

What a wonderful day it was on Wednesday as the children returned to school. Full of energy and excitement, they were keen to meet their friends and tell the adults in school all their news! Our new little Millers all arrived in Reception (and two in the juniors too) with big smiles, and settled beautifully into their new classroom. We offer an enormous welcome to all of the new families that have joined us this year.



Attendance and Punctuality:

Just a reminder of the timings of our school day. Children in Team 3-6 are able to be left from 8.30am when they will be supervised in the playground. They are picked up at the same gate at 3.15pm. Children in Reception – Team 2 are welcome in the classroom from 8.40am each day and are picked up at the playground gate at 3pm. Please do not leave children on their own any earlier than indicated. The back gate onto the field is open and staffed each day at 8.30 and closed at 9.10am. Please use the layby to drop children off, then leave it free by not parking there. If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you inform the office by email or phone by 8am that morning. Please be as punctual as you can to teach the children valuable life lessons, but also avoid them missing learning time. Holidays in term time are not permitted unless exceptional circumstances are requested. It is likely that a fine will be administered if they are taken.



Over the holidays, we have moved away from the Local Authority internet provider to one of our own choosing. As a result we now have our own phone line. The new school number is: 01244 259680

New phones...



School Uniform...

The children are all looking really smart and fantastic this week! Thank you for ensuring that they are all in their new school uniforms – they all look wonderful. Please remember that Mrs Bullough is collecting any 'pre-owned' uniform that you may have to display in the entrance hall for sale to increase school funds. Please donate if you can. ALSO – Please ensure all brand new uniform is labelled with the children's names so it will hopefully not be lost. Even shoes!! (We have several repeated styles in classes!) As you know, our uniform provider is now found at <http://www.uniformityschools.com/schools/horns-mill-primary-school> where you can purchase book bags and water bottle as well as standard uniform items.



“BUILD your VOCABULARY”

Please ask your child about the word “captivate”
Thanks to Mr Thomas in Team 5 for suggesting it!

Dates for your diary – September 2019...



Team 6 to Conway Centre - Anglesey	17-20 th Sept	Parent Workshops 2.30pm or 5pm	Tues 24 th Sept
Friends of Horn's Mill AGM – 6.30pm	Mon 23 rd Sept	Team 3 visit to the library	Wed 25 th Sept
Class Photos (for classroom doors)	Tues 24 th Sept	National Languages Day at Horn's Mill	Thurs 26 th Sept

Transition Project...



This year I am excited to be part of a project that is funded due to a successful bid to the Cheshire West and Cheshire Education Improvement Board. I will be leading the project which aims to improve transition for Year 6 pupils in the Frodsham and Villages Partnership as they move to Year 7 at Helsby High. I will be working closely with all the primary schools and the high school over the coming year. One day per week of my time has been funded, bringing valuable funds in to our own school budget.



Friends AGM...

Please come along to school for the Friends AGM on Monday 23rd September in the hall at 6.30pm. Even if you can't commit to joining the Friends fully, we would love to hear your ideas for fund raising or the services/skills you could offer on an ad-hoc basis. I was extremely humbled by offers of support following my letter about funding last term. Thanks all!



Parent workshops...



On Tuesday 24th September at 2.30pm and 5pm all class teachers will present a selection of information that will help you to understand the learning that will happen for your child this year – including support for our new home learning focus. You will find out about the maths calculation strategies your child will be taught and the phonics, reading and writing strategies in English. We hope that many of you will be able to attend one of the times. We promise you won't be asked to do hard sums or spellings!! ☺ If these times are impossible for you, please let your child's class teacher know and they will try hard to make a time to go through the information with you separately.



And finally...

We're really looking forward to another amazing year at Horn's Mill. The comments on report feedback forms at the end of last term were lovely to read and we were all extremely grateful for the thoughtful words in cards and generous gifts. Thank you all for your ongoing support and kindness.

Regards,

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