



Headteacher's Newsletter



Nursery & Reception



A big thank you to all the parents who attended the nativity performances this year and to those who bought one of the child made biscuits to raise money for the NSPCC. Your generosity has helped to raise £80 which is absolutely fantastic!

We would also like to say how proud we are of our youngest children in their performances, it is wonderful to see how confident they are. Well done to all staff and children in producing yet another cracking show!



NACE Challenge Award

The National Association for More Able Children in Education (NACE) has named Horton Grange Primary School the 424th school to be accredited with the NACE Challenge Award. The award is given in recognition of school-wide commitment to high-quality provision for more able learners, within the context of challenge for all.



NACE CEO Sue Riley said: "Horton Grange Primary School has worked hard to attain accreditation through the NACE Challenge Award. It has shown itself to be committed to developing an environment in which all learners are challenged and supported to be the best they can be." The award is based on the NACE Challenge Framework, which sets out criteria for high-quality provision for more able learners within a wider ethos of challenge for all

We are extremely proud in achieving this accreditation as it recognises the commitment of the whole school community in providing the best opportunities for our pupils and ensuring that all pupils are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Anglo Saxon Workshop



Year 5 enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons this half-term. They were inspired by the Anglo-Saxon workshop which gave them an opportunity to dress up like an Anglo-Saxon and re-enact a battle scene. We hope you enjoyed tasting the Anglo-Saxon bread that we made! We are looking forward to our residential trip to Ingleborough and can't wait to share our experiences with you next half-term.



Reading at Home



Thank you for your continued support in Reading, we have really noticed an increase in the amount of ticks that children are receiving on the Raving Readers class chart. Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. Over the Christmas holidays, why not discuss with your child, yours and their favourite children's books? A shared experience will provide you with quality time together, whilst developing a love of reading, learning and lots of points for brilliant discussion!

Have a look at www.oxfordowl.co.uk. On this website, parents can set up their own account and gain access to a range of reading resources and e-books! It is most definitely worth a look! Happy reading!

Holidays In Term Time

Parents should not take their children out of school or abroad during term time. The government states that schools can only authorise extended periods of absence in exceptional circumstances, for a maximum of 10 sessions (5 school days).

Please see the guidance below from the government:

Holidays In Term Time

You have to get permission from the Headteacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- You make an application to the Headteacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- There are exceptional circumstances

If your child will be out of school for more than 10 sessions (5 school days), a fine will be issued by Bradford Council - This fine is currently £60 per parent, per child (Correct December 2018). Eg: This means that two parents taking two children out of school would be fined £240 (£120 for each parent). Please note, that if not paid within the time frame on the fixed penalty letter, this fine will increase to double the original amount. Please make an appointment via the school office or through the contact email.

2s Can

Some of our 2 year old children will be transitioning down to Nursery in January, ready for the next part of their education. They have made excellent progress which will be acknowledged on Tuesday 18th December in a graduation ceremony. We look forward to seeing the parents of those children leaving the 2s Can unit to celebrate their successes. All of our staff wish the children good luck on their move down to the Nursery class.



	Diary Dates
08.01.19	Year 5 at Ingleborough Hall
10.01.19	Year 5 at white scar Cave-day trip
18.01.19	Reception visit to Sea life centre
22.01.19	4B visit to Nell Bank
24.01.19	4A and 4C visit to Nell Bank