



HPS Friday Bulletin

Friday 20 January 2017, forthcoming events for the week commencing 23 January 2017			
Monday	23.1.17	3.15pm-4.30pm	Hang Out after school club
Tuesday	24.1.17	3.15pm-4.30pm	Hang Out after school club
Wednesday	25.1.17	All Day 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Year 6 trip to Oxford for Junior Citizen training Hang Out after school club Judo Club after school
Thursday	26.1.17	2.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	PTA meeting in the chapel Hang Out after school club HPS Orchestra in the chapel
Friday	27.1.17	3.15pm-4.30pm	Hang Out after school club

The Power of Reading

How often do *you* read simply for pleasure? Reading is such an integral part of human evolution, from the simplest cave painting to ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics to the invention of the printing press, humans have been reading for almost as long as they have been on the planet. With the digital age we now live in, reading is more accessible than ever before. Yet still, I have conversations with children and parents who say that they simply don't have time to read at home for pleasure. I completely understand that modern life is busier than ever but for our children to become lifelong learners we have to help them become lovers of reading from the earliest age.

We work hard in school to expose the children to wide range of books and literature and teach them to read from the very first day they arrive in school. We want every child to become a lover of reading but we can't do it on our own. We need your help. We need you to support reading at home, to sit and read with your children, read for yourselves and model for them how much enjoyment you get from reading, share in stories and reveal in the imaginary worlds authors create. We know that many of you already do and for that we are incredibly grateful.

Our expectation is that the children read at home a minimum of 4 times a week; which is not a huge amount of time in the grand scheme of things. This needs to be recorded in the children's reading record books and signed by you. We are more than happy for the children to record their own reading and in fact would actively encourage our older children to be doing this.

Reading is such a fundamental part of the curriculum. We will continue to do everything we can enable all children to become lifelong lovers of reading and we hope that you will too.

School Census data

While I do not personally agree with the Home Office on this, the Spring Census now asks schools for additional information on the nationality, country of birth and English language proficiency of pupils. Any information previously supplied on our data collection sheets will be included (unless you specifically ask us to withhold it) but, where no information has been given we do not require it and will send a nil return. If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to contact me.

'It's behind you....'

It's time for the annual Hornton village pantomime! A number of our students are performing in the show this year. For details of the show please visit Hornton village webpage at

<http://www.hornton.org.uk/>

News from the PTA

The next PTA meeting is this coming Thursday at 2.30pm in the chapel.

Attendance this week

Orchard Class - 100%

Oak Class – 94.09%

Willow Class – 98%

Rowan Class – 93.60%

Any Other Business

Parking – I have once again noticed parents parking on the Yellow lines outside school. It is an offence and I have been in contact with the local Police Community Support Officers who have organised spot checks and will issue fines to those parents and carers caught parking illegally on the yellow lines.

HPS Achievements this week

100 Class Dojos

No updates this week

200 Class Dojos

No updates this week

House Points

Buchan – 1986

Simon – 1894

Lively – 2526

Hawking – 2265

Work of the Week

Orchard Class – Everyone – for their fantastic attitude to their learning all week!

Oak Class – Sean Compton – for his super effort when exploring the Yanomami Tribe

Willow Class – Megan Reece-Boorer and Tula Parsons – for their superb independent writing about The Green Ship

Rowan Class – Samuel Cornelius – for his great attitude to learning and A* helper for Mrs Flower!

With very best wishes,

Matt Green

Headteacher