



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



Happy New Year all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year? All the children have been wonderful this week – great to see them back and ready to learn. On behalf of all of the team here can I say a big thank you for the gifts and cards we received for Christmas, it was extremely generous and means a lot to us to feel appreciated. Thank you ☺



School Uniform – TRAINERS...

It was decided last year that children would be permitted to wear trainers for school if parents wished for them to do so. We are still OK with this. But, can I remind you that the trainers must be completely black – including the sole and laces, with no coloured designs or logos on them.



Team 4 Staffing...



Unfortunately, Mr Oldfield is not able to return to work next week as planned. We are delighted that Mrs Nicola Adamson will be staying with us until February half term when I will hopefully be able to give you further information.



Chester's Dee Radio!!...

Yesterday we were delighted to welcome Ruth Pollard to our school as Zack in Team 3 kindly nominated Horn's Mill as Dee Radio's "School of the Week!" Each child was asked to write about why they love our school and the best ones in each class were chosen to be read to Ruth. She recorded them and they will be played on the live shows at 3.30pm each day next week. There is also a podcast that will be downloadable on Monday next week at 3pm containing all these recordings along with the whole school singing our Miller Song! It was a fabulous morning and was topped off (coincidentally) by Luke and Logon in Team 3 being delivered to school by Chester the CAT this morning after their mum won a prize before Christmas! FANTASTIC!

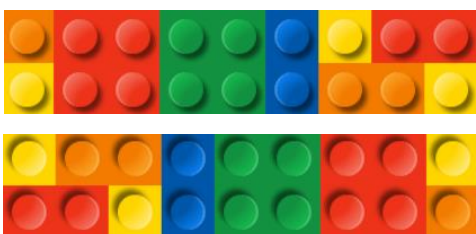


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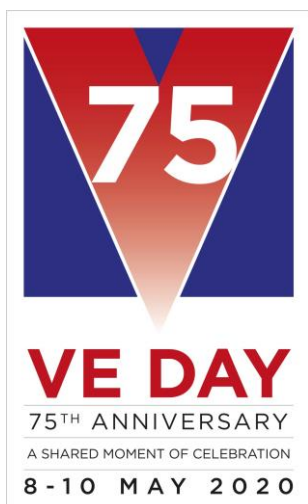
Please ask your child about the word

“OPPULENT”

Thanks to Team 5 for suggesting it!



75th Anniversary of VE DAY in Helsby – save the date please...



A team of Helsby residents, including the schools, are planning a special celebration of the 75th Anniversary of VE day that will be held on the afternoon of the May Bank Holiday that has been moved to Friday 8th May. Our school will be involved in a float parade, some maypole dancing and choir performances. Please bear this in mind and save the date so that we can have as many Miller children involved as possible. During that week our children will be undertaking a mini project all about VE day as it is such a significant event. Thanks everyone!

Dates for your diary ...

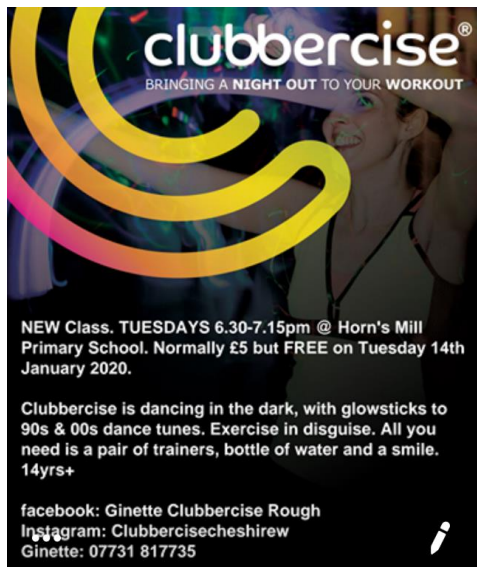


Friends of Horn's Mill Meeting – ALL WELCOME in Hornsmill Pub 6.30pm	Mon 13 th Jan	Team 6 SAT Information Eve 6.30pm	Thurs 27 th Feb
Team 3 Visit to Norton Priory	Wed 15 th Jan	Reception Library Visit	Wed 4 th March
Team 4 Library Visit	Thurs 16 th Jan	World Book Day	Thurs 5 th March
Reception Screenings	Thurs 16 th Jan	Sports Relief Day	Fri 13 th March
Team 6 Visit to Maritime Museum	Fri 17 th Jan	Choir visits in Helsby	16 th and 18 th March
Team 5 winners – Public Speaking Competition – Storyhouse, Chester	Tues 21 st Jan	Cross County in Delamere	Wed 18 th March
Team 2 Library Visit	Wed 22 nd Jan	Down Syndrome Day – Stripy Socks	Fri 20 th March
Team 5 Library Visit	Wed 5 th Feb	Musical Extravaganza	Fri 20 th March
Team 3 begin their swimming block	Thurs 13 th Feb	Parent's Evenings: 3.15 - 7pm 3.15 - 5pm	Mon 23 rd March Wed 25 th March
Valentines Disco	Thurs 13 th Feb	Horn's Mill's Got Talent!	wb 30 th March
BREAK UP for one week for half term	Fri 14 th Feb	Easter Fun – Egg Hunt etc – Hampers	Tues 31 st March
Team 1 Library Visit	Wed 26 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER Last day on Fri 3 rd April (Pick up as normal at 3/3.15pm) Back to school on Mon 20 th April	
Class Photos Team 6 and Reception	Fri 28 th Feb		



Helsby Marathon – 19th January 2020...

We are so grateful to Emma Foster (Frank in Team 2's Mum) who has agreed to run the Helsby Half Marathon to raise money for our school. She has set up a JUSTGIVING page https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hornsmill?utm_term=BnAzMKDm6 and would gratefully receive any small donations please. She is hoping to contribute a lovely new floor in our Team 3 classroom!! Please donate if you can – or if not just come along to cheer her on the way! Big thank you Emma! 😊



Clubbercise...

One of our lovely mums will be starting a new exercise class this term, hosted at our school! It will on Tuesday nights at 6.30pm in the school hall. Next week the first session is **FREE!!** Please come along and support her – great as a New Year's Resolution!

Snack...

Whilst on a healthy topic, a reminder that children are allowed to bring fruit, a cereal bar or other healthy snack from home if they don't chose school snack. Sweets, chocolate and crisps are not permitted.

myhappymind...



As you all know, we have a programme in school called 'myhappymind'. The children love it and we are really beginning to notice the positive impact of this moving through the year groups. Currently this is funded for us by a pilot project allowing us to continue with it. I am sure that you are aware that building your child's resilience, self-esteem and confidence is the only way to truly impact their wellbeing and ultimately happiness. When your child has a greater sense of wellbeing they will do better at school, in their relationships and anything they put their mind to. If as many of you as possible could download the Parent App that accompanies the programme, then not only would this support our case for the funding to continue in school, but would allow you to support and consolidate the learning involved at home too. Please have a look by following this link: https://myhappymind.org/parents_2

And finally, **CYCLE NORTH CHESHIRE** need our help...

Cycle North Cheshire, had asked me to share this information which I think is a great idea!! Their plan is to undertake a plan to link Helsby and Frodsham with the major benefit of delivering a safe, segregated route for pupils at Helsby High School to cycle or walk to school. You can read more about it here <https://www.cyclenorthcheshire.com/safer-cycling-and-walking-hav-2/> The draft plan is now out for consultation with the community. Whilst this is aimed at secondary school pupils, such a path would provide families with a safe place to teach children how to cycle. Hence they would like us to engage with the consultation about this concept. The survey can be found here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LCWIPConsultation>

Thanks everyone,

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