



Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School

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We are all part of God's family. Through trying our best in all that we do, we find a sense of belonging.
1 Corinthians 12:27 'All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it'.

NEWSLETTER

11th February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term, like many, has flown by.

For the first time in a what seems an eternity it feels as if there is some light at the end of the tunnel. When we return after half term, we anticipate being able to lift many of the restrictions we have had in place during the Covid pandemic. Giving the children more freedom around the school can only be seen as a positive, but we also need to be careful that we do not become too complacent. We do not have the luxury of extra staff, unlike many of the primary schools in our local area. Should members of staff be forced to take sick leave due to the effects of a Covid infection, we would struggle to be able to keep classes open. We will approach the lifting of restrictions with a really positive attitude and look forward to seeing the impact this will have on the children and their mental health and well-being.

Please ensure that when your child returns to school after half term, they are wearing the correct school uniform including black shoes (not trainers). PE kit is **plain** black tracksuit or plain black shorts and a t-shirt in their house colours. No logos, except the school logo, on any of the kit please. **Plain black** trainers are the only accepted foot wear, but your child should also have a pair of black plimsolls to be left in school.

As always, we would like to thank you all for the continued support you have shown the school during what has been one of the most unprecedented times in recent years.

Number Day

The children had such a great day and were able to enjoy some amazing maths activities.

We are pleased to say we raised £284.60 on Number day. Thank you for all your donations for the NSPCC.

Thank you

Mr and Mrs Batten – for organising an outdoor tap for Nursery – this will be so beneficial for the outside area and we are so grateful for your generosity.

Teddy and Betsy-Beau's Nanny – for tackling the Prayer Garden – after spending a whole day hidden beneath the bushes, nettles and thorns – she found a way out and our prayer garden is now looking like a place that the children would love to visit.

Thank you, we really do appreciate all your help.



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Donations required

~~Compost bin~~ - does anyone have a large compost bin that can be kept at the back of the Prayer Garden – **thank you to Mr and Mrs Bass who have donated a compost bin!**

Large coke/lemonade bottles – year 5 will be completing a recycling project to make a screen for the Reception class play area.

Class wish lists

As you are aware the school budget is severely limited, especially with the loss of income due to Covid, but there are items as a school we would love to purchase for the classrooms and children, if finances would allow. It was suggested that we add a wish list to our newsletter for the whole school and for each class to try to help obtain items and resources desperately required. Parents may have access to some of these items through their own workplace, know companies who may wish to donate to the school or of course may like to donate themselves.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated but here are some suggestions from our teachers:

Nursery

- ★ Used good-condition scooters and bikes
- ★ Children's wooden garden furniture
- ★ ~~Outside tap~~ (huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Batten for purchasing this)
- ★ Wooden planters or scraps of decking planks we could make into planters, vegetable seeds, compost
- ★ Short planks of wood, tarpaulin rope to use for bridges or camps.
- ★ Water play- jugs, sea-life creatures, tubes, guttering (for pouring water or rolling balls down)
- ★ Large metal bowl to build a pretend camp fire in
- ★ Tractor tyres to plant small fruit tree
- ★ Colourful exterior paint

Thank you so much for any donations that you could make. Mrs Ramsey

Reception

- ★ Top soil for our mud kitchen
- ★ ~~Play sand~~ (Thank you Mr and Mrs Howlett for purchasing lots of sand!!)
- ★ Dolls house
- ★ ~~Chunky felt tip pens~~ (Thank you Mr and Mrs Howlett for purchasing these too)
- ★ Scissors that create patterns
- ★ Wham studio grey storage boxes – various sizes
- ★ Scooters
- ★ Prams
- ★ Dolls
- ★ Footballs

Thank you everyone. Mrs Kitchener



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Class 1

- ~~Glue sticks~~ (thank you Mr and Mrs Elliston for purchasing 30 glue sticks)
- Soil, large flower pots and ~~carrot seeds~~/ planting potatoes.
- Felt tip pens
- Where's Wally type books (for Drop Everything And Read (DEAR))
- ~~Wipe clean counting, letters, number books etc.~~ (thank you Mr and Mrs Elliston for purchasing these)
- Used but good condition magazines or comics (for DEAR).

