



Hornton Primary School

FRIDAY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

We enjoyed a lovely Harvest assembly this week, with our youngest children acting out The Enormous Turnip to remind us of the importance of working together and sharing. The children have also been making the most of the autumn weather in the school garden. Oak Class have even turned it into the site of the Battle of Hastings. We are also very grateful to Mr Corke and to Mrs Fowler's mum for their generous donation of apples, which added a seasonal touch to our celebrations and were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



From, Mrs Whitehouse

Events for w/c 6th October



Monday

8.00 – 8.40 am - Breakfast Club
3.15 – 4.30 pm - Musical Theatre Hang Out After School Club
3.15–5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out

Tuesday

8.00 – 8.40 am - Breakfast Club
3.15 – 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club
3.15–5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out

Wednesday

8.00 – 8.40 am - Breakfast Club
3.15 – 4.30 pm - Lego Hang Out After School Club
3.15–5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out

Thursday

8.00 – 8.40 am - Breakfast Club
3.15 – 4.30 pm - Forest School or Hamma Bead Hang Out After School Club
3.15–5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out
7pm - Reading Volunteer Training , Oak Classroom

Friday

Individual & Family Colour School Photographs
8.00 – 8.40 am - Breakfast Club
3.15 – 4.30 pm - Hang Out After School Club
3.15–5.30 pm - Extended After School/Hang Out



**COMING
SOON!**

Dates For The Diary

6th October	After School Clubs start
9th October	Reading Vounteer Training 7pm in Oak Classroom
10th October	School Photographer (Individual & Families, in Colour)
14th October	Keystage 2 Trip to see Matilda at The Warriner School
20th & 21st October	Parent & Carers Evening
22nd October	Book Look 8 - 8.45am, come in & celebrate your child's work & end of Term 1
4th November	Read, Write Inc Phonics meeting 7pm in Oak Classroom
7th November	PTA Bingo Evening 6pm at the Pavillion
12th November	Rotary Club Singing Performance at St Mary's Church, Banbury (Keystage 2)

Autumn 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. If any parent or carer would like to run a club, please do come and see me as we have time to add you to the list, typically clubs start at 3.15 pm and finish at 4.15 pm.

Mr Runcorn has asked if anyone (or knows a group) would like to run a sports club this term. This will then be added to the timetable.

All clubs cost will £4.50 per week – they will all be available to book on Arbor (on the 29th of September) and need to be booked by the end of the day on the 6th of October at the latest. The clubs will run for eight sessions. We recognise that the cost of living is increasing. If anyone would like support in paying for the clubs, please let us know. Clubs will start during the week beginning the 6th of October.

- ✓ Monday - **Musical Theatre Club** - Mrs Pumford and Miss Goddard will be leading this fun and creative club on a Monday after school, this is open to children in Year 1- Year 6. This will be held on the playground.
- ✓ Wednesday - **Lego Club** - Kelly Cox will run a Lego club for children for years EYFS- Year 3. This will take place in Miss Goddard's classroom. They are going to use their imagination to make different models each week. She would love to have someone to help her, if you could spare an hour a week would you please make contact with Kelly or email head.2001@hornton.oxon.sch.uk
- ✓ Thursday - **Forest School** - 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 4. **Hamma Bead Club**- Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Tyrrell will be helping children create different items using these special beads. This club is open to Years EYFS to Year 6.

Please note that if you are using Hangout club on Thursday, your child will be attending one of these clubs. Please sign up to the Hangout session (as you may want your child to attend longer than 4.15 pm). If they will be spending time at Forest School please ensure they bring the correct clothing. We will not be taking any on the day bookings for attending Hang Out club on Thursday.

IMPORTANT

Join us for our painting party on
Sunday 19th October.

We'd love to invite all parents and carers to join us during the afternoon on the 19th of October, from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**, as we give our school a fresh splash of colour! No painting experience is needed—just a willingness to help make our school a brighter, more welcoming place for our children. While you paint, we will take care of the children and provide cake and tea to keep everyone going. If you can join us, please let Nicole Scarsbrook or myself know. We really appreciate your support!

Welcome!



