



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a week full of festive cheer at Horn Park, with an abundance of fantastic Christmas performances and Christmas jumper day, as well as lots of brilliant learning taking place in class.

Throughout the week, we welcomed in parents and carers of children across the entire school. It is always wonderful to see how proud the children are of the songs they have rehearsed and lines they have practised. A huge thank you to Mr Gregory and the entire staff team for the work that has gone into putting the shows together.



Amongst the festivities, Year 3 had an amazing 'Stone Age Day' on Monday, creating roundhouses with clay and straw, mixed media fire art with blown ink and twigs and their own woolly mammoths.

This week, Basecamp, our new wraparound childcare provision, put on two Q&A sessions for parents and carers to attend. Having spoken to many members of the community at the Christmas Fayre, they are excited to get started in January. If you need to register your child ready for the new year, this can be done via their [website](#). Basecamp are also recruiting staff, so if you would like further information about this, you can contact them at [hornpark@basecampchildcare.co.uk](mailto:hornpark@basecampchildcare.co.uk) or read more information [here](#).

Last week, the Christmas Fayre raised a fantastic total of £1,798.90. This will go a long way to supporting the school as well as some of the goals the PTA have set for the academic year. A huge thank you, again, to Ozge and the team for the organisation of the event.

A reminder that this coming Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, is Christmas dinner day and that our last day of term is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at the normal school time.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Zoe Crosland and Mr Jack Green

## Reception Entry September 2025

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2025 your application must be made online by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please click [here](#) for more information on how to apply for a primary school place. Thank you.



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## ONLINE LEARNING (Homework)



**Term Value:**

Unity

**Lunch Menu: 1**

w/c 16<sup>th</sup> December

## Dates for your diary

- 17/12:** 9.30am - 11.15am Year 2 Forest School Parent/Carer Session - Please report to the school office on arrival
- 17/12:** Year 6 Gurdwara Trip
- 18/12:** 9.30am Rocksteady concert in the hall
- 19/12:** Christmas Lunch
- 20/12:** Last day of Autumn 2 term
- 23/12/24 – 03/01/25:** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 06/01/25:** Inset Day – School closed to children
- 07/01/25:** Children return to school
- 09/01/25:** Year 3 Horniman Museum trip
- w/c 13/01/25:** Spring 2025 term After School Activity Clubs start – Places will be advised by the end of the next week via My Child At School
- 14/01/25:** 3.30pm - 5pm Year 6 Parents' Evening
- 15/01/25:** Deadline to apply for Reception Sept 2025
- 16/01/25:** 3.30pm - 7pm Year 6 Parents' Evening

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## Attendance Matters

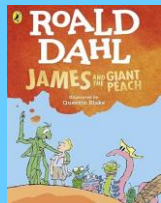
**Good attendance is key to success both educationally and beyond. For this reason, we aim for 100% attendance.**

This week's attendance: 94.1%

Best Year Group: Year 5 – 97.9%

## Book Recommendation

Chelsea class are reading 'James and the Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. James Henry Trotter is about to go on the adventure of a lifetime! James lives his awful Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker, two of the meanest people you can imagine. Life isn't much fun at all, until something peculiar happens at the bottom of his garden and a peach at the very



top of a tree begins to grow...and grow...and GROW! Inside are seven very unusual insects - all waiting to take James on a magical journey. We can't wait to find out what happens next!