



One week to go...



I am in shock at how quickly this half term has passed us by! I will be out of school on Wednesday and Thursday at the LA Head Teachers conference and we have our INSET day on Friday so I need to wish you all a slightly early happy half term!!



Dates for your diary...

A busy February and March is planned...

Safer Internet Day	10 th February	Young Voices Team 4 and 5	5 th March
Valentines disco	11 th February	World Book Day	6 th March
Inset day	13 th February	Team 4 Art Days – Ticky Lowe	11 th and 12 th March
Team 6 Basketball Competition	12 th February	Comic Relief	13 th March
Half Term Holiday	12 th Feb - 23 rd March	Parent's Evening: Rec – Team 5	18 th and 19 th March
Team 6 SATS Parents Meeting	24 th February	Horn's Mill Musical Extravaganza	27 th March
Fair Trade Day	27 th February	Family Chocolate Bingo	31 st March
Parents Evening – Team 6	2 nd March 3.30-5pm 5 th March 5-7pm	Horn's Mill's Got Talent Final	1 st April

Lunch Box Storage



As part of our recent health and safety review we have been advised to keep our lunchboxes out of the cloakrooms as heating pipes are in there. After half term we will be using a trolley in the hall (the coolest place in the school) to store each classes lunchboxes.



Karen Joseph

I am delighted to welcome Karen Joseph onto our team. She is our new Family Support Worker and will be working on Monday mornings and on Tues, Wed and Thursday afternoons. She is in post to support the pastoral needs of our children and families and to offer guidance and advice as required. She will be around before and after school if anyone needs a chat, or just to say hello!!

Valentines Disco



This has been organised by the 'Friends of Horn's Mill and will take place on Wednesday 11th March from 4-5pm for the infants and 5.15-6.15pm for the juniors. Only £1 entry which includes a drink. Hotdogs and sweets will be on sale. Sadly I will be away for this one, but the rest of the staff are looking forward to seeing you there!!



“Foodsqueek”



A small group of pupils from Team 5 have been working with pupils from a variety of local primary schools spending some time working with a local company 'Foodsqueek', who teach the basics of computer programming. The aim of the programme is to develop a promotional eBook about Helsby High School. We are looking forward to seeing the final eBook they produce up on our website!!



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February the children will be learning about internet safety. This will include making a poster about what they have learned and an assembly. This is a very important subject and one which we all need to ensure we stay up to date with. For more information or activities you can undertake at home look at www.saferinternet.org/safer-internet-day



and albert

Celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight



And Albert is a fair trade gift, craft and interiors shop in Chester. On Friday 27th February, we have arranged with them to provide an easy stall of £2-£3 items such as hand-made toys and Instruments for our children to buy. The goods are suitable for all children and come from a very diverse range of countries notably from South and West Africa, South East Asia, India and Central and South America especially the Andean countries. Most of the money raised goes to the Fair Trade charity but 10% goes towards school funds. On this day, we will also be undertaking learning involved with this theme, some children will be sharing in a fun and practical workshop with 'and albert', and we will all be listening to a special assembly. For more info please go to <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



And finally...

As we approach the first half a year of my Headship at Horn's Mill, I am getting very excited. This is mainly due to the onset of the new financial year and an opportunity to spend some money!! Over the next few months I have lots of plans to improve our learning environment and resources. Sadly, this will be a long process and won't be fully sorted in a year but hopefully you will begin to see some positive signs of improvement. New interactive whiteboards and sound systems in classrooms, a rather large screen in the hall, several new ipads and new light switches to mention a few!

I hope you all have a great half term (starting on Friday for you, Saturday for us!!!) and we will see you all back on Monday 23rd February.

Thanks everyone,

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