

# Horndean Infant School

"UNITED in all we do"



Autumn 1 Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, it is important to acknowledge the wonderful start we've had to the academic year at Horndean Infant School. It's been a joy to witness the enthusiasm and energy that our children have brought to their learning and play, and I'm delighted to share some of our recent highlights with you.

## New Beginnings

Our new Year F children have settled in remarkably well, and it's heartening to see how quickly they have adapted to school life. They are already forming new friendships and building strong, positive relationships with the adults in their classes. Their confidence and happiness are evident in their daily activities, and it's a pleasure to see them thriving in their new classrooms.

Our Year One and Two children have also made a smooth transition into their new classrooms, embracing the changes with admirable resilience. Their teachers have expressed how proud they are of the children's adaptability and eagerness to learn. It's clear that the children are ready for the exciting challenges that lie ahead in their new year groups.



## Harvest Festival

Recently, we came together as a school community to celebrate Harvest Festival. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the families who contributed food donations. We were particularly impressed by the wonderful harvest loaves that some of you baked - they were truly works of art! Your generosity has made a real difference, as all the donations were collected by a local foodbank to support those in need within our community.



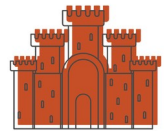


It has been exciting to see our Year One children dive into their Superheroes topic with such enthusiasm. They've particularly enjoyed reading 'Supertato', which has inspired some incredibly creative writing.

The children were puzzled to find that Supertato had been kidnapped by Evil Pea. They designed and wrote about some ingenious ways to trap the mischievous pea!



## Arundel Castle



Our Year Two children recently embarked on a school visit to Arundel Castle. They had a marvellous time exploring the castle and learning about life within its walls. They took a guided tour through the castle and enjoyed opportunities to role play with armour and costumes! I'm especially proud to share that the guides and members of the public complimented our children on their exemplary behaviour.



In Year F, our youngest learners have been busy getting to know their classrooms and exploring the wealth of resources available to them, both inside and outside. They've been engaged in a variety of activities, from drawing self-portraits and making vegetable soup to showcasing their talents in class talent shows. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they discover new skills and interests.



## Notices

Looking ahead, we have several important dates and events to share with you:



Firstly, please note that Monday 4th November and Friday 29th November are INSET days, and there will be no children in school on these days.



We are also excited to announce our upcoming PTA Halloween Disco on 7th November. Year F children are invited from 4:45-5:30 pm, while Year One and Two will have their disco from 5:45-6:45 pm.

We have some fantastic opportunities coming up for parents to engage with their children's learning. Year 2 parents are invited to a drop-in session on 6th November at 2:45 pm, where you can share your child's learning with them and look through their books. Year 1 parents will have a similar opportunity on 11th November at 2:45 pm. For our Year F parents, we are hosting a 'Stay and Play' session on 8th November from 2-3 pm. This is a wonderful chance to play alongside your child in our fantastic Early Years provision.



As we look towards the festive season, I'm delighted to announce the dates for our Christmas shows. Year F will perform on Tuesday, 17th December at 9:30 am and 2 pm. Year 1 will take to the stage on Wednesday, 18th December at 9:30 am and 2 pm. Finally, our Year 2 children will present their show on Thursday, 19th December at 9:30 am and 2 pm. We look forward to welcoming you to these joyous celebrations of the season. Further details regarding tickets to follow.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our children and the Horndean Infant School community. Your support and engagement make our school a truly special place. Here's to a fantastic second half of the autumn term!

Best wishes,

Mr Frank