a brighter future for these children. The charity works with local medical teams in different communities around the world to provide training and financial support to allow many more children to access surgery for cleft lips and palates.

Charity fundraising at Horsley

As a School Councillor I had spoken to my friends about wanting to do something to raise money for this charity. One afternoon when the School Council met I was away from School and I came back to discover that one of the charities we were fundraising for happened to be the Smile Train charity. I was very happy that my teachers had remembered how important this was to me.

We had a meeting as a School council. It was decided that we should have a Bake Sale and Cake Decorating competition. The cakes were to be judged and sold. We decided that half of the money would go to the Smile Cleft Charity and half to the Salvation Army charity.

In the morning of the competition, the cakes were presented in our Church building and then the judges decided where they had placed. The judging was exciting and fascinating especially finding out why the contestants had chosen their design. We judged cupcakes and whole cakes. It was tough to pick a winner. People flocked to but the delicious cakes on offer and to see the interesting designs. The cakes were sold to the children and families. Slices from the whole cakes were sold for £1 and cupcakes for 50p. Over £100 was raised for the two charities! We plan to do more fundraising for the charity in the future.

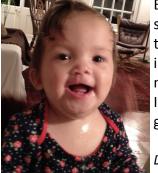
Why is it important to me?

The Smile Cleft charity is important to me because I was lucky to have had excellent treatment but I know there are other children who are not as lucky as me.

Living with a cleft lip, even though I have had surgery (3 operations in total), can be tricky. I often feel like people are staring at me and that can make me feel uncomfortable and self-conscious.

Sometimes when you go out to eat at restaurants and you have runny foods, such as chocolate, custard, cream, sauces they can come out of your nose. I don't avoid these foods but I have to be ready with a tissue. This is a little embarrassing and makes me feel awkward when out in public. I have gotten used to this and feel less embarrassed than I used too. Sometimes people are concerned and think I am having a nose bleed – which can be annoying. The reason that things can run out of the nose is because there is a hole in the roof of my mouth that was meant to fixed in my last operation but wasn't. This isn't the case with all children born with a cleft lip but it is my experience. This is just one of the things that can make living with a cleft lip tricky.





Even though I have had surgery on my cleft lip, the surgery is still on-going and I have another operation in the coming future. Despite some things still being tricky, I am PROUD of being unique, special and being my own person. It has affected me and helped me grow as a person in this modern day society. I have become more resilient as I begun working towards this goal of raising money for this charity.

Darsha wanted to share these photos of before/after her surgery.

