



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

Horndon Herald

Click the link above to view our school newspaper!

20th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another year. 2023 seems to have flown by and yet the school and the children have achieved so much. We had an amazing Ofsted inspection; our SATs results were amongst the highest in the borough; we achieved a Gold Artsmark Award and have also been accredited with the Gold Standard for our Travel Plan. We cannot wait to see what we can achieve in 2024 – exciting times ahead!

Panto

On Friday the children enjoyed a visiting panto that was kindly paid for by FOHS. The theatre company were amazed at the enthusiasm shown by the children and said they were the best audience they had performed for throughout November and December. I am sure that the children were on a mission to 'bring the roof down'. Watching their responses was an absolute joy as they screamed and shouted at the ugly sisters.

Nativity

KS1 performed their Nativity on four separate occasions this year.

- Dress rehearsal – for the whole school
- Senior members of the Community performance



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- Parents – performance 1
- Parents – performance 2

Staff agreed that this KS1 were the most confident actors, singers and narrators that we have seen in a very long time. Every child played their part so well and every performance was well received by the respective audience. Their singing was incredible, and they remembered all the words and actions. A great time was had by all, which was apparent when looking around at the smiling faces of those watching. We were so proud of our pupils!

Cooking

Year 6 Made a 3-course meal last week -



- and Reception made snowman biscuits!



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Christmas Jumper day and Santa Run

Christmas Jumper Day raised a grand total of **£368.89**

Our Santa Run, for The Lennox Children's Cancer Fund (School Council chosen charity this year - www.lennoxccf.org.uk) raised an amazing **£80!**

We also had a visit from a

representative of The Lennox Children's Cancer Fund – Olivia - who came into our school assembly on Monday to receive our donation in person. Olivia also presented the school with a certificate and a special

decoration for our tree.



Due thanks!



FOHS would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for his donation of sweets to sell at the Disco and Tuck shop. Thanks also to all members of FOHS who work tirelessly to provide the children with opportunities throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support for the school and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

D. Bradley

 **Mrs D Bradley**
Headteacher

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



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Monday	Star Sports Football Club – all years until 4:30pm Contact Kev: 07976756259
Tuesday	WOW meetings – Lunchtime Football Club – Years 5 and 6 until 4:00pm
Wednesday	Star Sports Gymnastics Club all years 8am Contact Kev: 07976756259
Thursday	From January – Show Stars Theatre Club - Years 1 – 6 until 4:30pm contact direct on 07474001107 www.showstarstheatrecompany.co.uk Pottery Club – Year 3 & 4 until 4:15pm
Friday	

Top Table Stars

Poppy S, Luke, Matilda J, Oliver B, Ayden, Will, Ella B, Felix, Elsie A, Lawrence, Willow, Isla, Mason, Joshua B, Annabel, Maisie, Mitchell, Bella, Nana, Louis G, Lily L, Bailey, Olivia R, Leila, Eddy, Tommy, Jack L, Lottie, Archie



Head Teacher Awards:



Jack C, Amelia, Esmee x2, Miyah, Campbell, Lottie, Franco, Jack M, Moses, Ehrinrae

