



Friday 21st July

New Term - The autumn term starts for pupils on **Tuesday, 5th September** as Monday the 4th is an INSET day for staff only.

Dear All, And just like that, the academic year draws to a close. What a wonderful term we have enjoyed together at Hornton School.

The last two weeks have seen all the children visiting either Gaydon Motor Museum or Science Oxford Teaching Centre (pictures are attached to this email). The children really enjoyed the trips and were an absolute credit to the school. They were enthusiastic, answered questions and were unfailingly polite. The Music concert and Recorder assembly allowed everyone to show their musical skills. The individual pieces were 'polished', and I know that the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. A special mention must go to our musical theatre group, who impressed us with their singing and dancing. Lindy Bridgeman has asked us to thank the children for visiting **church** last week and sharing the work we have completed on the Good Samaritan. It was a marvellous turnout, and the children sang beautifully. We hope to repeat this again in the Autumn term with our Harvest festival.



Year 6 holding the beautiful tiles created by Mrs Turner. Each child has their own leaf, which contributes to the creation of the Hornton Tree. This tree will continue to grow over the years.....

Last Sunday, on the 9th, the Year 6 students attended a farewell assembly at Hadsham Farm. They received their hooded jumpers (coordinated by Katie Walther) and a gift voucher from the PTA, there were even a few tears during the goodbye speeches. It was a perfect way to end their time at HPS, and they are now prepared to move on to their next schools. We will miss them dearly and wish for them to visit us in the future. This group of children should be proud of their SATs results and the work they accomplished with Mr Runcorn. They faced challenges throughout the year and achieved their goals by supporting each other.

Our new school dinner provider is called **The School Lunch Company**. They provide hot food to schools within our Multi Academy Trust and for many schools in the area. We have chosen them because they have said they are passionate about food and offer a freshly prepared meal each day using produce from local providers. The menu is on ParentPay and choices need to be made by Tuesday 5th September. Forms listing allergens need to be returned online, and a paper copy given to the office on the first day back to school.

Please remember that the children will need a lunchbox for the first week of term. We will start serving hot school meals on the 11th of September.

Goodbye to Helen, our recorder teacher, and Lisa and Fiona our lovely dinner ladies -

We are looking forward to welcoming our children to EYFS, and our new families, but we are also sad to say goodbye to Lisa who has been our dinner lady for six years; we will miss her sense of humour and endless kindness. Helen Payne has taught recorders at Hornton Primary School for over 15 years. She has supported the children in their first steps of learning an instrument and we wish her continued success with her teaching at NOA school.

Maths Garden - A team of wonderful parents are going to be working on the Maths Garden for Keystage 1 in the holidays. They are very grateful for all the donations. There are a few things they still need:

- Outdoor paint, any colour
- Clean guttering
- Plastic pipes

If you have any of these items please bring them to school in September or contact Katie Pollock.

After-School Clubs - We will be letting you know the clubs that will be running next term at the start of September. I will again give you a short paragraph describing the activity, and you will be able to sign up on ParentPay. Clubs will start in the week beginning the 18th of September. We will have some new clubs in September: two examples are Music and Movement, run by Connie and Chester's mummy and Building with Lego club. If you would like to run a club (it can be for as little as eight weeks), please email me in the holidays.

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Finally, I would like to thank the amazing staff at this school who go above and beyond for the children and the Governing body who support the school. I look forward to seeing all of you back with us in September ready for the new school year and I wish you all a lovely summer's break.

Many kind regards,

Mrs Whitehouse

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing nuts or products containing nuts into school for lunch or snack.

At the end of the school day, please be very conscious that the gate is open; we would not want any child to find himself or herself on the road without an adult.

Hornton Pavilion

Hornton Pavilion (Village Hall) is a warm welcoming venue ideal for Birthday Parties.

To view and discuss booking dates contact Isabelle Harris on 01295 670304.