# Weekly Newsletter: 15th September 2023



#### Dear parents & carers,

It has been a great first full week back at school. All year groups have been immersed in our trust-wide project linked to William Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' and learning across the curriculum is in full swing.

We want to take this opportunity to reflect back on last year and thank families and the wider community who continue to support the school and PTA in doing everything we can to best support our children. Last academic year, we were able to raise £5,340.26 which is fantastic and couldn't have happened without your continued support. We wanted to take this opportunity alongside our current chair of the PTA, Ozge to share what the money has gone towards.

We are excited to announce that over the summer, with the money you raised, we have been able to install electric lights in our Forest School. Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting families to experience Forest School and hear about our exciting plans.

We have also purchased:

- new musical instruments
- 2 new goals for the ball court
- a theatre visit or theatre workshops in September for the whole school
- Bigfoot Workshop for the autumn term
- state of the art filming equipment to record school performances to share with parents
- playtime equipment
- Year 6 disco (This is a commitment to every year 6 class in the school)

This year we aim to buy:

- camping equipment to support our aim to have overnight family camping sessions in our Forest School
- professional staging for the hall for hosting performances
- Arty Party
- **Ipads**
- new structures for our nursery to provide outdoor cosy reading areas

Future possible projects with money not raised yet:

- an outside door leading from the library into the playground so that parents and children can access our community library Be fore and after school
- further develop electricity in Forest School

As part of our first PTA meeting, we will be discussing future school events and costings of future projects and will be able to share these with you. As always, we welcome new members to the PTA and ideas on fundraising.

Zoe Crosland and Jack Green



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#### Dates for your diary

19/09: Parent coffee morning with Family Support Worker at 8.45am

21/09: Parent Anti-Bully workshop at 9am

22/09: Parent coffee morning with Family Support Worker at 8.45am

27/09: Year 3&4 The Unicorn Theatre trip (Packed lunch required)

**28/09**: 9am Reception stay & meet the teacher

28/09: International Evening (letter to follow)

29/09: Year 5&6 The Unicorn Theatre trip (Packed lunch required)

**03/10:** Year 2 Hindu Temple trip (Letter to follow)

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## **Reception 2024 Schools Tours**

Do you know any local families with children who are due to join a Reception Class in September 2024? If so,

we are offering tours at 5pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September and 5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please contact the school office for more info & to book in or email hpcontact@hornpark.compassps.uk

## Attendance Matters

Good attendance is key to success both educationally and

beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 96.1%

Best Year Group—Year 3—98.1%

## **Book Recommendation**

Tower class are really enjoying their first class story of the year: Cressida Cowell's 'How To Train You Dragon.'

We think it is interesting that the author is also the illustrator of all the very funny pictures and are enjoying getting to know the unique characters.