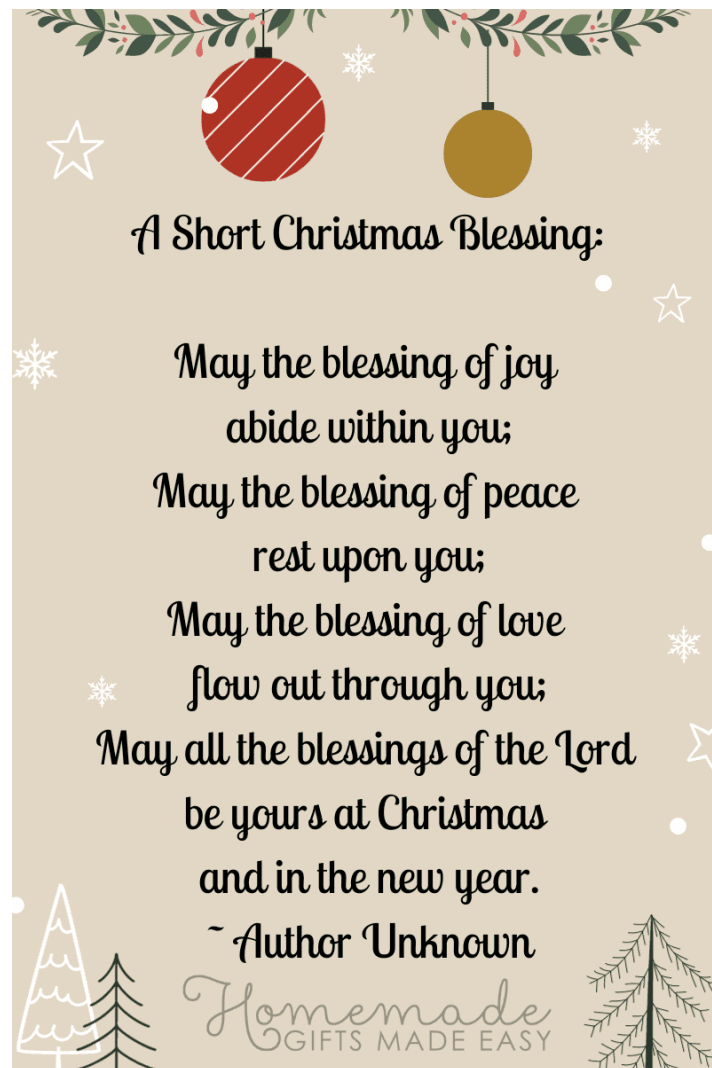


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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Wednesday 20th December – last day before Christmas holidays

JANUARY

Monday 8th – Back to school

Monday 15th – Aspirations Week

Thursday 18th – Year 5 trip - British Museum

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 7th – FOHS Film Club

Wednesday 14th – Ash Wednesday Service

Friday 16th – last day before half term

Monday 26th – Back to school

MARCH

Tuesday 5th – TLCs

Thursday 7th - TLCs

Tuesday 12th - TLCs

Wednesday 20th – Easter Disco

Monday 25th March – Easter Service

Thursday 26th – last day before half term

APRIL

Monday 15th – Back to school

MAY

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th - Year 6 SATS

Saturday 18th – FOHS May Fayre

Monday 20th - Friday 24th - PGL

Friday 24th – last day before half term

JUNE

Monday 3rd – Back to school

Thursday 13th – Year 3 Trip – Colchester Castle

Thursday 20th – Sports Day

JULY

Tuesday 9th – Production

Thursday 11th – Production

Friday 19th – Leavers Disco

Friday 19th – Last day of school year

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th – return to school



Upcoming Events



11th January – 7pm FOHS meeting at school

7th February – Film Club

20th March – Easter Disco



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18th May - May Fayre
19th July - Leavers Disco

Tuck Shop



WHAT DO WE DO?

Friends of Horndon School are a group of parents/grandparents who arrange fund raising events throughout the year. We are all volunteers. The funds raised go into the school and are much needed to help towards the children's education or for fun activities.



WITHOUT HELP WE CAN'T FUNCTION

School discos are run entirely by FOHS, without volunteers they can't run the events as we need the correct amount of people to maintain a safe environment for your children to have lots of fun!



CHRISTMAS MARKET & MAY FAYRE

Again, these events are put on by FOHS, there are about 10 regulars that help to arrange the event, set up and clear away. But we need more help during the event. 1 hour of your time makes a big difference!



FILM NIGHTS

These are run by FOHS, please look out for future dates.



PAMPER NIGHTS

These are arranged by FOHS, we hope to start these up again very soon as the children have loved these in the past.

WISH LISTS....

The school have a wish list of items they need help to purchase. These can vary from electronic equipment. (If anyone has any old iPads in working order that they no longitudinal use, please consider donating these to the school) Redecoration work, memberships, school books and help towards school trips... etc

WE NEED MORE HELP!

More helpers make a task much easier, as we know many hands make light work!



