



Friday 23rd September, forthcoming events for the week commencing 26th of September 2022

Monday	26.09.22	8am-8.40am 3.15pm – 4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Quiz Club - Mrs Hoof's classroom Hang Out after school club
Tuesday	27.09.22	8am-8.40am 3.15pm – 4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Irish Dancing - Methodist Hall Recorder Club – Mrs Hoof's classroom Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	28.09.22	8am – 8.40am Lunchtime Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Scrapbook Club - Lunchtime with Mrs Cockle Hang Out after school club
Thursday	29.09.22	8am-8.40am 3.15-4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Forest School - Peach Tree Basketball Club - Playground Hang Out after school club
Friday	30.09.22	8am-8.40am 3.15pm-4.30pm Extended 3.15-5.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club

Diary Dates

26th September After School Clubs start

8th October PTA Bingo Evening

14th October Book Look 8.00-8.45am, come into school and celebrate your child's work

20th October Elmer Day- More information to follow.

Children to wear bright and colourful clothes.

Parent's Evening 8th and 9th of November

We are carrying out a collection of old clothes to give to Rags to Riches (26th September). Mrs Entwistle will be collecting bags at the front of the school on Monday at morning drop off. All bags need to be closed (the weather forecast is for showers) as wet clothes will not be accepted.



Prize Bingo Evening! A paper form has been sent home with each family

We are very excited to announce that Hornton Primary School is hosting a Prize Bingo evening at the Pavilion on **Saturday 8th October 2022**. The doors will open at 6.30pm ready for the games to start at 7.00pm and we aim to be finished by 10pm.

Due to the seating capacity at the Pavilion, we will only have 80 (adult) tickets available and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. We have some great prizes for the winners already, but we are asking for donations of bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates etc. to make sure that we have plenty of prizes for everyone. If you are able to donate a prize or two, please bring them to school next week and place in the box by the gate. The price per person for the event will be £10, which includes all bingo games and one entry to the raffle. We will have snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments available on the evening. To reserve your ticket please complete the form on the next page and return it, along with your payment, to Nicole Scarsbrook or Natalie King by **Friday 30th September**.

PTA Autumn Raffle

We have been busy gathering prizes for our Autumn raffle and we will be drawing it on the bingo evening. We have some amazing prizes, including an afternoon tea for two at the Feathers Hotel, a Karcher steam cleaner, a family ice skating ticket, designer perfumes and a £50 hairdressing voucher! There are many prizes to win and raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday (as well as on the bingo evening), at £1 a ticket from either Mrs Scarsbrook or Natalie King, cash only please. If you buy a raffle ticket and cannot come to the bingo evening, in the event that your ticket is chosen, a prize will be selected for you. If you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, please see Nicole Scarsbrook.

Homework- I would like to thank you for completing the Homework Survey. As I expected we had many differing viewpoints, however the consensus was that parents thought an age appropriate amount of homework was positive for children (84%). People thought this was particularly the case as they reached year 5 and 6, feeling that it helps prepare children for secondary school.

We have thought carefully about the balance of activities and three people suggested a family task, which we felt was a good idea. Here is the outline of homework tasks, it will be set each Friday and it needs to be handed in the following Thursday. **Our first set of homework will be given on the 30th of September, although you could start 'snapping' for the Family project.**

Reading everyday: Our focus is for the children to be outstanding readers by the time they leave our school. Please sign the reading record.

Year 5 and 6 additional weekly Reading comprehension task- 30 mins

Maths: short task, game, related to the work the children are doing at school.

Year 1 and 2 - 10 minutes a week

Year 3 and 4 - 20 minutes a week

Year 5 and 6 - 30 minutes a week

Term 1 Family Project

The family project this term is to take a photo on the theme of 'Autumn'. We will be creating a photography exhibition in the school at the end of this term. Find time to have a walk near your home and take a photo, which celebrates this season.

Give your picture a title and hand it in on the 10th of October. There will not be any prizes but we are really looking forward to displaying the photos and sharing the exhibition with you.

After School Clubs - we are delighted to inform you about the clubs we will be running this term. A reminder that these clubs begin next week (26th of September). We would like to run more clubs for our youngest children (Apples) in November after they have settled into full time school. If you are feeling creative, I know this class would love a 'creative club'. Please contact me if you think you can help.

The clubs will run for ten sessions (The last session will be on the 5th of December). We recognise that the cost of living is going up so if anyone would like support in paying for the clubs, please do let us know.

Vacancies

We have a fantastic opportunity to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to join our team to support teaching and learning. The working basis for the successful candidate will be on a fixed term contract in the first instance for this academic year, starting from November 2022. The contract will be part time, 28.75 hours per week during term time Monday to Friday, starting at 8.30am and finishing at 3.15pm.

As well as this position, we also have a vacancy for a Hangout Club Leader for Friday after school (3.30-5.30). If you would like any further information or an application form for either position, please contact Mrs Whitehouse. The closing date for applications is the 30th of September.

Sports Sweatshirts

We will continue to complete at least two hours of PE lessons each week on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. Children should wear our PE uniform to school on these days.

When the weather is warm, children should wear a Hornton Blue PE T-shirt (Or navy blue, white or royal blue plain T shirt), blue shorts and trainers. When the days become cooler, children should wear a Hornton Sports Zip top over their T-shirt, with plain **dark blue/black** jogging bottoms or leggings.

As we will be wearing our PE uniform for two days a week we have decided to introduce a PE zipped sweatshirt to our sports kit. This will have the school logo on and will ensure our children are smart, warm and ready to take part in sport even if it is cold outside. **As this is a new part of the uniform, we will subsidise the purchase of a sports sweatshirt for each child. Kind contributions have been given/raised from the sports grant, our PTA, and selling the lead from the old windows!**

We will be ordering the sweatshirts on the 24th of September and they should be arriving into school by the middle of October ready for when the weather gets colder.

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 availability 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.

I have noticed that some families are not using the one-way system. If we all follow the rules, it makes the start of the school day run so much more smoothly. Can I also add that it is really important to model polite behaviour to our children, when discussing parking in the village.

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school. Children should not be bringing 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.*