

News News News...

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Horn's Mill
Primary School

Friends of Horn's Mill (PTA)...

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This is a very short half term with only 4 weeks 4 days! This means we have to pack a great deal into a short time. Below you will find some information about forthcoming events, which I hope you will be able to support. Our Friends will be organising some of these and all proceeds will go towards paying for fun and exciting things for the children. Most recently they have supported funding towards our Chicks in Reception, and Team 3's visit to Liverpool. If you would like to join the Friends, you would be very welcome – just let me know! 😊



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@hillschool in Instagram



School Spider

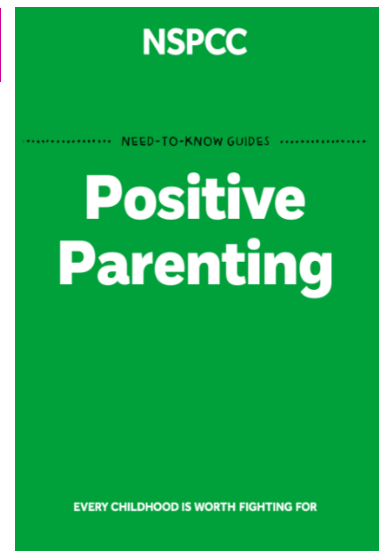


World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Next week it will be World Book Day! We would love to see the children dressed up as their favourite book character to take part in some fun book related activities during the day. Don't forget the fancy dress swap at the library!

Safeguarding Update – Positive Parenting...

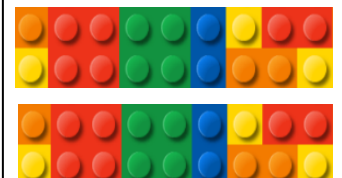
Balancing the various demands that parents and carers have to cope with isn't easy and all parents/carers can come under pressure or stress from time to time. There is a guide on the NSPCC website here: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positive-parenting.pdf> which shares practical advice and tips for positive parenting techniques that work well for children – from babies to teenagers. These techniques encourage better behaviour and help parents/carers find out what works for them and their children. Many of the suggestions in this leaflet are in line with our Behaviour and Relationships Policy in school, which we find works really effectively for our children. If you have any questions or feel you need help with anything in the leaflet, please ask us and we can support you.



“BUILD your VOCABULARY”

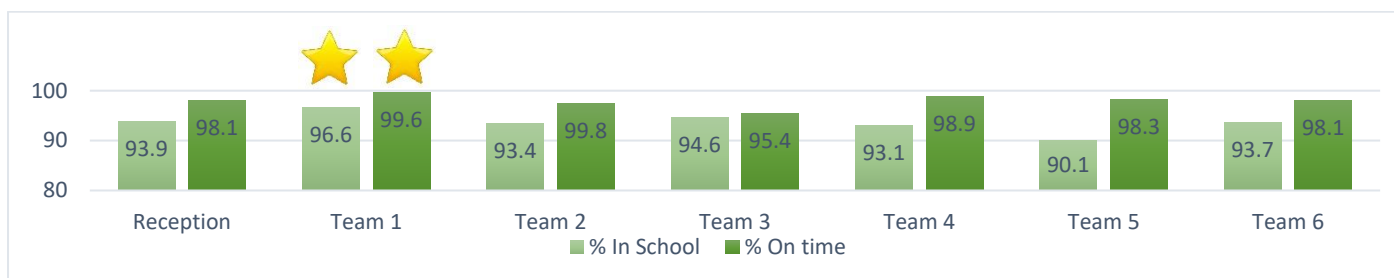
The junior children have learnt a new word recently...the word is
“Ramfeezled”

This means exhausted or worn out
Children in Team 3-6 have been trying hard to use it.



Attendance and Punctuality ...

Well done to Team 1 for winning both the attendance and Punctuality awards this month ☺



Easter Hamper Raffle and Easter Bingo...

Friday 22nd March will be a non-uniform day for the children in return for them bringing a donation of an Easter item (chocolate egg, Easter toy or decoration) for the hamper raffle please? All the items will be made into Hampers or will be used for prizes for the Friends of Horn's Mill Easter Bingo on Tuesday 26th March at 3.30-4.30pm. The raffle will be drawn at the Bingo, so please come along and join us.



Musical Extravaganza



Musical Extravaganza...

This is our annual celebration of all things musical at Horn's Mill. The children learning instruments at school or home will all be given the opportunity to perform, as well as our Music Club, the School Choir and the children learning violin in Team 4 and ukulele in Team 2. Our Early Years children also have a chance to shine as Reception and Pre School join forces to sing to open the show! The show is from 5.30 – 8pm, on Friday 22nd March, but little ones are able to leave at 6.30pm after the interval.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella...

Due to an increase in measles cases across the country this year, including a recent outbreak in the West Midlands, I have been asked to share this information and to encourage everyone to check that they and their children have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR vaccine is a free, safe and effective way to protect against measles, mumps and rubella, as measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences. Ask your GP about jabs if needed.

NHS

9 out of 10 unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

NHS

Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Check your child's red book, and make an appointment with your GP practice to catch up on missed doses

NHS

More than 3 million unvaccinated children are at risk of catching measles in England

Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Horn's Mill's Got Talent...

As well as our Musical Extravaganza, we will be celebrating the amazing talents of our Millers in our annual talent show this term. **Auditions for HMGT will take place on Thursday 21st March** for all children from Reception to Year 6. The ten who score the highest from our staff scoring panel will be given the opportunity to perform in the **grand final on Wednesday 27th March** which will be attended by two, local independent judges. Families are welcome to attend the final too. So, if your little Miller would like to audition, please start practising! In the past we have had magic, jokes, singing, playing musical instruments, dog tricks, gymnastics, Rubix cube skills, keepy-uppys...and I am sure the list will be extended further this year!



Dates for your diaries...

Changes since last newsletter in RED...

T2 Class Assembly 9am	Thurs 29 th Feb	Red Nose Day	Fri 15 th March
T6 Dodgeball Festival FAVSP	Wed 6 th March	Science Week	wb 18 th March
World Book Day	Thurs 7 th March	T3 Class Assembly 9am	Wed 20 th March
Team 5/6 Girls Football	Fri 8 th March	KS2 Cross Country at Delamere (am)	Fri 22 nd March
Eggs to hatch arrive in Reception	Mon 11 th March	Musical Extravaganza 5.30pm	Friday 22 nd March
Team 2 Church Visit	Tues 12th March	Non-Uniform – Please bring an Egg	Fri 22 nd March
Parents Evenings this week	wb 11 th March	Easter Bingo 3.30pm	Tues 26 th March
T5 Class Assembly 9am	Thurs 14 th March	Team 5 Easter Journey at Church	Tues 26th March
T1 Mini Kickers FAVSP	Thurs 14 th March	Horn's Mill's Got Talent Final	Weds 27th March
Team 6 Snap Trap (online safety)	Fri 15th March	Team 3 Visit to Liverpool	Thurs 28 th March
Break up Thursday 28th March at the usual time and return Monday 15th April			

And finally...Year 2 Residential and Young Voices...

I wanted to finish with a big thanks to the staff who joined me at the Year 2 residential just before the holidays. It was very cold and a little wet, but the children were amazing! The best sleepers we have ever had! Also to the team who came along to Young voices - what a week that was! So proud of our Millers on both occasions! ☺

Thanks everyone,

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