

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 1st December 2023

Newsletter 6 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Service**



Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Penny, Hattie, Charlie, Arvo, Aaron, Alana, Betsy, Theo, Alex and Romi



Oliver, Jess, Eddie, Verity, Josh, Hattie, Arthur, Teddy, Kai and Ruby



MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023

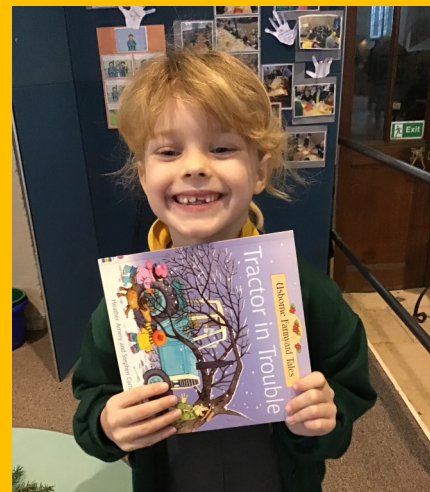


We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England





The latest 'In it to win it' winners are
Hattie, Romi, Vanessa and Alice



Children in Need Sponsored Walk

We raised an incredible

£743.50

Well done to everyone
who took part!



There have been a number of ‘near misses’ in recent weeks on the road outside the front of school, where the zigzag yellow lines are painted. These lines are there for a reason. They are there to help keep your children safe. Please do not park on them, even if only for a few minutes. There has been gridlock caused by parents parking on both sides of the road directly outside school; angry motorists who are simply trying to drive through are navigating a slalom, through which, at any point, a child could walk into the road.



Sarah (Alice's mum) has registered with this clothing name tag company. If you use the school ID (29308) when you order, the school receives a hefty 24% of the sale, not to mention the fact that school uniform can be returned to its rightful owner!



We are on the lookout for somebody/bodies to join our team of midday supervision staff from 12.15-1.15pm as and when needed, as well as helping out with Wendy at Afterschool Club on busy days, now that the numbers are on the rise.

Are you flexible? Do you have any free time to join our lovely band of staff? It may be that you can offer certain days only - we can be flexible too!

If you are interested, or would like to know more, do contact Julia in the office, either by email or telephone.

Email: admin@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk

Phone: 01453 833625



If you wish to make contact with your child's teachers, please either catch them at the end of the day, or email admin@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk. You may also wish to pass a message on through the office phone (01453 833625).

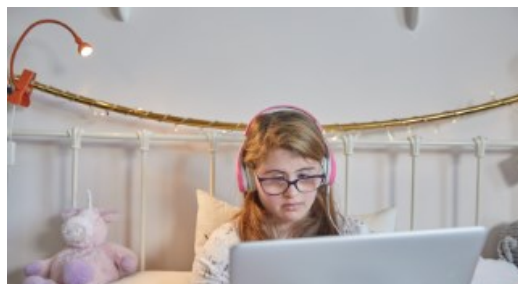
Please do not email teachers directly.

Thank you.



The NSPCC aims to support parents with online safety advice, in order to help protect them.

It is crucial that children know how to use YouTube responsibly. The link below is from the NSPCC website, and contains sensible and clear advice for parents.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

HORSLEY PLAYGROUP



Exciting job opportunity!

We are looking for a Playleader & Manager for our fantastic inclusive, fun, and creative early years playgroup held in the village hall term time in rural Horsley.

We are seeking someone who is motivated, who has warmth, patience and a sense of fun, who enjoys being with children, with good communication and organisational skills to join and lead our amazing team.

The successful candidate will have a good knowledge of the Early Years Foundation stage and be able to effectively manage the day-to-day running of our playgroup, as well as the longer-term vision and continued success. This will include planning and organising play activities; encouraging positive behaviour through play whilst adhering to our policies and procedures to maintain safeguarding and health & safety measures. They will need to communicate effectively with children and their parents and carers, and manage the staff team in the work of the playgroup.

