



Horn's Mill
Primary School
Newsletter
Friday 17th July

Thank you...



Well, we have made it to the end of term! I realise for most of you this will sadly not look very much different to the last four months! What a year 2020 has been for us all so far; one with much challenge, change and need for flexibility, kindness and understanding across our community. I am



genuinely blown away by how easy you have all made my job in recent months. Your support has been amazing and I am so grateful. So thank you all so much. Equal thanks must go to my team, who have (without exception) been truly outstanding. They have ALL been fully committed to doing

the very best they can in this situation, and have unanimously thrown themselves into this team effort – whether at home or at school. We are very lucky to be in such a strong community here, and this will most definitely ensure that September will go as smoothly as it can. I know that there will be inevitable anxieties for some of you, as there are for us, but I hope that all the planning that has taken place (and will continue to be undertaken over the holidays) will go towards helping you feel reassured. If not, please talk to us whenever you want to.

Theodore (Ted) Nicholas Bullough...



This little bundle of joy arrived during lockdown, and I am sure you will join me in offering Sian and Matt Bullough our fondest congratulations! He was born on Sunday 21st June, (best Father's Day gift ever!) weighing 7lbs 12oz. Well done Sian! ☺



NUT FREE please...

As you already know, we have been a "Nut Free" school for the last few years. I need to reaffirm this as we have a child starting in Reception with a severe nut allergy. Please ensure your child does not bring anything to school that contains nuts. Thanks you.



Mrs Nicky Adamson...

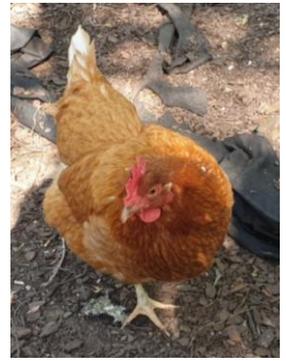


Despite our best intentions for him to return to full time, the COVID situation has meant that Mr Lawrie will be continuing with his four-day contract in September. He will be in school the first Friday, but following that Mrs Nicky Adamson who has been working in Team 4 this year will take the children on a Friday. We are very glad she is staying!



Goodbye to Edna...

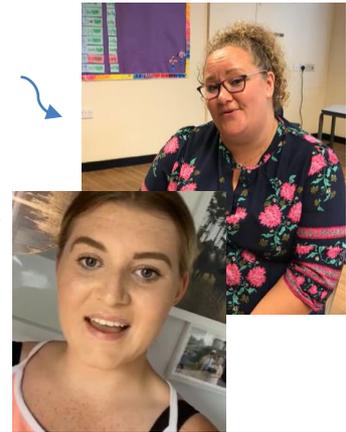
Sadly, one of our school chickens was taken ill recently and unfortunately passed away. She had a lovely burial in the woodland and we were very sad to see her go. We know she had a great life in our woodlands, after hatching in our very own Reception classroom. She brought lots of pleasure to many Millers. God Bless little Edna.



Tara Weeks and Emma McMuldloch ...



As you know, we have two new members of staff in school next year and I thought you may like to put a face to a name! Mrs Tara Weeks will be working in Team 1 covering Mrs Caroe's maternity leave. We are delighted to have her join our team. Miss Emma McMuldloch was our teaching student in Reception last year and has recently fully qualified as a teacher. She is undertaking a masters next year before commencing her teaching career, but is going to cover three days a week for Miss Partington's mat cover in Reception until Christmas!



Our lovely, amazing, positive, patient, understanding Team 6...

This pandemic has been extremely difficult for our little Millers, and my heart goes out to all of them. But I have to say that the children that have missed out the most are our lovely Team 6. I have known these children for six years; they were in Team 1 when Mrs Jobber and I started



at Horn's Mill. We are both heartbroken that we have not been able to celebrate their primary school life as much as we normally would. We have tried our best to give them some memories and keepsakes that will remind them of their primary years, and our intention is to have a proper 'reunion' celebration at a later date when guidelines allow. For now, I want to send you all off to high school with love, pride and lots of luck! You have been an absolute delight and we will miss you very much!



Tiny Happy People...BBC ...



You may have heard the Duchess of Cambridge recently talking about the BBC's "Tiny Happy People." When children start school they should be able to speak to their new friends in full sentences, ask teachers simple questions and understand what they're told to do. When they have these skills they'll feel more confident and they'll be happier. But unfortunately, many children starting school all across the UK today are unable to do these things.

For various reasons, (my personal belief is that increased internet 'screen time' for parents and children, has had a huge impact) 1 in 4 children starting primary school are behind with their level of literacy development by the time they start. Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life. It will show you why and how you can bond with your child, before they're born and throughout their early lives – it's never too early to start!

I have looked at the website and the ideas and activities are easy to build into your daily routine. They're quick and inspiring, but they're also based on expert advice and evidence, and are proven to help your child's development. **"YOUR WORDS BUILD THEIR WORLD."**

Find out more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



'Weaverwords' Competition...

Back in time prior to the pandemic our Team 5 children took part in a writing competition organised by Weaver Words. We are so proud that six of our girls were selected to make the finals. They will each be receiving a certificate and a £10 book voucher, and well as winning a joint £25 book voucher for school. So, massive congratulations to finalists: Lauren Duffy, Lea Pohlmeier, Amber McGing, Evie Griffiths and Maiya Aspinall, and special well done to Lilia Hunt who was the overall Horn's Mill Winner winning £25 to spend all on herself! ☺ Well done girls!



And Finally ...



Just to finish, I want to reiterate my enormous appreciation for your support and positive responses and feedback over the last few months. We are by no means out of the woods yet, and 'normal' will be a while coming I am sure, but as a community I know we will be absolutely fine and will get through this together. Have a wonderful Summer everyone.

#MillersForever! ❤️

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