

Weekly Newsletter: 10th November 2023



Dear parent/carers,

Another great week has flown by at Horn Park, with more trips and exciting learning.

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed their week long school journey to The Kingswood Centre in Ashford. From facing their fears and tackling challenges in a variety of settings and activities, the children are rightly proud of what they have achieved. There is an abundance of photos on twitter that showcase the fantastic experience the children have had. We look forward to them sharing their experiences with year 5 who will be thinking about their trip next year.

As stated in the past week's newsletters, Monday 13th November is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week and children are invited to wear odd socks to school (alongside their uniform) to celebrate our differences and uniqueness. The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. Throughout the week, discussions and activities will take place to empower children to continue to speak out about bullying and the impact of bullying. The term 'banter' will be explored, and children will be encouraged to reflect on when 'banter' goes too far and becomes harmful.

Children are invited to take part in an anti-bullying poster competition. Their mission, if they choose to accept is: Design an anti-bullying superhero. What power would their anti-bullying superhero have which could help them to fight against bullying? What would their costume look like? How would people know what their power was before speaking to them? Posters should be colourful and have a sentence describing how their superhero fights against bullying. The winners selected will have them shared with the school. Posters can be designed at home or at school during lunch time and need to be completed by November 24th.

Attached are the dates for the Christmas performances. We look forward to getting into the festive spirit by showcasing the hard work and talents of all the children.

Please remember as the cold weather continues that children should come to school in appropriate uniform, including coats. Please ensure you label all your child's clothes with their name.

Have a lovely weekend.

Zoe Crosland and Jack Green

Dates for your diary

- 13/11: Odd Sock Day - Anti-Bullying Week
- 14/11: 9am Early Maths (EYFS) Workshop
- 15/11: Reception - Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 16/11: Year 2 Trip National Maritime Museum Trip
- 17/11: Children in Need Pyjama Day & Cake Sale
- 20/11: Deadline for ordering school photos with Van Cols for free delivery back to school
- 21/11: 9am Mastering Numbers (KS1) Workshop
- 22/11: 8.30am - 9.15am Nursery Stay & Play
- 22/11: 8.45am - 9.15am Year 2 Stay & Read
- 23/11: 9am Reception Stay & Play
- 24/11: 3.15pm - 3.30pm PTA Tuck Shop
- 27/11: 2pm PSHE Curriculum Workshop
- 29/11: Reception Prince Philip Maritime Collection Trip
- 01/12: Non-uniform Day - Bring a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) or chocolate as a donation for the fayre tombola
- 01/12: Deadline for Sweet Jar entries and donations for Fayre
- 07/12: 9am Developing reading fluency and comprehension (Years 2-6) Workshop
- 07/12: Christmas Fayre and Christmas Jumper Day
- 20/12: Christmas Lunch
- 21/12: Break Up
- 22/12 - 04/01: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- 05/01: INSET DAY
- 08/01: Children Return to School

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Reception 2024 School Tours

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

We are offering tours of the school at 9.30am on Tuesday 21st November and at 5pm on Thursday 23rd November. Please contact the school office for more information and to book in or email hpcontact@hornpark.compassps.uk

Attendance Matters

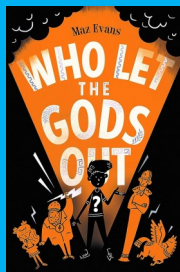
Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.

This week's attendance: 95.1%

Best Year Group: Year 1 - 97.8%

Book Recommendation

Blackfriars class recommend reading 'Who Let the Gods Out?', which we are reading as part of history learning. It is a funny, fantasy adventure story about character called Elliot who sees a shooting star that crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The children have enjoyed learning about Ancient Greek gods and goddesses so this has been a perfect book to continue our learning.



ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



French phase of the week:
Il pleut - It's rainy!

Term Value:

Unity

Lunch Menu: 3

w/c 13th November



Please complete the online [consent form](#) for your child to have the nasal flu vaccine. This form **MUST** be completed even if you do not give consent.



We are proud to be supporting The Royal British Legion this year. Poppies and other accessories are available to buy for a donation from the school office.



Children in Need's 'SPOTacular event' is on Friday 17th November. Children can wear their **pyjamas** to school for a small donation. A bake sale will take place in the playground afterschool. If you can bake/donate cakes, please drop them to the school office on the Friday morning.

If you have recently attended a workshop in school, please take a couple of moments to complete [this parent/carer feedback form](#). Thank you.



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[@hornparkschool](#)



THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



THANK YOU for keeping our school safe!



Horn Park Christmas Dates

Thursday 7th December

Christmas Jumper Day
3.15-5.30pm School Christmas Fayre

Friday 8th December

2pm Sycamores and Millennium Performance

Monday 11th December

9.30am KS1 Performance

Tuesday 12th December

10.45am Nursery Performance
2pm KS1 Performance

Wednesday 13th December

9.30am Rocksteady Concert
2.30pm Reception Class Performance

Thursday 14th December

9.30am KS2 Performance

Friday 15th December

2pm KS2 Performance

Wednesday 20th December

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December – Last Day of Term