

News News News...

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Horn's Mill
Primary School

Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had the best possible Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a great start back with some fantastic progress in children's learning recognised in the Autumn Term. It is a great joy to see Mrs Caroe return to school after her maternity leave and the rest of the staff come back refreshed and ready for a jolly Spring term. This last week has been a cold one, so please take care on the ice and make sure your child has a nice warm coat each day as we try to get outside as much as we possibly can.



@HMillSchool on Twitter (Now X)



@hmillschool in Instagram

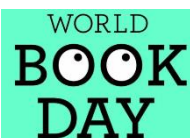


School Spider



World Book Day Costume Swaps at Libraries...

Do your bit to help save the environment and some money this year, by donating unwanted World Book Day fancy dress costumes at Barnton, Blacon, Frodsham, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Northwich, Sandiway or Wharton libraries. Donated costumes will be quickly checked and put out for those who need them (no donation or payment required) from Thursday 1 February to Wednesday 6 March. And, while you're there, make sure to get a library card, no ID required, or take out a book.



Safeguarding Update – Icy Water...

If you find someone in the ice...

- Call the emergency services by dialling 999
- Let the emergency services know where you are. Accurate information can save precious minutes. If you have a smart phone and have location services or map tool enabled, this can help. If not look around for any landmarks or signs – for example bridges will often have numbers on them which can identify their location
- Do not attempt to go out on to the ice yourself
- Tell the person to stay still to maintain heat and energy
- Try finding something which will extend your reach, such as a rope, pole or branch
- Throw the object out and, once ensuring you are stable on the bank either by lying down or having someone hold on to you, pull them in
- If you cannot find something to reach with, try finding an object that will float and push that out to them
- Ensure that you keep off the ice at all times during the rescue, continue to reassure the casualty and keep them talking until help arrives
- Once the person has been rescued, keep them warm and take them to hospital even if they appear to be unaffected



"BUILD your VOCABULARY"

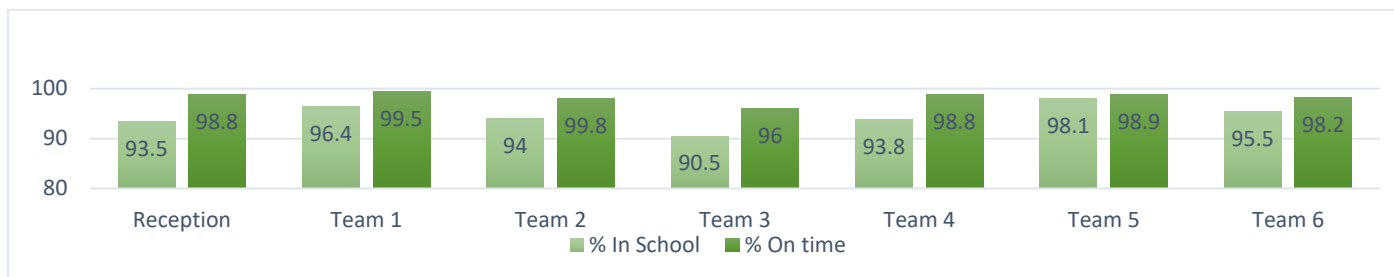
The junior children have learnt a new word recently...the word is
"exhilarated"

Children in Team 3-6 have been trying hard to use it.



Attendance and Punctuality ...

Team 5 win this month for their attendance and early bird award goes to Team 1 for punctuality!



As you know, we work very hard to ensure that we teach the children vital messages about good attendance at school (in an age appropriate way) right from when they join us. I was recently sent this information that I thought may be interesting for you.

Attendance: the top facts to know & share

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just **40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.³

We do understand that there will be medical appointments that children inevitably need to attend. Please can you follow the instructions below to ensure we are consistent in our approach to managing these:

1. Please try to make appointments at the very start or very end of the school day if a time outside of school hours is not possible.
2. Please bring evidence of the appointment to the office on your phone in the form of an email or text message for our records.
3. Please inform the office rather than (or as well as class teacher), as the office monitor attendance and the message from the teacher does not always get through in time.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

HSC Public Health Agency

Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular Fever	Hand, foot & mouth	Impetigo
Until all spots have crusted over	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	48 hours from last episode	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles	Mumps	Scabies	Scarlet Fever	Slapped Cheek	Whooping Cough
4 days from onset of rash	5 days from onset of swelling	Until after first treatment	24 hours after commencing antibiotics	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu	Head Lice	Threadworms	Tonsillitis		
Until recovered	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Dates for your diaries – Spring Term so far...

Changes since last newsletter in RED...

Team 3 Let's Walk (rearranged)	Thurs 25 th March	Parents Evenings this week	wb 11 th March
Choir at Young Voices 12.30 – 10.30pm	Mon 5 th Feb	T5 Class Assembly 9am	Thurs 14 th March
Team 2 Residential	7 th & 8 th Feb	T1 Mini Kickers FAVSP	Thurs 14 th March
Valentines Disco 4pm and 5.15pm	Mon 12 th Feb	Red Nose Day	Fri 15 th March
Number Workshop for Rec Parents 8.30am	Tues 13 th Feb	Science Week	wb 18 th March
Cheshire Fire and Rescue to T5	Thurs 15 th Feb	T3 Class Assembly 9am	Wed 20 th March
T2 Class Assembly 9am	Thurs 29 th Feb	KS2 Cross Country at Delamere (am)	Fri 22 nd March
T6 Dodgeball Festival FAVSP	Wed 6 th Mar	Musical Extravaganza 5.30pm	Fri 22 nd March
World Book Day	Thurs 7 th March	Non-Uniform – Please bring an Egg	Fri 22 nd March
Team 5/6 Girls Football Tournament	Fri 8 th March	Easter Bingo 3.30pm	Tues 26 th March
Eggs to hatch arrive in Reception	Mon 11 th March	Horn's Mill's Got Talent Final	Thurs 28 th March

Break up Thursday 28th March at the usual time and return Monday 15th April

French at Horn's Mill

In **February** we will be adding some new incidental language to the vocabulary we introduced In January. In February we will focus on...

Oui (yes)

Non (no)

s'il vous plaît (please)

merci (Thank you)



And finally...OFSTED

Next month will see five years since our last OFSTED inspection and it is likely that we will be re-inspected this or next term. I am very excited to share all the wonderful things about our school and look forward to this experience. It will undoubtedly be intense, but I know this team of mine will be amazing!

It is very important that all stakeholders views are collected as part of the process and the inspectors will look to ask you for your feedback at the time of the inspection. However, in the meantime, it would be beneficial if as many of you as possible could complete the information on Parent View. This is where the inspectors will gain the views of all of our parents and carers prior to them arriving at school. We would be very grateful if you could do this please.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Thanks everyone,

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