Nicole Scarsbrook PTA Chairperson

We are delighted to introduce our new PTA Chairperson, Nicole Scarsbrook. A familiar and friendly face around Hornton, Nicole is already a valued part of our community - and now we're excited to get to know her even better in her new role:



Can you introduce yourself and tell us a little about your role in the PTA?

Hi for anyone who doesn't know I'm Nicole, I have 3 children at Hornton Toby, Coady and Wilf (in year 1, 5 and 6). For the last couple of years I have been a part of the PTA helping organise some very success events: mayday celebrations, Christmas trolley dash, bingo and pub quiz.



What made you want to get involved with the PTA, and what do you enjoy most about being part of it?

I signed up a couple of years after my eldest joined Hornton because I wanted to be involved with the place he would spend so much of his time. I remember my mum being part of the PTA when I was in school and enjoyed going to cash and carry to buy the penny sweets and I loved the events that were put on for us. I want my children and everyone else's to enjoy it as much as I did. I've really enjoyed setting up the Christmas grottos as a huge Christmas fan, it's been wonderful.



What's one PTA event or project you're most excited about this year?

I'm really looking forward to our adult only bingo night! I think it is a fantastic opportunity for parents to come together and connect without worrying if the children are ok. I think it's also really important to build relationships with the staff of the school they are so invested in each child and it's nice to see them in a more relaxed environment.



If the PTA had an unlimited budget for one day, what would you spend it on for the school?

Unlimited budget very exciting! EYFS is in desperate need of additional covered space I would love to turn the covered entrance to Peachtree into a fully functional weather proof space enabling the children to be out all year round and having the space filled with resources to be used while out there. I would also like to see more play resources out on the playground, our playground boxes would love additional toys. Lots of children are of course happy to just run around or play sport but there are children who find such a big space daunting and running around unappealing. Those children would benefit the most from resources in the playground boxes to play with.

PTA Bingo Fun!



Hornton School is
Raising Money with a



Night live

£10 Entry which includes a free Soft dring

GAMES FUN PRIZE

NOVEMBER 7TH / DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

AT THE PAVILION

Available to Purchase:
Soft Drinks
Tea/ Coffee
Bring your own Alcohol



Email Nicole to reserve your ticket and
pay cash on the door -
nicolescarsbrook@gmail.com

In Mathematics we will be working on pattern, subitising, number sequencing and number recognition through guided activities.

In our physical development our focus will be on differing aspects of movement and jumping and landing safely. We will also be visiting forest school each Thursday afternoon.

Healthy lifestyle and physical changes in our bodies will initiate discussion, pictorial and written work ensuring the children can understand how to keep healthy.

My Self and My School Community

EYFS AUTUMN MAP


Understanding the World, Expressive arts and design, Communication and Language, Mathematics, Personal, social and emotional development, Physical Development, Literacy

We will be studying a variety of texts and poems based on families and celebrations and be extending our vocabulary so we can talk about special people. Also introducing story lines and narrative to our play.

We will be developing our phonic skills to support reading and spelling.


We will be studying different families and communities and articulating what we do well and how we can develop our confidence.

