



Friday 23 November 2018, forthcoming events for the week commencing 26 November 2018

Monday	26.11.18	8am-9am 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-4.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club After school football club with Oxford United at the pavilion
Tuesday	27.11.18	8am-9am All morning All afternoon 3.15pm-4.30pm 3.15pm-5pm	Breakfast Club Forest School for Orchard Class this morning Forest School for Peachtree this afternoon Hang Out after school club Forest School after school club for Oak Class
Wednesday	28.11.18	8am-9am 3.15pm -4.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club
Thursday	29.11.18	8am-9am All morning 3.15pm -4.30pm 3.15pm-4.45pm	Breakfast Club KS1 Dance Festival at The Warriner Hang Out after school club Year 2 and 3 Art Club after school
Friday	30.11.18	8am-9am 3.15pm -4.30pm	Breakfast Club Hang Out after school club

Developing independence in our children

When is the right time to allow your children to walk to school on their own? When should we allow them to walk home on their own? At what point should we drop them in the playground in the morning and leave as soon as we have dropped them off? I am sure as parents you have thought about these questions and others alike. Teaching children to be independent young people is one of our roles in schools and it starts from the moment they arrive in Peachtree. Our very youngest children have to find their own peg, hang up their own bags, find their own drawer, clean up their own mess – I could go on. We have an expectation that children all through the school will develop these independence skills, with support from us, and grow into thoughtful, resourceful, resilient, independent young people prepared for secondary school and beyond. We do expect children to bring in their own PE bags, book bags, coats and such like, and hang them up in their cloakroom – there is no need for parents and grandparents to do that – the children are quite capable.

While we know and understand that some younger children may need their grown up to stay in the playground at the beginning of the day to say goodbye, we would hope by the time the children reach year 3 and 4 that their parents do not need to stay in the playground for as long and certainly by the time children reach year 5 and 6 parents should say their goodbyes before the school gate. In some schools I know, parents of children from year 3 to year 6 are not allowed to be on the playground before school. They are expected to say goodbye before the school gate and the children walk into school on their own to meet their friends in the playground.

We take our role in nurturing this independence very seriously but we can't do it alone, we need your support and so I ask you to consider whether you are acting in the best interests of your children's growing independence by bringing in their PE kit, hanging up their book bags or waiting in the playground to say goodbye after the bell for the start of school day has rung. There comes a time when you have to take a leap of faith, trust us and let the children get on with job of being independent in school from the moment they enter the school gate.

Katherine House Santa Fun Run


Join with family, friends and colleagues and take on the Santa Fun Run on Sunday 2 December at 10am at Wykham Park Academy in Banbury. Choose from a 5km or 1km route and bring your energy and festive spirit to help raise £25,000, which is enough to fund the inpatient unit for five days over Christmas! With music, refreshments and children's activities, including a chance to visit Santa's grotto, the Santa Fun Run is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit. Please sign up today to join the fun and help support people in our community facing life-limiting illnesses at www.KHH.org.uk/Santa

Oak Class Dance Festival

Pupils in Oak Class are attending a dance festival at the Warriner next Thursday, 29 November, so please don't forget to bring PE kits, a snack, a drink and a packed lunch. We are travelling to and from the event by minibus. Thank you.

Remembrance Tree Planting

We have been invited by the church and Parish Council to take part in the planting of a Silver Birch Sapling in the church yard. The tree has been given to the village by OCC and the planting has been organised by Hornton PC in memory of those who died in the first world war. The ceremony will take place on Thursday 29 November 2018 at 2.45pm and selected pupils will represent the school alongside Mr Green

Attendance this week	Thought for the day...
<p>Year R. – 99% Year 1 – 100% - well done year 1! Year 2 – 88% Year 3 – 100% - well done year 3! Year 4 – 96% Year 5 – 83% Year 6 – 92% Whole School Average – 94%</p>	
<p>Diary Dates 14.12.18 – FS and KS1 Nativity performance 20.12.18 – KS2 Christmas concert</p>	

PTA News

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Due to a delay at the printers the cards and gifts will now be delivered next week - apologies for any inconvenience.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the school library, everyone is welcome!

New Facebook Page

Thank you to everyone who has liked our brand new Facebook page! We will be using the page to post updates, reminders and photos so please do click the link below and follow us!

This link will take you to our new page and all you have to do is simply click the 'like' button!

<https://www.facebook.com/horntonprimarypta/>

Class Dojos

100 Dojos

Emlyn

200 Dojos

Masie, Peggy, Roy, Pippa, Raffy, Riley, Benjamin, Martha, Sam, Cameron

HPS Achievements this week

Work of the Week

Orchard Class – **Jack T** - for developing confidence in his own abilities

Oak Class – **Arlo** – for his brilliant letter to Aput the Inuit this week!

Willow Class – **Rachel** – for consistently working hard, helping others and her positive attitude

Rowan Class - **Connie** – for her maturity and consistently positive attitude

Sports News

No sports news this week, but on Thursday 29 November Oak class will be taking part in a dance festival at The Warriner. We will have a report in next week's bulletin.

With very best wishes,

Matt Green
Headteacher