



HPS Friday Bulletin

Friday 22 January 2016, forthcoming events for the week commencing 25 January 2016

Monday	25.1.16		
Tuesday	26.1.16		
Wednesday	27.1.16	3.30pm-4.30pm	Judo Club in the Chapel
Thursday	28.1.16	3.30pm-4.30pm	Art Club with Mrs Edwards
Friday	28.1.16	All day	Schools Music service concert in Oxford

Winter Mornings

Given the freezing weather we have been experiencing over the course of last week, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone about our procedures, should we need to close school because of bad weather. The current website for checking if we are open or not in the event of snow is: <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures>

We will try our hardest to make a final decision before 7.15am, and will put a 'school closed' message immediately on the Oxfordshire website. We will also update our own website (www.horntonprimaryschool.co.uk), Twitter feed (@horntonprimary) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/horntonprimaryschool). I will also email everyone on our mailing list and flag the email as 'URGENT – SCHOOL CLOSED BAD WEATHER', this email will come from my email account (mgre8845@hornton.oxon.sch.uk). We will inform all local radio stations.

Please check on-line and do not phone the school. If you haven't got internet access, please arrange in advance to call a friend who has. Even if we think we can open at 7.15am, the weather may worsen – so please check the website again just before you set off from home. However, once we have decided to close, the decision will remain in effect for that day.

HPS Reading Marathon

A timely reminder about our HPS Reading Marathon challenges. As we are now almost half way through the year, I would expect to see some of the completed 10KM and half marathon challenges being completed. If your child has forgotten about them point them to this page <http://horntonprimaryschool.co.uk/hps-reading-marathon/> and remind them about the prizes up for grabs for successful completion of the challenges.

Winter Vomiting Bug

We are currently experiencing a high number of children absent from school because of the winter sickness bug that is going around. Just a reminder about our policy, if your child has been sick they need to be away from school for 48 hours. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury is relaunching its hugely successful 'Active Kids' program shortly. As normal we will be collecting the vouchers. The collection box will be in the window sill at the bottom of the stairs.

Healthy Snacks at Playtime and Lunchtime

I am pleased to say that I have noticed an increase in the number of children who are bringing in a healthy playtime snack. I actively encourage the children to bring a healthy snack for playtime and to have in their lunch box at lunch time. While it is great that more children are bringing in healthy snacks there are still a large of number of children bringing in unhealthy snacks at playtime and lunchtime. These kinds of snacks have a very high sugar content which means that the children have lots of fast release energy in their system immediately after eating them, but then tire very quickly once the sugar has been used. Fruit and other healthy snacks have lots of slow release energy which allow the children to concrete for longer periods of time. I would encourage everyone in school to bring in a healthy playtime and lunchtime snack such as a piece of fruit or veg, a box of raisins or something similar.

HPS Achievements this week			
20 Effort Marks	50 Effort Marks	100 Effort Marks	House Points
	Amy Compton Layla McNally	Ella Gibbs Sophie Elliot	Buchan House - 83 Simon House - 122 Lively House - 154 Hawking House - 173
Work of the Week Charlie Pond (Rowan Class) – for the effort he has put in to learning his spelling this week, Samuel Cornelius and Lottie Atkinson (Willow Class) – for their excellent digital information poster about Blenheim Palace, AJ Titman (Willow Class) – for the perseverance and grit he's shown in English and Maths this week, Edie Madden (Oak Class) – for her excellent understanding of inverted commas to correctly punctuate speech, and Rafferty White (Orchard Class) – for his amazing progress in his reading this week.			

And Finally...

We had a few teething problems with the email mailing list last week. We think we have now solved these but I'd like to apologise to parents who were expecting an electronic version of the bulletin and didn't get one.

With very best wishes,

Matt Green
Headteacher