



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year at Horn Park. It has been a joy to see the children return to school this week with such enthusiasm, positivity and readiness to learn. They have settled back into routines brilliantly, and we are so proud of how they are already meeting the high expectations set by all adults across the school.

This term, children have begun exploring our whole-school topic of traditional tales. It's been wonderful to see them engaging with stories through reading, discussion and creative activities that spark imagination and deepen understanding.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the **Headteacher Briefing** on Thursday, either at 9am or 6pm. It was a pleasure to speak with so many of you and to share how honoured and excited I am to be leading the school as Headteacher, having been part of the Horn Park community for the past seven years. I am especially proud to work alongside such a passionate and dedicated team, all committed to ensuring every child has the best possible chance of academic and personal success.

During the briefing, I outlined our **school priorities for the year ahead**, including a key focus on **oracy**, supporting children to become confident, articulate communicators. As part of this, I also spoke about the letter sent home earlier this week regarding our new **'phone-free playground'** initiative, this letter can be found [here](#). This is designed to encourage more conversation, connection and community at drop-off and pick-up times. If you have any questions about this, please do speak to a member of the leadership team.

You may have noticed that if you ordered new uniform over the summer, the **school logo** has been updated. This change reflects a wider branding refresh across all schools in the Compass Partnership. The new white version of the tree logo aligns with our shared visual identity, helping to create a consistent and modern look across the trust.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you into school for our **'Meet the Teacher' sessions**:

Tuesday 9th September at 9am – Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

Wednesday 10th September at 9am – Years 5 and 6

These sessions are a great opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and hear more about the year ahead.

Finally, a reminder that the **voluntary contribution for educational visits** is now live on **MyChildAtSchool**. This was communicated at the end of last year and helps us to continue offering enriching experiences for all children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff or the school office or email hornpark@compassps.uk

Wishing you all a restful weekend, and thank you for your continued support.

Jack Green
Headteacher

Tri-borough SEND Newsletter and SEND Festive Season Guide

The Tri-borough SEND Guide to preparing for the festive season can be read [here](#). In this guide you can read about a range of 'quiet sessions' for a number of activities including Santa's Grotto. It might seem early, but we have been informed that places are filling up!

Your September/October issue of the Tri-borough SEND newsletter can also be read [here](#).

Contact Information

If any contact details change such as numbers or a change of address for either yourself or any of your child's emergency contacts, please email the school office at hornpark@compassps.uk with these changes.



More info can be found [here](#).

Dates for your diary

09/09: 9am Year 1-4 Meet the Teacher

10/09: 9am Year 5&6 Meet the Teacher

11/09: 3.20pm Secondary Transfer meeting

w/c 15/09: After School Activity Clubs start – Places will be issued via My Child At School by the end of next week

15/09: [Swimming starts for Year 5 Richmond class](#)

16/09: [Swimming starts for Year 5 Albert class](#)

24/09: 9am – 9.30am Reception stay and play

26/09: 3.20pm Year 6 School Journey meeting

09/10: International Evening – [Further information to follow](#)

10/10: Reception to Y6 Flu Vaccines – [Further info to follow](#)

w/c 13/10: Year 5 Bikeability – [Read more info to apply here](#)

15/10: 9–10am Reception Phonics and Early Reading Workshop

23/10: Year 2 Tower of London Trip – [Further info to follow](#)

24/10: Last day of Autumn 1 term

27/10 – 31/10: **HALF TERM BREAK**

03/11: Children return to school

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[Term dates for the academic year can be found here.](#)

Please remember that you can click on any wording underlined in this newsletter for more information.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 95%

Best Year Group: Year 3 – 98.8%

Book Recommendation

As our school focus is on traditional tales this half term, Westminster class would like to recommend 'The Other Side of the Story: Fairy Tales with a Twist' by Nancy Loewen. Are we always really hearing the truth about the heroes in the story? It is only fair to hear both views. Maybe the big bad wolf is really a cuddly teddy bear, or the giant is very gentle and was Cinderella really as nice as they made out? This is a fun twist on the usual narrative. Hear the other side of the story!



ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



Term Value:

Respect

Lunch Menu: 3

w/c 8th September 2025