



Friday 29 March 2018, forthcoming events for the week commencing 16 April 2018			
Monday	16.4.18	8am-9am 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast club Hang out after school club Year 6 SATs club
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Wednesday	18.4.18	8am-9am 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast club Hang out after school club Maypole practice with Mr Harris
Thursday	19.4.18	8am-9am 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast club Hang out after school club HPS Orchestra
Friday	20.4.18	All day All morning All afternoon	Non uniform day in aid of Hornton May Day Orchard Class to Forest School Peachtree to Forest School

Ofsted

I am sure you will have seen our Ofsted inspection report by now, but just in case you haven't, it was sent home with your children on Tuesday. I also posted links to the report on our website and on our social media outlets. I have been humbled by the overwhelmingly positive response from parents, colleagues, children and other head teachers both within our trust and further afield. I am extremely proud to lead such a wonderfully talented, dedicated and passionate team of people at HPS and the success of our little school is entirely down to them – colleagues, thank you for the remarkable way in which you care for, educate and nurture our children, you are all amazing professionals and I am glad that this has been recognised by Ofsted in their report.

We have some very ambitious plans to move the school forward over the course of the next few months and years. The plans centre on further development of our curriculum, governance and outcomes for the children. The governors and I are putting the final touches to our three year strategic plan which we will share with you once it's been completed. We are determined to make HPS *the* standout school in North Oxfordshire.

'HPS All Star Choir' – Gareth Malone and his choir had better watch out...

We are hoping to start the 'Hornton All Star Choir' after school on Mondays. We are holding an assembly to give Key Stage 2 pupils a demonstration on Thursday 19 April. Led by Will Homewood, from Horley. Will is an eighteen year old pop singer/songwriter.

Music has always been close to his heart. He sang and played in groups in school and throughout his childhood and then started recording music at his home just over a year ago. He was lucky

enough to have his first track played on Dermot O'Leary's show on BBC Radio 2 and he decided that music was what he wanted to do full time with his life.

That first national radio play opened the door to more writing and performance opportunities for Will. He loves sharing his music online: Will says: "I love hearing my tracks being played on the radio and hearing fans sing my songs along with me at shows". Will started playing live shows last October and he's built a loving and loyal fanbase in the cities that he's played in - Birmingham, London and Liverpool over the past year.

"It's been great supporting some fantastic artists and bands and I've learned a lot along the way, although there's plenty more to learn too! I will be doing a small headline tour in 2018 so I'm now busy writing new songs to release and share at these shows".

"I feel so blessed to be doing what I love. Performing on a stage where I have seen some of my favourite artists perform is the most exhilarating feeling. Watching the Vamps perform in Birmingham then playing at the same venue a couple of months later was a real highlight".

Will has written several songs over the past 18 months which are all available on his Soundcloud page.

His current single 'Weight of Us' was written whilst at school earlier this year to use as course work and it started out as a country song but developed into a pop track later on. Will says: "I love the song and really enjoy performing it live and had great fun making the video for it too. This will be the first track I have released via iTunes/Spotify etc".

"After finishing school for the year I headed off to Los Angeles for the Summer to write and record some tracks, which I'll be looking to release in 2018. It was great to experience the LA lifestyle and work with some different writers and producers. It was my first trip away from home and I feel it really helped me grow as a person as well as an artist. This has been a terrific year and I look forward to the new year and the opportunities it brings"

Humility Perseverance Self-Belief in action

I am always very proud of the way our students show their selflessness to each other and those in need. As a school we have raised thousands of pounds for charity over the years and a number of our children have raised hundreds of pounds for charity whether it be climbing mountains or having their hair cut off. I will always highlight and share the fundraising efforts of our children and it fills me huge amount of pride to be able to share another fantastic fundraising effort with you all.

On April 28th Max, who is in year 5, will be completing a swimathon in aid of Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. He, and his mum Cindy, are planning to swim 1.5km. That's 60 lengths of 25m swimming pool. He has set up a just giving page and would be really pleased if you could spare a couple of pounds to support his effort. The link is here

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/max-cindy-swimathon-2018>

Thank you.

Playground updates

I am pleased to say that work to improve our playground will be starting over the Easter break. We are having a whole series of new playground markings painted as well as the installation of our new climbing wall. Mr Fox has coordinated the project and we are all looking forward to seeing the improvements.

'Sports Day', sort of....

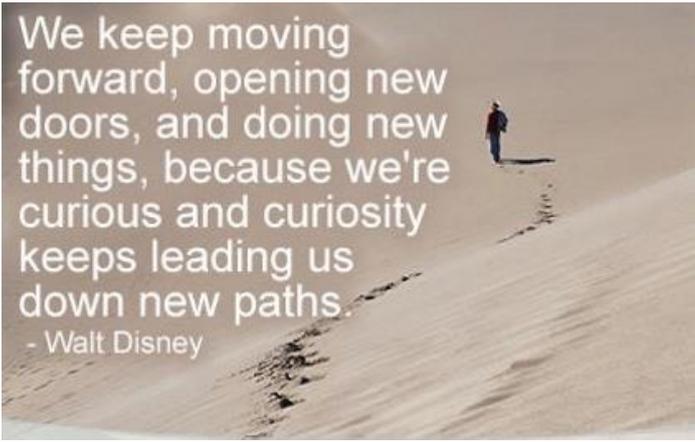
Hornton Pavilion Committee wanted to alert the school to an activities day being organised by the Cherwell District Council Youth Team. It takes place on the Pavilion playing field on Monday 9 April from 2pm until 3pm. It is a free session for 8 to 16 year olds. Wear trainers. The session is just an hour this time, as it is a taster session but during the summer holidays there will, hopefully, a weekly session. Any queries please contact Jo Langton on 01295 670359.

Non Uniform Day

We are holding our second non-uniform day on Friday 20 April in order to collect items for our May Day stall. Thank you to everyone who donated last time.

Maypole Dance Practice

The first practice will take place on Wednesday 18 April. Mr and Mrs Harris will meet the children at school and accompany them to the pavilion. Please can you collect your child/children from there at 4.30pm.

Attendance this week	Thought for the day...
<p>Year R. – 98% Year 1 – 100% - well done year 1, that's the second week in a row! Year 2 – 100% - well done year 2! Year 3 – 89% Year 4 – 80% Year 5 – 96% Year 6 – 100% - well done year 6! Whole School Average – 96%</p>	
<p>Diary Dates 30.3.18 – Good Friday 16.4.18 – Children return for term 5 24.4.18 – Willow class swimming sessions begin at Sibford School. Further details will sent home shortly 9.5.18 – School portraits being taken today 14-17.5.18 – Year 6 SATs week 24.5.18 – PTA Bake sale 25.5.18 – finish for term 5</p>	

News from the PTA

No updates this week

Class Dojos

200 Dojos	300 Dojos	400 Dojos	500 Dojos
Lizzie Aspinall Charlie Mason Yann Taylor	Kean Webster Josh Smith Pippa Nurdin Lola Holmes	Benjy Atherton Oscar Holt Emily Cornelius	Faye Cartwright Seren Adamson Emily Hunt

HPS Achievements this week

Work of the Week

Orchard Class – everyone – for a fantastic performance during our Easter assembly today

Oak Class – Jack – for his brilliant piece of writing about the seasons

Willow Class – Emily - for her wonderful enthusiasm and perfect attitude to her work

Rowan Class – everyone – for successfully completing their Skellig wings this week

With very best wishes,

Matt Green
Headteacher