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September 2023



Horn's Mill
Primary School

Welcome Back!

Well here we are, our first month complete! What a tremendous start to our new school year. Reception children are settling beautifully, ably supported by their new Team 5 buddies. The rest of the school are settling in to their new classes and I have been extremely impressed with children's attitudes and behaviour since their return. This (new look) newsletter will be sent home each month with updates, celebrations and information regarding key events that have happened and with dates to watch out for in the future. In between these letters, please keep an eye on our twitter and Instagram accounts, and your School Spider app for information and reminders on a day-to-day basis. School Spider is now our sole way of communicating with our families, so please ensure you have downloaded this app.



@HMillSchool on Twitter (Now X)



@hmillschool in Instagram



School Spider

Reception and Year 7 Places September 2024

Even though we are just settling into the start of this year, the windows have now opened for applications for primary and secondary school next year! Below is the link to apply for a Reception place for 2024 – the closing date is 15th January 2024.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/reception-admissions/making-an-application>

Applications for High School places need to be completed by 31st October 2023 and can be found on the link below.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/secondary-admissions>

We will be holding two Open Mornings on the 4th and 5th October for families to visit our school before making their choice. Please share these dates with anyone you know that may like to join our school family next year.



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Open Mornings for Reception 2024
Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th October 2023
9am - 10:30am

Please call Jenna on **01244 259680** or email admin@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk to book your time slot.

We look forward to meeting you!
Horn's Mill Primary School - Denbigh Close - Helsby - WA6 0ED

Applying for a Primary School place in September 2024



The closing date for applying for a primary school place is **Monday, 15 January 2024**

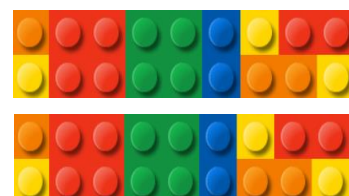


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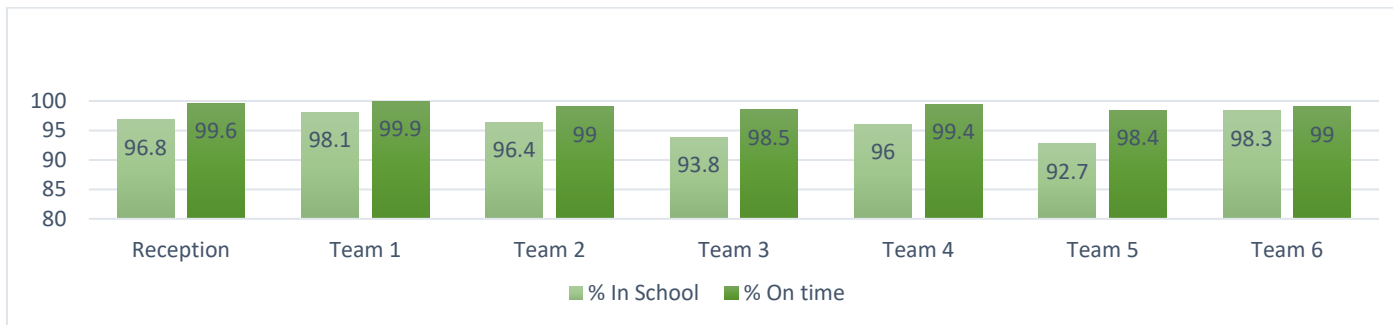
The junior children have learnt a new word this week...the word is “unkempt”

Children in Team 3-6 have been trying hard to use it in their writing!



Attendance and Punctuality

Great work from Team 6 this month for their attendance and early bird award to Team 1 for punctuality!



Dates for your diaries

Please see the dates below for events that are already planned for this term. As always circumstances change, and opportunities arise which mean that new dates are added and some change, so keep an eye on the red changes in the table below each month.

