



"God with us, lighting the way to love and respect"

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Christian focus: Each half term, we revisit the Christian values of love, respect, forgiveness, compassion, courage, patience.
This half term, we will look at the themes of friendship, love and respect.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Hello. I hope you have had a lovely summer.

What a super return to school we have had. It has been lovely welcoming the children and families back to school. A warm welcome to our new Reception children and families.

The children have settled wonderfully and school is calm and positive!

Building work in the hall

We have had lots of building work done over the summer. The three pillars in the hall have been removed and steel girders erected. This will provide us with increased space for us to use eg PE lessons. We are hoping that the work will be completed by the 22nd September and then we can use our "new" hall. The children were updated in assembly on Monday morning regarding alternative arrangements in school whilst this work is done.

Lunchtime

Due to the hall being out of use, all children will be eating their lunch in their classroom supervised by the dinner ladies. Those children on school dinners will only have one choice of menu. Those children with special dietary needs will be catered for as usual.

Behaviour

As we start the new academic year the children have been reminded of the school's high expectations with regards to behaviour in and around school. I have attached an outline for parents to peruse.

Documents

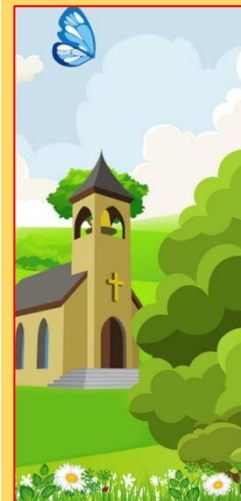
Please see the attached our school Attendance policy and Safeguarding information. Please do take the time over a cup of coffee to read these important documents.

Hens

As you know, we now have four healthy hens called Nugget, Ginger, Tara and Sparkles. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who lovingly looked after the hens during the summer holidays.

Celebration assembly

Every Friday at 9am we hold our whole school celebration assembly and as always parents and friends may join us. Please can we ask visitors to sit in the balcony due to the lack of space downstairs. Any visitor unable to climb the stairs may sit at the back of Church.



Please follow us at
[@HorwichParishCE](https://twitter.com/HorwichParishCE) and keep up to date with the class blogs on the website.





Harvest

I am delighted to inform you that the Bishop of Bolton (and the children) will be leading our Harvest Service on Friday 29th September at 9am in Church. As always classes will be collecting dry food items for their class harvest box in the hope that they win the box of Heroes chocolates!!!

Parents and friends are warmly invited to join us for this service.

Mobile Phones

Please could we remind parents that Year 3 - 6 children may bring a mobile phone to school if it is required to keep the children safe travelling to and from school. In line with our safeguarding policy children know that phones **MUST NOT** be switched on whilst on the school premises. School takes no responsibility for children's phones.

Calendar of events

Please see the attached proposed calendar of events for this academic year.

Commando Jo's

During this year, James from Commando Jo's will be leading PE sessions and a Boys Club on a Wednesday. He will also be actively involved in The Lighthouse Club on Wednesdays. James will be working with Years 5 and 6 this term, Years 3 and 4 in the Spring Term and KS1 in the Summer Term.

Uniform

From next week, please can all children bring a named coat to school. As we know the British weather is unpredictable despite the current heatwave!!

Please could we remind parents that children **MUST** wear the correct school uniform including no black trainers. Boys must wear black school shoes. Please could children with stud earrings cover them on PE days.

Please see the attached uniform list as a reminder.

Mrs Mills

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our vision is to be a school where everyone can achieve and "let their light shine" both individually and collectively as a community.

Learning to love each other as Jesus has loved us, respecting each other and growing into the people God has called us to be.



PARENTPAY ITEMS

Lunches

The cost of lunches for this half term is £98.80 (4th September – 27th October 2023).

Payments need to be paid in advance and we are currently have to chase those accounts going into debt.

Please make sure you check your child's account regularly. Please remember that we require 2 weeks' notice in writing (email) from a parent/carer if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangements.

Reception Snacks

Reception snacks for this half term are £10.00. Payments can be made via ParentPay.

Emails to staff

Just a reminder that staff will respond to all emails including year group emails between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm. If your message is urgent, please ring the school office which is open 8.00am to 4pm. Thank you!

Snacks and drinks reminder

Children in Years 1-6 are welcome to bring a snack to eat at breaktime. As we are a nut free school, snacks should contain no nuts and should be healthy e.g. fruit, rice cakes.

Please can children bring a named bottle in to school which should only contain water.

Break the Rules day

The children really enjoyed this fundraising day in July when they were allowed to pay to break the rules!! £545.00 was raised. We hope to hold a break the rules day each term. Our new school council will be suggesting which rules they would like to break!

Volunteers

As always we welcome parents, carers, friends of HP, grandparents etc to come into school to help out. There are always lots of activities that can support and enhance life at HP whether it be hearing readers, supporting in a classroom, helping out in our library, practising times tables with the children, to name just a few ideas. If any volunteer has a particular talent / skill that they are happy to share with the children then please do get in touch.

Just a reminder for all Parents/Carers

- Children/siblings of children must not play on any equipment whilst waiting at pick up time
- We ask that parents continue to communicate with the office via email/telephone call when possible
- Gates will be closed in the morning and at the end of the day 10 minutes after the start/finish time of school



The Lighthouse Club at Horwich Parish

Places are still available at our before and after school club, The Lighthouse Club.

Before school 7.30am – 8.40am £5.50 per session

After school 3.15/3.20pm – 6pm £11.50 per session

If you are interested, please collect a pack from the school office. James from Commando Jo will be doing outdoor fun activities eg den building with the children in The Lighthouse Club before and after school every Wednesday.

Dates for your diary...

September:

All class curriculum newsletters with class information will be uploaded on your child's class page on the school website by the end of the week.

Week beginning 4th Classes vote for councils

7th Meet the teacher 3.20-4.00pm in your child's classroom (teachers will share key class information)

12th British Values day – Democracy - whole school voting for Y6 Leadership positions

15th Presentation for positions / councils in Church at 9am

19th Y5 Healthy lifestyles

20th Y6 Healthy lifestyles

22nd Jeans for Genes day – children may come to school in jeans for £1 donation

27th Open morning for parents to look at children's books - 9 – 9.30am

28th International languages day - each class to represent a Country / 2.30pm assembly in Church to share the day (parents invited)

29th Harvest in Church (parents invited) – Bishop of Bolton to attend – supporting Urban Outreach

Open Days for Reception intake

September 2024

- Tuesday 10th October 9.30am
- Wednesday 11th October 3.30pm
- Thursday 12th October 1.30pm

Year 6 "Snack Shack"

Year 6 will be holding their "snack shack" every Friday at morning break. All healthy snacks are 50p.