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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school – and an especially big hello to our new Reception children who are starting their Horsley journey this term! We hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy summer break. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity at the end of last term – the staff were truly touched and very grateful.

### Leadership Structure

This year brings some exciting changes to our leadership team. Mr Price, having completed a successful year at Sapperton School, has taken on another Executive Headship at Gastrells Community Primary School. He will continue to lead Horsley's strategic direction and make executive decisions. However, the vast majority of his time will be spent at Gastrells School. The governors have agreed this arrangement for a year. We are thrilled to be taking on the role of Co-Heads of School during Mr Price's absence. This is a really exciting opportunity for us, and we feel privileged to be leading Horsley together. We are looking forward to building on all the wonderful things already happening in school, as well as bringing fresh ideas and energy to the year ahead.

Mrs Everett will also continue her role as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), so please do reach out to her if you have any SEND-related concerns – she is always happy to help.

### Curriculum Letters

Our curriculum letters have now been shared and are also available on the school website under each Class Hub. These give a great overview of what your child will be learning this term, as well as important information e.g. PE days.

### Communication

We aim to keep communication clear and accessible. Text messages remain a key tool, and our website is full of useful information. Our fortnightly newsletters (sent out on Fridays) will continue to celebrate children's learning and share important updates.

If you'd like a formal appointment with a member of staff, please call the office or email [admin@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk). Staff are also usually available at the end of the day for a quick chat. Please note that direct emails to class teachers aren't possible, as we protect staff well-being in this way. However, as co-Heads, we are always happy to be contacted directly on [jeverett@](mailto:jeverett@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk) or [pfeldon@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:pfeldon@horsley.gloucs.sch.uk).



## **Congratulations Worship**

We are delighted to continue welcoming parents and carers to our weekly Congratulations Worship in church. These gatherings are family-friendly, and we kindly ask that if younger siblings become unsettled, you take them out for a moment so that everyone can enjoy the children's voices and contributions. Parents of children receiving a Special Award will be notified in advance by text and will have a chance for a quick photo and cuddle at the end. For all other children, we ask that hugs and chats wait until afterwards so that we can ensure a smooth and safe dismissal. We love to see the children celebrated with our special '*alien bows of honour*' – while the big cheers are saved for i-Rock concerts! Thank you for helping us keep these events special and enjoyable for all.

## **Uniform**

It has been wonderful to see children returning with smiles, looking smart in their uniforms. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy – it really helps foster a sense of identity and pride. A gentle reminder: socks should be black, grey, white, or British racing green, and shoes should be worn every day except PE days, when trainers are fine (in neutral colours, please).

## **Friends of Horsley (FHS)**

We're excited for another year of fun community events organised by the FHS – look out for details on favourites like Fireworks Night and the Monsters' Ball.

## **Wraparound Care**

We hope the new booking system on Parentpay is working smoothly for you and making it easier to book and adjust sessions with flexibility.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead – to seeing your children learn, grow, and thrive, and to working together with you to make it a truly memorable year.

Yours faithfully,



Jo Everett and Peter Feldon  
Co-Heads of School