European Day of Languages	Thurs 28 th Sept	Non Uniform Day – Please bring a donation for the Christmas Hampers	Fri 24 th Nov
Team 6 to the Military Museum	Tues 3 rd Oct	Team 2 Visit to the Christmas Journey in Frodsham	Wed 29 th Nov
Team 3 Library Visit	Tues 3 rd Oct	Non Uniform Day – Please bring a donation for the Bottle Tombola	Fri 1 st Dec
Open Mornings 9-10.30am	4 th and 5 th Oct	Ho Ho Helsby	Sat 2 nd Dec
Team 6 WW2 Workshop	Wed 11 th Oct	Team 3/5 visit to Christmas Market in Chester	Mon 4 th Dec
Reception Family Trip to Delamere	Mon 16 th Oct	Team 1 and 2 Nativity 1.30 and 6.30pm	Tues 5 th Dec
Colour Run for Holi - Charity	Fri 20 th Oct	Reception Visit to St Pauls Church	Wed 6 th Dec
HALF TERM – BREAK UP	Fri 20th Oct	Christmas Jumper Day for Clatterbridge	Fri 8 th Dec
BACK TO SCHOOL	Mon 30th Oct	Team 5 and 6 Carol Concert 6.30pm	Mon 11 th Dec
Halloween Disco	Mon 30 th Oct	Reception Christmas Play 9am	Tues 12 th Dec
Team 4 Class Assembly (9am)	Thurs 9 th Nov	Team 3 and 4 host Horn's Mill Christmas Markets 2.30pm	Tues 12 th Dec
Anti-Bullying Week	WB 13 th Nov	Robin Hood Panto visiting school	Wed 13 th Dec
Chester Phoenix Basketball T4,5,6	Thurs 16 th Nov	Christmas Lunch and Party Day	Thurs 14 th Dec
Children in Need – dress LOUD day!	Fri 17 th Nov	BREAK UP BACK TO SCHOOL	Friday 15th Dec Wed 3rd Jan

Pre-owned School Uniform - FREE!

Thanks to all of our families for your kind donations of used, good condition school uniform. In the entrance hall, we have collected a significant amount that is free for you all to come and take. For the moment, we are full to the brim, so please can you keep your donations at home going forwards until we let you know that we have some more space. Thanks again.





Lost Property

On the subject of school uniform, just to say that after only one month, our lost property box is overflowing! Please can you make sure that all of your children's clothes are named, then we can do our best to ensure that lost items are returned to their owners. Thanks.

Spirit of the Herd Pony Sanctuary

I had the pleasure of meeting with Alex Irving from the Spirit of the Herd Pony Sanctuary at The Ridgeway in Frodsham last week. She talked at length about the passion they have for horses and ponies and about the positive impact they can have on humans too! They have accessed funding so that our school will be able to access support from them for some of our children, but she has asked me to share some information with you in case you would like to consider these sessions for anyone in your family. The sanctuary is a not-for-profit organisation that complements the rehabilitation work of rescued horses by engaging in equine therapy, a therapeutic service facilitated for people of all ages from the local area.

Wellbeing Sessions

Take time out for yourself to reconnect with nature and enjoy some chill out time with our ponies.

These nourishing sessions will help improve your mental health, reduce anxieties and help you feel relaxed.

Wellbeing sessions involve interacting with ponies at the Herd which helps you feel grounded.

If you're struggling with your mental health, anxieties or just want to have a cuddle with our furry friends then this is for you.

Prices
45 minutes: £13 pp
60 minutes: £15 pp
5 x 60 sessions: £60

Suitable for adults and children of any age.

Book your session or enquire at info@spiritoftheherd.co.uk

www.spiritoftheherd.co.uk



Helsby Community Link Hub

The Helsby Community Link Hub is a new project that has recently opened on Mondays from 12 – 2.00pm located in the Link building at Helsby Methodist Church. A Community led project that offers local people befriending, listening, signposting, a community food pantry, Citizens Advice access, companionship, and loss / bereavement support. If you know of anyone who may be interested, then please let them know about the Hub and suggest they come along on Mondays to meet the community volunteer team who are ready to help.

The Friends of Horn's Mill Primary School

Just a quick shout out regarding our fundraising team, The Friends of Horn's Mill. We lost a number of our longstanding members with our Year 6s last year and could really do with some more support. If you would be able to join us, we would be very grateful. Please catch me in the morning if you can volunteer, or just come along and see us at the first meeting in the Hornsmill Pub at 6pm on Tuesday 10th October.

WE NEED YOU! 😊



And Finally...our amazing Team 6!

I had the most wonderful time earlier this month with our Team 6 children on their residential visit to Colomendy! The children were amazing and showed incredible resilience, kindness, compassion and energy the whole time we were there. Each and every one of them pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, with some overcoming considerable fears! All of this as well as having a great time with lots of laughter! My team were amazing too, giving up their free time eagerly to come along for the three nights, which started on a Sunday! Thanks to Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Jobber for this! Here is a snapshot of our visit for you all to see! ☺

Thanks so much everyone,

Sharon Wyatt

(Head Teacher)

