



Friday 13th September, forthcoming events for the week commencing 16th of September 2024

Monday	16.09.23	8.00 -8.40 am 3.15 – 4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Tuesday	17.09.23	8.00 -8.40am 3.15 – 4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	18.09.23	8.00 – 8.40 am 3.15 - 4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Thursday	19.09.23	8.00 -8.40am 3.15 -4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Friday	20.09.23	8.00 -8.40am 3.15 -4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.00pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club

Diary Dates

30th September – After-School Clubs Start

2nd October – Oak Class Trip to the Storytelling Museum, Oxford

9th October- Read, Write Inc Phonics meeting 7.00pm Oak Class

10th October- School photographer

21st and 22rd October- Parent's evening

23rd October - Book Look 8.00-8.45 am, come into school and celebrate your child's work

Dear Parents and carers,

We are pleased to welcome the community back to school this term; the children have all come back with tales from the Summer, ready to work hard in their new classes.

We continue to expect good attendance for all students, and it is so important for good attendance habits to start from day 1 of the new term. We support Oxfordshire County Council and the DFE in their campaign for improving attendance this year and appreciate the support they are giving us to implement our school policy@<https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/return-to-school-guidance/> After an unauthorised absence , a referral to the Local Authority will be made and could result in a fine.

We have high expectations for attendance, and our attendance target is 97%. We monitor attendance daily and will contact families if attendance starts to drop below 97%. If you feel you need help with your child(ren)'s attendance please do make an appointment to speak to either myself or your child's class teacher. We acknowledge that attending school is not straightforward in some circumstances and there are various interventions that we can offer.

By law, it is a parental responsibility to ensure your child attends every day the school is open. You must notify the school either by phone 01295 670335 or by email at office.2001@hornton.oxon.sch.uk as soon as possible when your child has to be unexpectedly absent (eg sickness). You must only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and do so in advance.

Our attendance policy can be found on the school website:

<https://www.horntonprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=34>

Other helpful information, which also guides our attendance procedures, can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/school/attendance#paragraph2857>

We are very proud of our new 'Apple Class'. Here they are showcasing their work from the beginning of their topic, 'All About Me'.



After School Clubs

We are so lucky to have such a dedicated staff who are willing to go the extra mile to organise after-school clubs. This term, we will be offering Homework Club, Art Club, **Forest School**, **Just Dance Club** and **Chess Club**. **The football club** will start after half term, but in the meantime, if any parent or carer would like to run a club, please do come and see me. The final timetable will be in next week's newsletter.

All clubs cost will £4.50 per week – they will all be available to book on Arbor (on the 23rd of September) and need to be booked by the end of the day on the 27th of September at the latest. The clubs will run for eight sessions. We recognise that the cost of living is increasing, so if anyone would like support in paying for the clubs, please let us know. Clubs will start during the week beginning the 30th of September.

Thank you

I would like to thank Ellie Freeman and Ceri Turner for volunteering to help Rhiannon Entwistle with Forest School. Our volunteer readers have also started this week, if anyone else would be interested in joining our marvellous 'Reading Crew' please could they let me know.

Lost Property- It is so important to label uniform. Please could everyone check the clothes that their children bring home. If it does not belong to you hand it to their class teacher the following morning.

Mrs Sanders has asked me to include future Music events for your diary- We have only a few places left for the Young Voices Concert.

Banbury Rotary Club Children Singing for Children Concert Monday 11th November 2024 7.00-8.15 pm

We are delighted to have been invited to take part on the Banbury Rotary club concerts once again this year. This is an exciting performance opportunity which is open to all KS2 students.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be involved in fundraising as a part of the wider community, as well as providing a unique opportunity to experience the excitement of singing as part of a choir of more than 100 children backed by professional musicians. All Key Stage 2 children have started to learn the songs during their music lessons, and everyone has the opportunity to be involved.

We are excited to announce that we have signed up for **Young Voices this year** and are opening this to all of Key Stage 2 (years 3-6). Young Voices organises a national tour of **primary school concerts** in huge arenas around the UK. Each concert is a fantastic spectacle, which combines an 8,000-strong children's choir with professional artists, musicians and dancers, along with many thousand more people in the audience, including parents and families of the singers, of course. It truly is a rare opportunity to take part in something of this scale and we hope will make lifelong magical memories! For more information, you can visit the Young Voices parent webpage at the link below

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

The concert is Tuesday, 14th January 2025, at Resorts World Arena in Birmingham



A message from our Piano teacher Claire Rogers

I have been successfully teaching at Hornton Primary School for over thirteen years and currently have space for some new students to start piano lessons this term. This is an opportunity for children from Year 2 to Year 6 to learn how to play the piano in a one-to-one lesson. This could be just for fun or working towards grades certified by the Associated Board for the Royal School Of Music (ABRSM). Lessons for Years 2-4 are 15 minutes long, and Years 5-6 have the option of 15 minutes or 30 minutes.

Lesson fees are £6.50 per 15 minutes or £13 per 30 minutes, payable on a termly basis (up to 12 weeks) at the start of each term. Lessons take place on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings during school hours.

If you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity, or have any questions then please contact me on 01295 738179 / 07867 390018 or email clairerogers.piano@gmail.com

Parking - As we all know, we have limited parking available in the immediate vicinity of the school. Even so, it is imperative that we continue to park with respect to the residents of Hornton and their right of way to their homes. There is ample parking available at the Pavilion, from where it is a short and pleasant walk to the school. A few minutes extra walking time will make such a difference to the congestion around the school and the combined safety of children, parents and residents.

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.