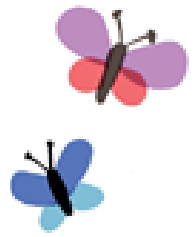
We are looking for someone with a minimum level 3 qualification in childcare, EYPS, EYT or QTS, and have preferably worked in an early years setting for at least two years with experience of leading a setting.

Hours of employment are up to 24 hours a week, Monday to Wednesdays according to county council term dates.
Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience

To apply please send an email requesting an application form to
Horsley Playgroup at horsleyplaygroup@gmail.com

Closing date: 11th December 2023

Interview, references and DBS check will be required.





FRIENDS OF HORSLEY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS *Party*

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
IN THE CHURCH**

KS1 - 5PM TO 6PM

KS2 - 6.30PM TO 7.30PM

BAR

**HOTDOGS
£2 EACH**

PARTY GAMES

DISCO

TUCKSHOP

WEAR YOUR BEST PARTY CLOTHES

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
DAILY AFTER SCHOOL
£3 PER CHILD**

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



Our playground bench needs some TLC...

Are there any crafty parents out there, who would be able to repair it, or tell us whether it's even repairable? Thank you!



A vibrant poster for a 'Pop up Panto!' event. The background features orange curtains and two spotlights. A yellow ticket-shaped banner on the left says 'FREE EVENT! Book via HAF website!'. The title 'Pop up Panto!' is in large, white, cursive font. Below it, a yellow banner contains the event details: '27th December, 8am until 3pm. Murray Hall, Tuffley, GL4 0NU. Breakfast and lunch provided!'. At the bottom, the 'Read with me' logo is displayed, featuring the words 'Read with me' in red, blue, and green, with a graphic of books.

FREE EVENT!
Book via
HAF website!

Pop up Panto!

27th December, 8am until 3pm.
Murray Hall, Tuffley, GL4 0NU.
Breakfast and lunch provided!

Read with me

Whether you're a theatre enthusiast, a budding artist or would rather help behind the scenes, there's something for everyone. You'll have the opportunity to learn a fun dance routine, sing a new song and have your own part in the panto! This is a fun day out for all ages, with free breakfast and lunch provided.

This event is entirely free to attend, but you will need to book a place via Gloucester HAF website:

<https://gloucestershirehaf.com/gloucester-city-haf/family-activities-glos-city-haf/>



Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Dec

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



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



Spring Term 2024

Jan

- 9-12 Epiphany Week
- 12 Owls class swimming starts

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



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

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 | 87.89 | 3 | 0 |
| Badgers | 93.75 | 1 | 0 |
| Otters | 95.71 | 7 | 0 |
| Owls | 80.74 | 1 | 0 |

INSET days this year

Mon 4 Sep 2023

Tue 5 Sep 2023

Mon 6 Nov 2023

Mon 8 Jan 2024

Mon 22 July 2024



Safeguarding

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2023/24

| SEPTEMBER | | | | | OCTOBER | | | | | NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|---------|-----|----|----|----|----------|------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Mon | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Mon | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Tues | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Tues | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Tues | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| Wed | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Wed | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Wed | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
| Thur | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Thur | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Thur | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | |
| Fri | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Fri | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Fri | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
| Sat | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sat | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Sat | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Sun | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Sun | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Sun | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| DECEMBER | | | | | JANUARY | | | | | FEBRUARY | | | | | | |
| Mon | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
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| Sun | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Sun | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| MARCH | | | | | APRIL | | | | | MAY | | | | | | |
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| JUNE | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | |
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| Tues | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Tues | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Tues | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
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| Term Time | | Holidays | |
|--------------|--|------------|--|
| Bank Holiday | | Inset Days | |

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|---|------------------|
| 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* |

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| 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.

FRIENDS OF HORSLEY SCHOOL



**CHRISTMAS
WREATH
MAKING
EVENING**

MINCE PIES ❀ MULLED WINE ❀ FESTIVE TUNES

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

6.30PM TO 9PM

IN THE CHURCH

**PLEASE CONTACT AMEE ON 07359429771
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**

£25 PER PERSON

