



Newsletter
20th July 2017

Another year done...



Here I am writing my third end of year newsletter. It feels time has been short since I arrived, but it really is getting on. I have now officially lost the ability to play the "I'm new" card!



Uniform for September...

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Just a quick reminder that full uniform is required in September please, including black shoes (no trainers). From next year we would like to phase PE shorts into black, a more sensible colour. Please could you ensure all uniform is named when the children return? Before tomorrow we would be very grateful if you could check all your child's uniform to ensure it is theirs - we have some families who still have named items missing.



Goodbye Mrs Sidley and Kitchen Assistant Vacancy...



We will be very sorry to see Mrs Sidley cook her last dinner on tomorrow. She has been at Horn's Mill for many years and we will miss her very much. We wish her a very happy, restful and fulfilling retirement. We are happy to welcome Dawn Edwards as our new kitchen supervisor. This leaves a part time vacancy for a kitchen assistant. If this is role that interests you, please contact Jo Redican on 07710706185.



Packed Lunches

A reminder for September that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send products containing nuts in packed lunches. Also a reminder that sweets, fizzy drinks and chocolate bars are not permitted in packed lunches. As you know, we encourage children to take their rubbish home from their packed lunch - this is to ensure you can monitor what has and hasn't been eaten.



Free School Meals...



For those of you who are not aware, children who are moving into the juniors (Team 3) will **NO LONGER** be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. They will be charged £2.25 per day unless a successful application is made to continue with free meals. Please phone 0300 123 7039 or visit <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx> if you think you may be entitled.



Are you entitled?

**THANK
YOU!**

Our 'Friends' team have been amazing this year and have raised a considerable amount of money! All the meetings for next year are already in the diary, ready for another super year of fund raising! We would welcome some new members, so please let me, Mark or Diane (Team 1 parents in September) know if you would be able to help.



Summer Activities in school...

Mr G is going to be very busy over the Summer. We have a new boiler being fitted and a total refurbishment in the infant bay - including large touch screen interactive boards! We are going to move some of the built in furniture to allow more space in the bay. As I mentioned on the slip on Tuesday, Mr Griffiths is also going to spend a long time this Summer attacking our very dilapidated windows around the back of the school. They have been very neglected prior to my arrival and it is a massive job. All putty needs replacing then sanding and painting. He would really appreciate it if anyone could offer some free labour in support of our school? Just a day or half a day would be amazing!! He is starting during the first week of the holidays and will be working on them pretty much for all of the subsequent four weeks. Please let him know if you are willing to help.

A message from Mrs Stuart...

Mrs Stuart has been delighted with all the well wishes from you all and has asked me to pass on the message below...

To all the staff, parents and pupils at Horn's Mill School.

I wanted to say 'Hello' before this school year ends. It has been an eventful one for me, I was diagnosed with Systemic Scleroderma in January after several years of differing symptoms. The troubles really began in March when the disease attacked my heart and I was rushed into the Countess of Chester Hospital with little chance of survival. But, it wasn't my time and the amazing staff managed to re-start a rhythm in my heart. I spent a month there on the Cardiac Care Unit before transferring to Liverpool Hospital where I was fitted with a pacemaker and a defibrillator. I like to think of myself as slightly bionic now! I am not out of the woods yet, I am still on lots of medication including chemotherapy, all of which takes its toll, so I am not ready to return to school just yet. I have lots of appointments over the summer, so hopefully will have a plan of action by September.

In the meanwhile, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer and to thank you for your concern and kind wishes. I am missing you terribly but hope to be back before too long.

Good luck to Team 6 as you move on to the next exciting stage of your lives, remember to work hard, be kind and be happy! Welcome to our new Reception Class, I know you will have an amazing time at Horn's Mill, make some great friends and store some lovely memories. I look forward to getting to know you in the years to come.

Finally, a big 'Thank you' to ALL the amazing staff at our school who have been so caring and supportive towards me, special thanks to Mrs Calow, Mrs Hall and Mrs Stubbs for holding the fort so brilliantly and to Mrs Wyatt for her patience and understanding.

Every best wish to you all. Sian S



Traffic outside school...

Unfortunately I have finished the last fortnight of school with several complaints with regards to traffic and inconsiderate behaviour outside school. Please ensure that children who do not attend Horn's Mill or those who have already been picked up are fully supervised; whilst on the school grounds and in Denbigh Close.

And finally...  

It has been another exceptionally proud year for me at Horn's Mill. It is wonderful to see the changes that have been made beginning to have such a positive impact. I am delighted with the results of the questionnaires recently and for the lovely the comments made on the report reply slips. Thank you so much for this feedback, it really helps us to continually reflect and evaluate what we are doing.



We are continuing to fill up our lovely school, with less than 20 places left across the school and waiting lists in three classes. As you know, I am very lucky that we have developed a dream team of staff who unquestionably and without exception care very deeply about your children and never fail to do the very best they can to meet individual needs.



As I often say, (to the point of being boring) it is a privilege to do this job; it's the best in the world and Horn's Mill is definitely the greatest place to do it! I wish you all a very restful, fun and safe Summer break and will be waiting at the door on Tuesday 5th September to welcome you all back.

Thanks everyone,

Sharon Wyatt

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