



Headteacher's Newsletter



Reading with your child

In school we appreciate all of the extra time that parents and carers dedicate to reading with their child. All children should be reading daily at home for a minimum of 20 minutes. This is to support them with their reading fluency, vocabulary development and general reading competence. Please take time to choose a suitable time each day when you can sit with your child to share a book. Once your child has read, you can record each occasion in their Raving Reader journal (KS1) or Planner (KS2), which is then signed by the adult. Your child will then be rewarded with Raving Reader ticks on the class chart; resulting in prizes when they reach certain milestones. As a school we can not emphasise enough how important it is that you work with us to support your child in their learning. Before we break up for half term, a bookmark will be going home with every child. On this bookmark you will find some handy tips and questions to use whilst reading with your child. If you feel that you would like some support with reading with your child, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Coming soon - Education City 'Home'!

Education City 'Home' logins will be sent out very soon. Please encourage your child to log into Education City at home and practise their multiplication tables. Your child's class teacher will set other tasks for them to complete as part of their homework tasks. Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Ingleborough

We are looking forward to our Y5 residential trip to Ingleborough in January, further information will follow next half-term.

Dinner Debts

In order to stop any outstanding dinner debts from building up, we now have a maximum limit of £3.20.

If you owe more than £3.20 for your child's lunch then we will no longer be able to provide them with a school meal. In these circumstances you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child until you have cleared the outstanding amount. Thank you.

Early Years

Thank you to all the parents who attended the welcome meetings and those Reception parents who attended the phonic workshops. We had a fantastic turn out and it was great getting to know you better. We look forward to seeing you at more gatherings across the school year.

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The new children have settled in well and are already joining staff for a nursery rhyme carpet session. They particularly enjoy playing on the new bikes and with the malleable activities set up inside.

Recycling

This half term school council have been working on improving recycling at Horton Grange. We are introducing recycling bins into each classroom to help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill sites. We are encouraging the children to recycle as much as we can. Let's get recycling!

Nut Free School

Please be aware that our school is a nut free school. We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy. If your child brings a packed lunch, please could you check that none of the foods contain, or may contain nuts.

Gate timings

The gates will open at 8:40am to 8:50am, in the morning. At the end of day they will open at 2:55pm and close at 3:15pm.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start and have settled in well. Thank you for supporting your children in their routines and ensuring homework is being completed on time. Year 5 have enjoyed learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. Make sure you ask your child about their report on carnivorous plants. You will be amazed by all the facts they now know.

Nursery

The returning Nursery children have settled back in to the new school year with ease. They have shown great care and consideration welcoming the new starters into school and they are all showing fantastic sharing skills. All the children have already started small group sessions and are getting very good at pretending to be the teacher and practising carpet time rules with each other.

Reception

Reception children are doing an amazing job staying for their full day sessions. They love their school dinners and because of this are showing fantastic learning skills in the afternoon sessions. Well done, Reception.

Engaging Families

FREE BIKES. Last year we ran a support program for women with children. It was a HUGE success. With over 40 women accessing the program, over 50 free bikes will be allocated to the children at our school. If you would like to join the program, please speak to Naila Parvez or Yasmin Akhtar to book your place, otherwise, pop along to the coffee morning on 28th January 2019 at 9.00am to find out more about the NEESIE group.

	Diary Dates
30.10.18	RA visit to St Ives
1.11.18	RC visit to St Ives
2.11.18	RB visit to St Ives
5.11.18	Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop
8.11.18	Year 6 residential to London