

Welcome to the new academic year

Thank you

The staff team would like to say a huge thank you for the kind and thoughtful cards and gifts they received at the end of the summer term. Thank you very much.

We would also like to thank you all for your patience, support and understanding during these initial few days and over the past 6 months. Thank you.

Welcome back

It has been wonderful to see all the children back in school again. Their enthusiasm and smiling faces have brought our still and quiet little school back to life again. The behaviour of the children, in what was a daunting week for most, has been exemplary.

New arrivals

This term we are joined by Lucas in year 6 and Robin in year 5. Also joining us in pre-school, is Jack, Albert, Jasmine, Thea T, Erin, Ben, Toby, Thea W and Aria. We would like to welcome you all to Hornton Primary School.

Coronavirus

No school bulletin would be complete without the mention of COVID-19!

As COVID-19 is still with us and likely to be for quite a while yet, we must continue to take every precaution to prevent the spread.

The current guidance for schools, updated 28th August

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

advises:

Schools must ensure that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms (a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell), or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days. Ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

The guidance for parents and carers was updated on Tuesday 1st September.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

PE Kits

Could all children please have their full PE Kits in school from Monday 7th September. Please ensure all kit is named. Rowan class will be using the sports field at the Pavilion and are welcome to wear football boots if they would prefer (not compulsory).

Rewards

As previously mentioned, in order to develop consistency across the whole school, we will no longer be using the Dojo reward system. We are trying to move forward, towards a more intrinsic reward system, whereby we encourage a sense of achievement, or a conscious feeling of self-satisfaction. Moving away the extrinsic reward, where children receive a tangible or physical reward (sticker, badge, Dojo) for doing something that is perceived as 'good'.

We have decided to stop house points also. Houses will still exist, but have been renamed to:

- Democracy
- Liberty
- Respect
- Tolerance

Children will gather in their houses for whole school activities.

It has been decided that children's, work, effort and behaviour will be celebrated in class and assemblies on a daily and weekly basis.

Behaviour Policy

We are currently working on a new behaviour Policy, which we will share once complete and agreed by the governing body.

Site security

As you will have noticed, we have had security locks and a video entry system installed at the front gate. If you need to alert us of your presence during the school day, please press the buzzer on the right side of the gate.

Parking

Please note, Church Lane is no longer a stopping/dropping off/parking area for school traffic. Please park elsewhere, with consideration to pedestrians, other road users and residence of the village, even if it means a minute or two extra walking. Thank you

Thank you for your continuing support
The HPS Team