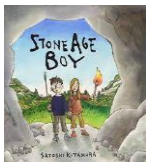
Thank you, we really do appreciate your help. Mrs Phillips and Mrs Ramsey

Class 2

- Infant Dictionaries
- Reading books that align to our phonics scheme:
 - ★ Purple Band - <https://collins.co.uk/collections/purple-band>
 - ★ Gold Band - <https://collins.co.uk/collections/gold-band>
 - ★ White Band - <https://collins.co.uk/collections/white-band>
 - ★ Lime Band - <https://collins.co.uk/collections/band-11-lime>
- Glue sticks
- Gardening resources e.g. gloves, seeds, spades, seed trays, etc (we will be planting seeds later in the year).
- Felt tip pens.
- Colouring in books, word searches, activities books, etc for the children to do during wet break or for when they are waiting to go to play.

Many thanks - Mr Hales

Class 3



- ✗ ~~16~~ - 8 x The Stone Age Boy books - (Thank you so much Ms Allen for purchasing 8 of these books and the pencil sharpeners 😊)



- ✗ ~~Tub~~ Pencil sharpeners
- ✗ 60 * green BIC pens
- ✗ Modelling clay
- ✗ Colouring pencils

Thank you so much – Ms Voss

Class 4



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After speaking to the children these were their suggestions:

- ◆ Table tidy for each table (7 tables) to hold dictionaries, rulers, pens, pencil etc
- ◆ Coloured pencils (thank you to Mr and Mrs Jones)
- ◆ Paintbrushes (different sizes)
- ◆ Variety of water based paint (some with glitter too please)

Many thanks – Mrs Durrant and Mrs Knock

Class 5

- Thesaurus * 15



- Copies of Street Child * 10



- Copies of Secrets of a Sun King * 15
- Berol felt tips
- Lego (wet play)
- Pritt sticks- extra Pritt sticks, 2 per child please
- Connect 4 game

Thank you all for your generosity – Mrs Delaney and Mrs Mansfield

Class 6

- ❖ Pritt sticks- extra Pritt sticks, 2 per child please
- ❖ Water colour tins
- ❖ New paint brushes
- ❖ Set of hand puppets
- ❖ Thesaurus
- ❖ Harry Potter book sets
- ❖ Diary of a Wimpy Kid book sets
- ❖ Nice handwriting pens
- ❖ Felt tips- Berol
- ❖ Coloured pencils
- ❖ Colouring books

Many thanks - Mrs M

Whole school wish list

Pictures just for reference



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Outdoor benches



Video camera/camera that records

Bookcases – with backs



Felt tips/art supplies/modelling clay



New Cushions for book corners

Class Computer and Outdoor storage shed – Reception class

Outdoor large board games - Jenga, twister



New Musical instruments/Music wall

I-Pads/Chromebooks

Additional items for the sensory room and sensory items for each class

New Carpets – Carpet time

We would like to wish you a happy half term break and look forward to seeing all the children return to school eager and excited to continue their learning journey.

Warmest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Bradley'.

**Mrs D Bradley
Head of School**



Do not forget to follow us on  @HOTHschool and like our tweets!



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Head Teacher Awards

Sophie, Flora, Violet J,

Values Certificates - Solidarity & Respect

<u>Solidarity</u>	<u>Respect</u>
<i>Annabelle S</i> <i>Freddie W</i> <i>Bobby</i> <i>Joshua K</i>	<i>Betsy-Beau</i> <i>Jimmy D</i> <i>Ciara M</i> <i>Joshua W</i> <i>Brooke</i> <i>Millie E</i> <i>Olivia G</i> <i>Darcy G</i> <i>Majus</i> <i>Emily S</i> <i>Ella B</i> <i>Lyla E</i>

Attendance

This fortnight's winners are year R and year 6.



Reception – 95.8 %
Year 1 – 95.7 %
Year 2 – 94.1 %
Year 3 – 93.2 %
Year 4 – 96.9 %
Year 5 – 95.6 %
Year 6 – 97.6 %

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



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Lord of creation,
 Whose glory is around and within us:
 Open our eyes to your wonders,
 That we may serve you with reverence
 and know your peace in our lives,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Monday 28th - PGL final instalment due

Monday 28th – Drumming workshop (Yrs 2 & 4)

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd - Ash Wednesday Service at Church

Thursday 3rd - World Book Day – Fictional characters (bring your book)