COMMUNITY

FOHS raise thousands each year. But we cannot do it without your help. Please e-mail F.O.H.S@outlook.com to register yourself as a volunteer

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St Clare's School
Lead ITT provider in the TTSA and in partnership with Tes Institute are pleased to announce that trainee places are available for the academic year 2023/2024.
'Our trainees success rate Securing QTS = 100% Employed = 100%'



Our partner schools for 2023/2024 include:

Primary

Chadwell St. Mary, Deneholm, East Tilbury, Thameside, Stifford Clays, Horndon-on-the-hill, Stanford-le-Hope, Doddinghurst, Little Thurrock, Arthur Bugler, Warren Primary, Bonnygate Primary, Woodside Academy

Secondary

Grays Convent, Marshalls Park, Ormiston Park Academy, St. Clare's School, William Edwards The Gateway Academy, Brentwood County High, Hathaway Academy, Orsett Heath Academy

"The Tes Institute course was brilliant, and I would recommend it to others who are thinking of entering a career in teaching"
- 2022 Trainee

For all enquiries please contact:
thurrockteachertraining@osborne.coop

As requested by parents, please see our class Wishlist

Class R	Toy kitchen for roleplay area (Ikea one if possible as they last)
	Marbles and new marble run
	Outdoor active play equipment e.g. hoops, soft balls, bats
Class 1	Felt tips and colouring books
	Newspaper for art
	Plush toys aimed at boys - e.g. sonic, lightning McQueen etc.
	Head phones and ear defenders
Class 2	Felt tips
	Colouring pencils



Class 3	Helix Small Clear Pencil Case - 3 packs please (36 in total) https://amzn.eu/d/aRNtH4S
	Air dry clay https://amzn.eu/d/6IXADs4
	15 copies https://collins.co.uk/collections/collins-primary-dictionaries-and-thesaurus
Class 4	Globe - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Exerz-Educational-Large-Swivel-Globe/dp/B014TL44VG/ref=sr_1_6?crd=33TG8MNC2RAER&keywords=globe&qid=1702916431&srefix=glob%2Caps%2C93&sr=8-6&th=1
	5 x Place value counter sets https://www.amazon.co.uk/Inspirational-Classrooms-3108403-Counters-Educational/dp/B01JINBSEG/ref=sr_1_5?crd=22UEQJK2QHLAT&keywords=place+value+counters&qid=1702916521&srefix=place+value+counters%2Caps%2C81&sr=8-5
	Sets of washable felt tips
Class 5	16 x Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
	Sets of felt tips
	Soft pastel sets x 6 https://www.amazon.co.uk/Royal-Langnickel-Essentials-Sketching-Assorted/dp/B01J1VUFM6/ref=sr_1_6?crd=1S2WD5L7D3KZ4&keywords=soft%2Bpastels&qid=1702916054&srefix=soft%2Bpastels%2Caps%2C77&sr=8-6&th=1
Class 6	Pritt Stick Glue sticks Pritt sticks only please!!)
	16 X The Final Year - by Matt Goodfellow
	Safety cooking knives
Nursery	Glue Sticks
	Puzzles 15-30 pieces
	play sand



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparking stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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**STAR SPORTS MORNING CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
AT HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLUBS START: MONDAY 8TH JANUARY
CLUBS FINISH: WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**

MONDAY 24 spaces 11 sessions £66 per child	Football after school club with indoor and outdoor facilities available from the end of the school day till 4.30pm for children in: Reception to Year 6
WEDNESDAY 20 spaces 11 sessions £66 per child	Gymnastics morning club from 8am till the start of the school day for children in: Reception to Year 6

The clubs have limited spaces; therefore, spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis with waiting lists if needed.

Parents/Carers please ensure children are collected on time at 4.30pm for the after-school club and please bring children to the school office at 8am for the morning club. Children need suitable/comfortable sportswear, tracksuit, trainers (boots can be used at the football club), water and any required medication (asthma pump, EpiPen etc.).

Please contact Kevin Cole to book places and for more information: **07976756259**

Please **TEXT** us each child's name, year, class, school, the club(s) you're booking for and any medical/allergy info.

TRANSFER PAYMENTS TO: MR K COLE 20-79-73 40797049

Please put 'HPS' and the name of your child as the payment reference AND text us each time you make a payment (state the payment reference you have used each time please). We no longer accept cheques. Thank you!

Please **DO NOT** contact the school office regarding the Star Sports clubs as they are run by Star Sports and the school office will not be able to take or accept bookings or payments. Thank you.

LIMITED SPACES, BOOK NOW!



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