



"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. The children have settled well into the new academic year.

Behaviour

We are having a big drive on behaviour across school this year. Persistent low level behaviours prevents teaching and learning from taking place so we have outlined our high expectations with the children. We will keep parents informed if your child disrupts learning and I thank you in advance for your cooperation in supporting the school.

Our non negotiables and behaviour for learning expectations are;

- Be ready to start learning
- Sit appropriately with legs under desks and empty hands
- Actively listen, persevere & do your best
- Take responsibility for own actions and belongings
- Wear the school uniform with pride.
- Be polite & respectful to everyone.
- Look after our school environment and school equipment
- Fantastic walking in & around school.

Building work in the hall

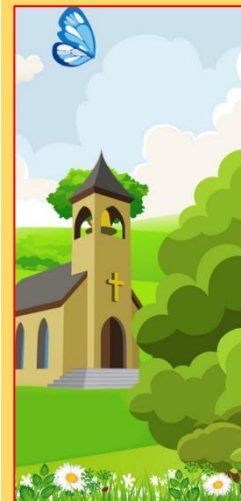
It is finished!! The hall is looking fabulous and all usual activities in the hall have resumed this week. We will be holding an official opening of the hall, more details to follow!

Open Morning

128 parents & grandparents joined us in school on 28th September for our open morning. Thank you for coming to look at your child's work.

International Languages Day

The children enjoyed learning about the French language throughout the day. Thank you to those parents who joined us in Church to celebrate the day and to Miss Seager for organising the day.



Please follow us at
@HorwichParishCE and keep up to date with the class blogs on the website.





Harvest

It was lovely to welcome the Bishop of Bolton to our Harvest Service last week. Thank you to everyone that joined us. A big thank you to the prayer group for serving refreshments and to the children for their lovely singing and prayers.

As always, we were amazed at the generosity of the children (and parents) in donating food for our harvest. In total, 1109 items of food were collected and donated to Urban Outreach food bank. Class 1H won the Heroes chocolate tub by collecting the most items, a whopping 209 items!!!

Hens

Nugget, Ginger, Tara and Sparkles are all doing well and are enjoying their new home. A huge thankyou to the army of volunteers that have continued to look after the hens. We now have a hen rota in place to allow the children to feed the hens and help care for them.

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.

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.

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 Joe's will be doing outdoor fun activities eg den building with the children in The Lighthouse Club before and after school every Wednesday.



PARENTPAY ITEMS

Lunches

The cost of lunches for the remainder of this half term is £37.05 (9th October – 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 Parent Pay if you have not already paid.

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!

Lunch box reminder

We have been pleased to see some very healthy lunchboxes in school so far this term. May we ask that sweet treats (biscuits, chocolate biscuits etc) are limited to ensure children have a range of food to eat and to limit the amount of sugar they may be consuming. As we are a nut free school, items in lunch boxes should contain no nuts.

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.

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.

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.

Path alongside bottom playground

We are aware of issues with nettles at the side of the path which runs alongside the bottom playground. This path is not the responsibility of school however we have been in touch with Bolton Council who have passed our concerns onto the Neighbourhood Team who will cut them back at some point. The email address is highways@bolton.gov.uk if parents/carers need to report any issues with this path.



Dates for your diary...

October

This week is Building Futures Week

Monday 9th – Nicola from Shades in Church 9am (Say NO to Racism) then working with Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 10th – School Open Day for Reception Intake September 2024 at 9.30am

Wednesday 11th – School Open Day for Reception Intake September 2024 at 3.30pm

Thursday 12th – School Open Day for Reception Intake September 2024 at 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th – Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm

Thursday 19th – Parents' Evening 4 – 6pm

Thursday 19th – Individual photos

Friday 20th – Wear red day – Show racism the red card!

Monday 23rd – International aid assembly – shoeboxes

Thursday 26th – flu vaccines

School closes on Friday 27th October for half term

Future dates in November:

Monday 6th November - School reopens at 8.40am

Tuesday 7th – Whole school prayer themed day in Church

Wednesday 9th – Social media kindness day

Friday 10th – Remembrance day service in Church – Y6 leading the service

Monday 13th – Festival of Divali

Week commencing 13th – Friendship week (anti-bullying)

Thursday 16th – Class open afternoon for parents 2.30 - 3pm

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.