Thursday 31st - Easter Service at Church

APRIL

Friday 1st – End of Easter Term Disco – details to follow

MAY

Monday 9th - Friday 13th – SATS week

Saturday 14th – School May Fayre

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th - Year 6 PGL

JUNE

25th & 26th - Horndon Feast and Fayre

JULY

Monday 18th - Leavers Service at Church

Tuesday 19th - Last day of Term (Please note change of date)

Tuesday 19th – FOHS Disco – details tbc



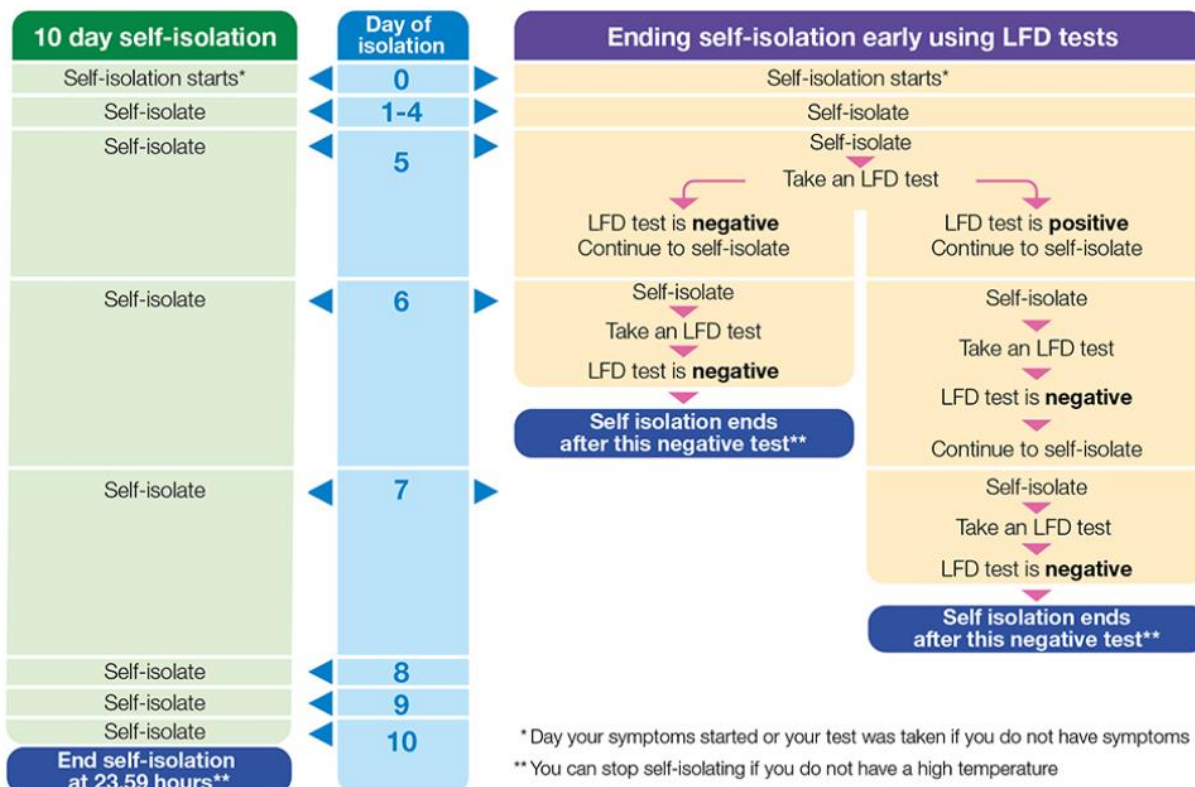
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NHS covid guidance on testing and self-isolation

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result



Upcoming Events

FOHS Meeting to be at the Bell, 24/2/22, 7.00pm (cancelled)

End of Easter Term Disco – Friday 1st April

May Fayre – Saturday 14th May

End of School Term Summer Disco – Tuesday 19th July

Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccinations

Help keep yourself, your friends and
your family safe **#GrabTheJob**

Barleylands Farm Park

Monday 14th February 2022 • 10am–4pm

1st, 2nd or Booster dose Covid vaccinations

for 12-18 year olds and their families

(plus Flu vaccinations for school years: Reception - Year 11)

Walk in... no appointment necessary

Barleylands Farm Park, Barleylands Road,

Billericay, Essex CM11 2UD

(Parking On Site)



www.essexcovidvaccine.nhs.uk



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