

# 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'.



We have had a hectic week in school, with Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all performing in their own Christmas celebration. Some classes sang some amazing carols and Christmas songs whilst other classes presented their own versions of the Nativity, which included some very convincing acting.

Although we could not bring in the theatre company that we had booked to perform a pantomime for the children, we did manage to stream a live panto for all our pupils to watch on Thursday afternoon. Not quite the same, but it was fun to watch.

Thank you to all those who donated to the Christmas Jumper Day – the children were very excited to show us their light up reindeers, sparkly angels and naughty elves. We raised £179.61 which was gratefully accepted by Save the Children.

We must also say a huge thank you to Friends of Horndon for organising the Christmas market which was help on the school grounds. This was an incredible achievement considering all the restrictions that we were forced to put in place. You will be pleased to know the money raised will go towards replenishing resources throughout the school, so that all children will benefit. I hope those that attended enjoyed the day despite the bitterly cold weather – at least it didn't rain!

We had all hoped that this Christmas things would be closer to being back to 'normal' and although it is sad that this has not been the case, I think it is important to remember that we are all here, and are able to celebrate Christmas, albeit in a simpler way than we perhaps we were anticipating.

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to thank you for all the gifts you have sent into school. These were certainly not expected, but are graciously excepted.

I hope that you all manage to have a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Wishing you lots of joy over the Christmas period, making memories with your loved ones.

Take care, remain safe and we will see you all in January.







Mrs D Bradley Head of School

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving Jesus,

You were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels
Be with all those who are lonely,
and with all who feel distant from celebrations.
Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts.

Amen.

### Head Teacher Awards

Maizie R, Reggie, Joshua B, Harrison G, Blue

Attendance

This fortnights winners are year 1 and year 4.



Reception - 94.4%

Year 1 - 96.6%

Year 2 - 87.3%

Year 3 - 93.9%

Year 4 - 95.3%

Year 5 - 94.1%

Year 6 - 88.3%

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# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **DECEMBER**

Friday 31st - PGL 2nd instalment due

#### 2022

## **JANUARY**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm Messy Church Group

Monday 10th - Class R Hearing and Vision

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Height and Weight

(School Nurse)

Tuesday 25th - Class R Hearing and Vision

(School Nurse)

#### **FEBRUARY**

Monday 7th - Class R Hearing and Vision

(School Nurse)

Monday 28th - PGL final instalment due

#### **MARCH**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday Service at Church Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> - Easter Service at Church

## <u>APRIL</u>

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm Messy Church Group

## **MAY**

#### <u>June</u>

#### JULY

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Leavers Service at Church Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term (Please note change of date)

#### Wish List



We have been asked to compile a wish list for the school. Our 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, as parents may have access to some of these items through their own workplace or know companies who may wish to donate to the school.

**Wish List**Pictures just for reference



**Outdoor benches** 





**Magazine holders** 

- book storage for classrooms

Garden hose and outdoor tap - Nursery







**Bookcases - with backs** 





## Dictionaries and Thesaurus - set for each class



# Felt tips/art supplies/modelling clay



**New Cushions for book corners** 

Sand - Reception and Nursery

**Painting Aprons** 

Play builders bench

## **Class Computer for Reception class**



**Outdoor storage shed Reception** 

Scooters and Bikes
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**

## This list is not exhaustive and we could certainly add to it over the coming months.

Thurrock Foodbank has had many donations for their Christmas hampers but they are low on the following items, can you help? Could you could add a few items to your weekly shopping basket?

Long life Milk - Blue/ Green Fruit Squash, Fruit Juice, Christmas crackers (90) Pickles (70) After eight / matchsticks type chocs (40) Mince pies (40) Family Circle (40) Shloer type drink (90) Oil (90) Savoury Snacks - peanuts etc

The Benefice has organised 5 collection boxes as listed below:

Orsett The Rectory and Orsett Stores

Bulphan 24, Church Lane and Bulphan Local Store

Horndon-on-the-Hill 1, Lion Cottages, High Road



