

The Horsley School Bag

Friday 15th December 2023

Newsletter 7 from Mr Price, *Head Teacher*

Our value this term is: **Service**



Welcome to the world, Joyce Estelle!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs Kerry (and Mr Kerry of course!) on the safe arrival of their new baby, born on Monday 4th December, weighing in at a mighty 6lbs 6oz.

Mum and baby are doing GREAT!



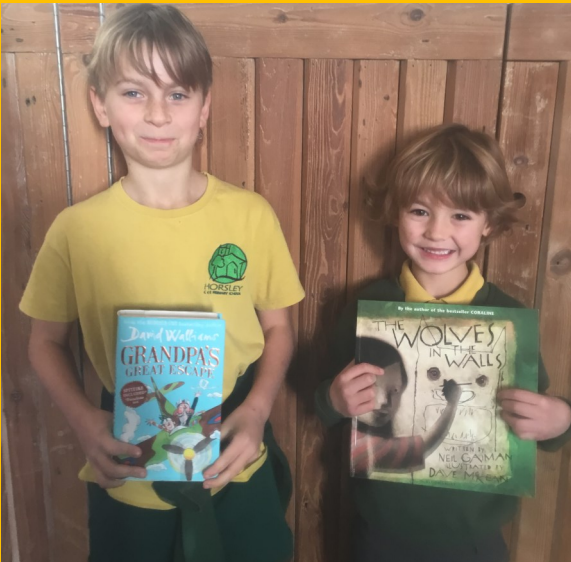
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2022 - 2023



We're working
towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts
Council England



The latest 'In it to win it' winners are
Arthur, Oliver, Verity and Kensa (who is poorly today, so can choose her book next week)



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

Congratulations to 3 more Special Award winners this week :
Alfie, Noah and Jack



Congratulations to our latest Special Award Winners

Etta, Sam, Ewan, Tiggy, Laurie, Jago and Lucy



William, Maggie, Joe, Rupert, Lottie, Ivy-Mae and Emilia



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?



Book now online

Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee!**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

How it works:

- Children don't need music experience to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: www.irockschool.com/enrol and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

Proudly supporting



“ My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band ”
Google Review



► YOUNG LOCAL ARTISTS ► AGED 4 TO 19 ► OPEN CALL, APPLY NOW

NEXT LEVEL

ART EXHIBITION

30th January to 25th February 2024



We are looking for young artists, aged 4 to 19, who would like to have their work in an exhibition in our gallery and café at Three Storeys in Nailsworth. There will be four age categories, 'People's Choice' awards, and as many pieces of artwork as we can fit in the space. Together we want to celebrate young peoples' creativity and art.

www.threestoreys.co.uk/nextlevel

Applications close on 31st December 2023

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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Dec

- 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 Young Voices Concert
- 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.



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

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 | 92.11 | 0 | 0 |
| Badgers | 95.42 | 2 | 0 |
| Otters | 88.62 | 3 | 0 |
| Owls | 85.19 | 3 | 0 |

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 | |
| Tues | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | Tues | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Tues | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Wed | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Wed | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Wed | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |
| Thur | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Thur | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Thur | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | |
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| Sat | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 | Sat | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | Sat | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
| Sun | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 | Sun | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | Sun | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| MARCH | | | | | APRIL | | | | | MAY | | | | | | |
| Mon | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
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| JUNE | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | |
| Mon | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | Mon | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 | Mon | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
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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.

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: 24th January 2024

Interview, references and DBS check will be required.

