

Well done!

To the children of Orchard Cass and Peach Tree for their super behaviour as they embraced their first Forest School experience. The children were a little exhausted towards the end of the day, but thoroughly enjoyed playing in the Mud Kitchen, building dens, climbing, swinging, sliding and of course jumping in muddy puddles. All this whilst avoiding the falling conkers from the trees above!

Teacher Vacancy

As some of you are already aware, we have a part time teacher vacancy in school. We are looking for a part-time Foundation Stage teacher to release Mrs Locke from some of her teaching duties. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 14th October, with interviews planned for Tuesday 20th October. We will keep you posted with any recruitment developments.

<https://www.horntonprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=72>

Parent Governor Vacancy

Monday 28th September is the deadline for applications for our Parent Governor Vacancy at Hornton. Please consider joining our governing body. See attached letter for more details.

Parking

I sat in my office this week and watched a parent park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the entrance to Church Lane. It wasn't raining and it wasn't particularly busy, there were parking spaces further down the road. I wondered to myself what they would say if I asked why they had parked there? Possibly 'we're late!' or 'I didn't want to walk!' or 'I've got too much to carry!' Which led me to think: Is any reason good enough to put other children in danger?

It seems a little ridiculous to have to say this again - Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. They are there to allow parents and children a clear view when crossing the road. Parking on them, puts pedestrians in unnecessary danger. KL

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately, there seems to be an unusual amount of dog mess being left on the grass outside the front of the school. We have absolutely no idea which K9 creature is the culprit, but if you think it may be yours, it is not only an offence to allow your dog to foul any area to which the public have access, it is also morally irresponsible. Please clean up after your dog.

Library books

As mentioned last week, the library is now up and running. Each class will access the library on different days. If children wish to return/exchange their books, please encourage them to bring them in on their library day.

- Peach Tree - Thursday
- Orchard Class - Monday
- Oak Class - Tuesday
- Willow Class - Friday
- Rowan Class – Wednesday

Health and Safety

Please could we remind parents and children, that if children wear pierced ear jewellery, they are either covered with tape or removed for PE. Please provide tape in PE bags or send children in without their earrings in on a Monday. Thank you

Coronavirus

Public Health England

Attached is a letter from Public Health England for schools to share with parents, explaining when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are.

Social distancing

With the increase in cases of COVID-19, please can we remind everyone of the government guidance on social distancing and ask that you maintain a 2-metre distance from each other at drop off and pick up times, wherever possible. We have staggered the school day to make this much easier to achieve.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Covid-19 testing guidelines so far.

The Hornton Primary School COVID-19 Full reopening Risk assessment is available on our website.

<https://www.horntonprimaryschool.co.uk/site/data/files/cv/BD881DC4C74667E03B580BA9F645B658.doc>

The current guidance for schools, updated 17th September

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

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>

Allergies

A quick reminder that Hornton Primary School is a nut free zone. We have several children with severe allergies.

Thank you for your continuing support

The HPS Team