



### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, forthcoming events for the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday	14.10.24	8.00 -8.40 am 3.15 - 4.15 pm 3.15 – 4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club <b>Chess Club, Just Dance and Homework Club</b> Hang Out after school club
Tuesday	15.10.24	8.00 -8.40am 3.15 – 4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	16.10.24	8.00 – 8.40 am 3.15 - 4.15 pm 3.15 - 4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30 pm	Breakfast Club <b>Key stage 1 Art Club</b> Hang Out after school club
Thursday	17.10.24	8.00 -8.40 am 3.15-4.15 pm 3.15 -4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club <b>Forest School Club</b> Hang Out after school club
Friday	18.10.24	8.00 -8.40 am 3.15 -4.30 pm Extended 3.15-5.00 pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club

#### Diary Dates

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>rd</sup> October**- Parent's evening

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

**24<sup>th</sup> October** - Break up for Half Term

**6<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS Coffee Morning and a chance to see the PE Activators working with our Apple class

**7<sup>th</sup> November**- PTA AGM- please come along and help us raise money for our school

A big thank you must go out to parents and villagers who helped clear the classroom on Friday in preparation for the drama evening. The Pavilion and the village have been very kind in allowing us to use the hall and we are very grateful. I have further news about the possibility of a temporary building- we now have two contractors who can help us install a classroom. As you can imagine this will be a complicated process as the room will need to be craned into position. It may be able to be installed as early as the end of next week, before the weather gets cold and the pathways are icy. Having Oak class on the school site will also ensure that pick up and drop off is easier for those children who have siblings across the two buildings as well as allowing the children to see their friends in other year groups. In the meantime, we are keeping to our timetable and ensuring the children have a good learning environment. I will continue to update you with any information. Mrs Whitehouse



#### Thank you for our new Interactive Teaching Board

Bizet.Bee.Board Mr Runcorn and the children in Year 5 and 6 would like to thank the Deary family for kindly donating an interactive teaching board to the school. The BizetBeeBoard® is in Rowan Class if you would like to come and have a look. I am sure the children would love to demonstrate all its features.

**Each year group has an opportunity to take a role in helping our school community. Each week in the newsletter we will look at the role of each group.**

Year 6- School Council

Year 5- Playground Leaders

Year 3 and 4- Charity Ambassadors

Year 2- Eco Council

Year 2- Playground friends

### **Hornton Eco Council**

This week we will be awarding our Eco Council Badges to children in **Year 2** who would like to be part of this special team. They will be joining some children from keystage 2, and their challenge is to keep the school tidy and encourage us to take care of the planet. If your children are in **Year 2** and would like to be part of this project, please could they write me a short note explaining why they think they would be a good member of the team and hand it to be by next Friday.

### **More news and a request for help in supporting the wildlife in our school and village**

The school, together with Hornton Parish, are developing a school garden and wildlife project on land at the pavilion and sports field. This a great opportunity to create a wonderful educational nature space and allow children to create their own 'edible garden'. This project will enable us to extend the extremely valuable forest area regularly used by the children in our Nursery/EYFS provision and the children in Keystage 2.

Much of the preparation on the site is well underway. We want to engage the school community in this project as much as possible and need more volunteers to help progress the work as rapidly as possible. There is still a little more work to prepare the ground for planting, but the main task will be planting trees this autumn. Two hundred hedgerow tree plants are arriving in November so we need to get planting. We appeal to any parents or interested parties who may have a few hours they can spare to come along to help with the task. If you can help, please contact us through the school head.2001@hornton.oxon.sch.uk, or Philip Holt direct on 07932 366397 for more information.



### **Timetable Rockstars**

At Hornton, we want all of our pupils to be able to recall times table facts with accuracy and speed. To support children in developing this skill, we use Times Tables Rock Stars from **Year 2 through to Year 6**. Times Table Rock Stars is an online programme for times table practice that is both effective and motivational. Your child has received their login and password details, which will allow them access to games and improve their accuracy and recall speed. Please encourage your child to play the game at home to develop a regular habit that will assist their Mathematics, just as daily reading helps propel their reading and writing.

### **Parent's Evening**

Please book a time slot for our Parent's evenings which will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. The lists will be displayed in your child's classroom; however, if you are unable to come into school to book a slot, please email your child's teacher, and they will be able to allocate you a time. Please note that Mrs

Tyrrell (Willow Class teacher) will be on a course in Oxford on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, so she will be only be taking appointments on the Monday night.

### **After School Clubs Timetable** (timing 3.15-4.15 pm)

#### Monday-

**Just Dance (Year 1-6)** - following the success of the Musicals Club, Miss Goddard would like to invite children to join Just Dance Club. This will be held in Oak Classroom. (i.e. currently The Pavillion)

**Homework Club (Year 3-6)** will take place in the Willow Classroom. Mr Runcorn and Mrs Tyrrell are looking forward to helping you with your homework. Numbers are restricted to 15.

**Chess Club (Year 2-6)** - We are so excited to offer this new Chess club to children in (Years 2-6). Mrs Cairns will run this and it will take place in our Rowan Classroom.

#### Wednesday

**Key stage 1 Art Club (EYFS-Year 2)** - Mrs Pumford will run an Art club with Mrs Russell and Mrs Cockle. This will take place in Willow classroom. They are going to use their imagination to make beautiful creations each week.

#### Thursday-

**Forest School (EYFS-Year 6)** - Mrs Hart and Mrs Fowler would like to invite children to join them at Forest School. This club is open to children from EYFS to Year 6. The club is held at the pavilion's village pocket of woodland.

After **Half term**, we will also be running an After-School Football Club and a Mini-Circuits Club for children in Key Stage 1. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

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**St Etheldreda's Church**  
with support from  
**The Michael Hardinge Trust**  
**'Stay and Play' Group**

for babies and pre-schoolers in Horley  
and the surrounding villages

**Horley Old School Hall**

**Every Thursday morning**

from 26th September to 24th October 2024

**10.30am - 12pm**

**[babygroup@ironstonebenefice.org](mailto:babygroup@ironstonebenefice.org)**

No booking required

Children must be accompanied by  
a parent or guardian at all times

The Michael Hardinge Trust  
is a registered charity (no. 309585)



## FAQs

### *Where is the school hall?*

The hall is behind St Etheldreda's church in Horley.  
From the road, follow the path through the churchyard and out of the gate - the hall is on your left.

### *Can I arrive late?*

Yes, you're welcome any time!

### *Do I need to book?*

No need to book, but please contact [babygroup@ironstonebenefice.org](mailto:babygroup@ironstonebenefice.org) if you would like to let us know you're coming or to ask any questions.

### *What does it involve?*

This is an informal social group for children and parents, with a range of books and toys for independent and collaborative play. As the group grows, we may introduce more structured activities.

### *Are there baby changing facilities?*

Yes, there are toilets and baby changing facilities in the hall.

### *Is any food and drink provided?*

There will be tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.

### *Do I need to accompany my child?*

Yes - but if you would like another suitable adult to accompany them (such as a grandparent or nanny), please just let us know in advance.

### *Do I need to pay?*

Attendance is free of charge, but we would welcome a £2 donation to help run the group.

### *Where can I park?*

There is on-street parking on Church Lane

**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.***