OAK CLASS


<p>History</p> <p>We are learning about the differences between palaces, castles, and ruins. We will look at a variety throughout the UK, both local and across the country, and analyse how they have changed both structure and purpose throughout the years.</p> <p>We will also look at some historic battles such as the Norman invasion in 1066, with a focus on William the Conqueror's impact on England during his reign.</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>During Oak Class' sessions with Mr Runcorn, they are working on their fitness and understanding how their bodies react to exercise. They are pushing themselves to achieve new personal bests – timing themselves during activities such as running, balancing, and throwing.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Our topic is: 'Me and My Relationships'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why we have classroom rules • How are you listening? • Thinking about feelings • Our feelings • Feelings and bodies • Good friends
<p>Geography</p> <p>We will be learning about our country, the surrounding oceans, and the local area of Hornton and Banbury. We will be comparing the differences between human and physical features, and towns, villages and cities. We will be using maps to help us with this, and exploring Hornton through pictures and walks through the village.</p>	<p>Our Local Area Autumn Term</p> 	<p>English</p> <p>We are using the story <i>The Bog Baby</i> and other stimulus to inspire a variety of writing.</p> <p>Write to entertain: Character description of The Bog Baby.</p> <p>Write to entertain: Writing a story using <i>The Bog Baby</i> as inspiration.</p> <p>Write to inform: Instructional writing using <i>A Cloudy Lesson</i>.</p> <p>Write to entertain: Setting description using the wordless picture book <i>Window</i> by Jeannie Baker.</p>
<p>Art/DT</p> <p>We are investigating Coats of Arms in DT this half term. Oak Class will be working with Mrs Cockle to plan, design, create, and evaluate their own Coat of Arms after exploring a variety of examples (such as Banbury). They will explore how to strengthen materials to ensure their Coat of Arms doesn't tear, and how to make it look appealing using different colours and textures.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>In both year groups, we are exploring place value for this half term.</p> <p>Year 1 will be within 10, practicing counting on from any number, counting backwards, and using language such as 'fewer, more, equal to'.</p> <p>Year 2 will be within 100, focusing on using a place value chart accurately, partitioning flexibly, and using number lines up to 100.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>In Science we are finding out about trees. By the end of this term, we will be able to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will be writing to our friends in other schools to share our observations of trees and the changes across the four seasons.</p>

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Curriculum Newsletters

<p>History & Geography</p> <p>In geography, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate Greece and its capital city, looking at the human and physical features. <p>In history, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was life like in Ancient Greece? How did the birth of democracy change the world as we know it? What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks? 	<p>PE</p> <p>In PE this term, Rowan class will be practicing Tag Rugby on a Monday and Basketball on a Thursday.</p> <p>We will build up our knowledge of the rules and key skills needed, before getting into some whole class games, as well as attending a multi-school tag rugby event.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>In PSHE this half term, we will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration challenges What makes a good friend Our emotional needs Being assertive Communication
<p>Art</p> <p>We will be answering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is typography? How can we make our own typography? How can I make graphic powerful drawings? How can I create a visual map? 	<p>Ancient Greece Autumn Term 1</p> 	<p>English</p> <p>This term in English, the children will be:</p> <p>Writing to inform: Report on Greek Gods and Goddesses. Write to Entertain: A narrative about the dangerous character – Prisoner Forty-Two. Write to entertain: Write a Greek myth!</p>
<p>R.E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will find out that the Qur'an is the sacred text of the Islamic faith. How is the Qur'an treated? What are the key teachings? Who are the Christian Saints? Why do people pray, and what are their expectations? Who was St Nicholas and why Christians remember him? 	<p>Maths</p> <p>We will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place value (number lines, ordering and comparing, rounding, negative numbers and roman numerals). Four operations (addition, subtraction, factors, multiples, and division, multiplication) 	<p>Science</p> <p>In term 1 we will be answering the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a force and how do we measure them? What are the different types of forces? How does air resistance affect how fast an object falls?

