

Horndean Infant School

'Learning and caring, together'



Newsletter - January 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new school term. Each year group have started new topics this term and they have proven to be very popular! The children have lots of exciting learning experiences ahead of them and I look forward to sharing them with you.

Our School Vision and Values

Our school 'vision' is a clear statement of what we are trying to achieve so that children, staff, parents and governors can work together. It is about looking forward and seeking to motivate and unify everyone to achieve the very best for our children at Horndean. At the start of the school year, a collaboration between, children, staff, parents and governors helped to identify four key principles that drive our school vision, below:

Curiosity

Ambition

Respect

Enjoyment

C.A.R.E.

At Horndean, we want our children to **enjoy** an exciting and enriching curriculum.

We believe that when children are **curious**, they are more likely to be motivated and engaged in their learning. This helps them remember the knowledge and skills they have been taught.

Our school values UNITED values, encourage children to be **ambitious** and strive to be the very best they can be.

Our school community is determined to ensure a **respectful** environment to learn in, built on kindness and acceptance and underpinned by strong, positive relationships.

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Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, .

The main goal of Safer Internet Day is to raise awareness and start a conversations about online safety, particularly with younger people who may not be fully equipped with how to stay safe when using the internet on tablets, games consoles and mobile phones.

At Horndean, safer internet day will include celebrations and learning based around the theme online safety.

Mr Frank will also be inviting parents into school for an online safety presentation he will be running on the 9th of February at 8.45-9.45 (more information to follow).



Children's Mental Health week

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect and will encourage children (and adults) to look at how we make meaningful connections.

We will be planning lots of activities for the children to take part in throughout the week. This will include the creation of a collaborative display that will give you the opportunity to take part in an activity at home with your child (more information to follow).



School Ambassadors

We would like to congratulate those children nominated by their classmates to represent their class as a school ambassador. Our school ambassadors support Mr Frank to make important decisions that help improve our school in lots of ways.

Their project for this term is to encourage a love of reading through the use of our new school reading cabin. The school ambassadors meet with their classmates and record their ideas in a communication book. They meet regularly to share their classmates thoughts with Mrs Glead and Miss Gilbert.

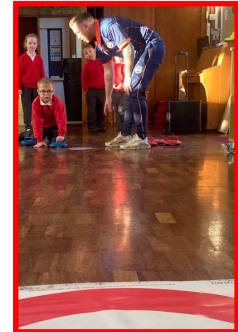


Key Dates

7.2.23 Safer Internet Day
7.2.23 Year 2 parent drop-in session 2.45-3.15
8.2.23 Year 1 parent drop-in session 2.45-3.15
9.2.23 Online safety Parent workshop 8.45 –9.45
10.2.23 **INSET Day**
21.2.23 Pancake Day celebrations
23.2.23 Year F 'Stay and Play' session
2.3.23 World Book Day (date may change due to strike action)
4.3.23 PTA Quiz night
7.3.23 and 9.3.23 Parents Evening
17.3.23 School photos day
24.3.23 School Movie Night!

Curling

On Friday 20th January, our CM Sports coaches held a fun 'mini curling' workshop for all our children to enjoy. It was an opportunity for children to enjoy an engaging activity and build on their UNITED values.



New Learning

In Year F, We have been learning about and joining in with Chinese New Year celebrations. We found out about how people prepare for Chinese New Year (by cleaning and decorating their homes). We then had the chance to make our own special lanterns and decorated the classroom. We learnt that red is a lucky colour in Chinese culture. We ended the week with a feast, tasting lots traditional Chinese foods.



In Year One, our topic this term is 'Awesome Animals'. During the spring term children will become experts on animals. They will become scientists when they learn how to identify animals and their features. They will learn to identify which animals are mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. In English, children will immerse themselves in poetry. The poems 'Hippocrump' and 'What is Pink?' will inspire their creative writing. The children will use their knowledge of materials to create their own collage of a jungle scene.

In Year 2, our topic this term is all about the history of castles and the way of life within them. We will be developing our creative and imaginative skills around the myths and legends surrounding castles including dragons and elements of traditional tales. We are extremely excited for our visit from a knight, who will help us to explore the different roles that people held within the castle walls. We will then celebrate this exciting topic with a 'fabulous finish' dress up day (prince, princesses, knight, kings, queens...) and attend a royal banquet!



PTA

We are in need of registered first aiders to support outside of hours events that are planned for the rest of this school year such as movie nights and a disco. Without your support and attendance these events cannot take place. None of the regular PTA organisers are accredited. If you would be able to help with an event for a couple of hours, please contact pta@horndeaninfants.co.uk.