WILLOW

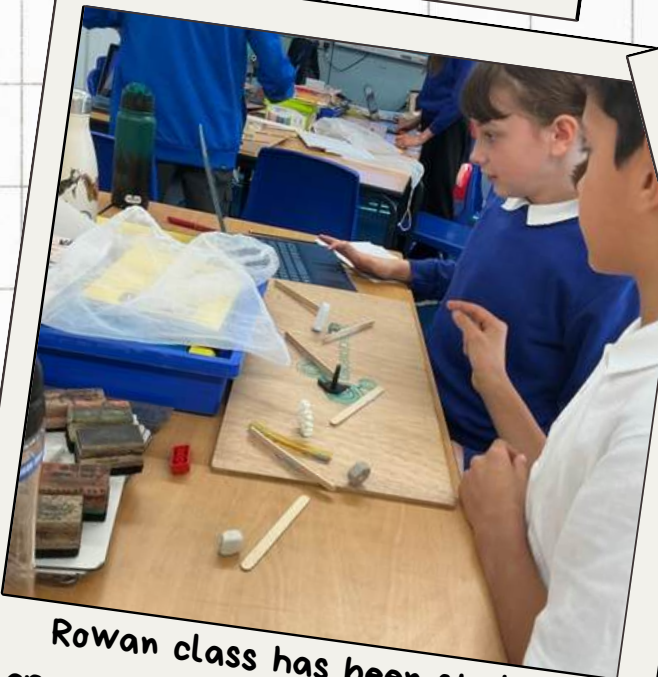
<p>History</p> <p>How was life different for people in The Stone Age, The Bronze Age and The Iron Age?</p> <p>We will use a range of sources to investigate the similarities and differences between the Stone Age periods, the importance of farming in Prehistoric Britain and how the discovery of metal changed the way that people lived.</p>	<p>PE</p> <p>In PE, Mr Runcom will be focusing on ball skills, developing the children's ability to control and manipulate a ball using various techniques. In our Parkour lessons we will be developing movement skills that involve navigating obstacles in creative and efficient ways. The focus will be on balance and coordination, creative movement and safety awareness.</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>In PSHE this half term, we will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Me and My Relationships <p>We will focus on developing the children's social and emotional skills, enhance their understanding of relationships, and promote positive interactions.</p>
<p>Geography</p> <p>We will be finding the answers to the following:</p> <p>Where is Stonehenge and Skara Brae? Are there any other Stone Age sites in the UK? Are there any Iron Age sites in the UK?</p>	<p>Prehistoric Britain Autumn Term 1 Willow Class Year 3 & 4</p> 	<p>English</p> <p>This term in English, the children will be:</p> <p>Writing to entertain: A short narrative using the 'Ride of Passage' video stimulus Write to entertain: A narrative based on 'The Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura Writing to persuade: A leaflet about living in a stone age village</p> <p>Our core text this term is: The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley</p>
<p>Art & Design</p> <p>To make Iron Age Bannocks (bread)</p> <p>Using our research, we will investigate the types of food the Iron Age people had. We will then make and taste test our own Iron Age Bannocks.</p> <p>Mrs Cockle will also help the class create Art inspired by the Stone Age.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>We will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction. In place value, we will understand the value of digits in numbers up to 1,000 and 10,000, recognise, read, and write numbers in numerals/words and compare and order numbers using <, >, and = symbols. In addition and subtraction we will add and subtract numbers with up to 3 or 4 digits using formal written methods (column method) and solve problems mentally with addition and subtraction strategies.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>Our Science focus this term is rocks. We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing and grouping rocks based on their physical properties Testing the hardness and permeability of different types of rocks Learning how different rock types are formed (Igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic) Discovering how fossils are formed



The Children in EYFS acting out the story of the Enormous Turnip ready for our assembly on Friday.



Willow class have been studying rocks.



Rowan class has been studying gravity and has designed their own Marble Mazes.



Oak class has been learning about the Battle of Hastings.

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Caspar, for bringing the costumes for the Battle of Hastings! A big thank you to Mrs Pumford and Mrs Cockle for organising Willow class, who have been painting butterflies for our whole-school display too.

Reading Volunteers – we have four fantastic reading volunteers but we would love to increase their number. You only need to spend an hour with us, and our children make it such a rewarding experience. Mr Runcorn will be leading a training evening on October the 9th for anyone who would like to volunteer. It will start at 7.00 pm and will take place in Oak Class. If you are interested, please email Mr Runcorn at j.runcorn@hornton.oxon.sch.uk.

Banbury Rotary Club Children Singing for Children Concert – Wednesday 12th November 7.00–8.15 pm. Tickets for parents to watch the performance will be available nearer the time. We are delighted to have been invited to take part in 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 fund raising 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.

Dogs on the Playground – We know that many of our families enjoy bringing their four-legged friends with them at drop-off and pick-up, and they are allowed on our playground. We do ask, however, that dogs are kept on a short lead at all times. Please also be mindful that some children may feel nervous around dogs, so a little extra care helps everyone feel safe and comfortable.

Phonics Evening – Read, Write Inc We would like to share some of the teaching techniques and give you an overview of our phonics scheme. This meeting will be useful for parents of children in Nursery, EYFS and Year 1. The meeting will be held in Oak class at 7:00 p.m. on 4 th November and should last no longer than an hour. If you would like any further information please email Alexa hart, a.hart@hornton.oxon.sch.uk.

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.

