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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

2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we are nearing the end of term there has been a marked increase in the number of children coming to school in clothing and shoes that are not part of our school uniform. As a school we have worked hard to ensure that our school uniform is affordable and practical.

All children should have a pair of plimsolls in school. Trainers should only be worn for outdoor PE. Indoor PE should be in plimsolls or barefoot. There are safety implications with children running on the wooden floor in trainers. Trainers also damage our hall floor which is why children are expected to change into plimsolls if they come into school in trainers. We know how expensive trainers can be which is one of the reasons that the school uniform states plain black trainers (which need not be designer brands).

With the weather changing and becoming colder, it is important that the children are warm. If your daughter prefers to wear trousers this is fine, but please **no** leggings. These are not part of our uniform.

Class wish lists - November 2022

Last year we sent out a wish list, at parents' request, for items that the school need. We have compiled another wish list and have shared this at the end of the newsletter. We would greatly appreciate if you would be able to help with any items.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are happy to say we will be allowing Christmas Jumpers to be worn on Wednesday 14th for our Christmas Dinner Day. Children must wear school uniform (or PE kit if this is their day) with the addition of a Christmas jumper.

Thurrock Council Visit

Our year 5 and 6 school council members got the chance to visit The Mayor in the Council Chambers and hold a debate with Stanford Primary School.



We met the Mayor of Thurrock. We talked about the debate and how it was going to run. We debated against Stanford Primary – the debate was about if our school was given £25,000. We had to choose to spend it on PE or Music resources. We were on the Music side. They gave good reasons, however we gave better answers. Unfortunately, we lost 5 votes to 4.



Jessica, Alby K, George, Betsy, JD & Scarlett

OAP Tea Party

Year 6 were waiting staff for our OAP tea party last week.



The OAP tea party was really fun as we got to talk to the OAP's and they told us what schools they used to go to. One lady told me that their school got knocked down! All the children got to sing, and we got to choose the song we wanted to perform. It was fun because we got to eat the leftovers!

We took orders from the OAP's and told Mr Hales or Miss Legg on tea duty their order, and they gave it to us to take back to them. We held clipboards to write down orders, and they chose from a menu what cake they wanted after eating their sandwiches. Everyone said they enjoyed it!

Alice & Emily – Year 6

Book Looks

We have had the first of our book looks this week, where each class will have the opportunity to show off the work they have been doing in class to their parents. I am sure you will enjoy seeing what they have been getting up to, and we will be holding more of these events throughout the year.

Walk online Roadshow

Lots of children, from various schools, came together to learn about online safety at the Civic Hall. We were talked to by various figures, including people who go into different primary and secondary schools



every year. They talked about safely online and a Police Officer came along to tell us some stuff as well.

They also talked about safe and unsafe challenges on the internet, exploitation and how to stay safe and happy online. They talked about who to go to if you feel sad or uncomfortable about something online and feel your parents or guardians will not understand or will be mad about you going on a platform where you are not meant to go on in the first place. Here are some thoughts from the children who went in year 6:

- ❖ It was interesting and fun with the quizzes
- ❖ It was very informative and taught me things I didn't know before
- ❖ It was interesting
- ❖ A bit sad because it made people cry from it
- ❖ It was shocking about stuff that we heard of the ages of people who were persuaded into doing dangerous and hurtful stuff
- ❖ Scared from the stuff that peopled do that they don't know will hurt them
- ❖ Fund when we went in with the songs on
- We got to play games
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What Interesting facts did you learn?

- > That girls were targeted more than boys
- > That they ask about feet
- Boys are normally asked to go outside but girls are asked for photos normally
- > Girls get blackmailed sometimes after sending photos
- > Sometimes the internet can be a dangerous place
- > Over 99% of girls get asked for a photo but less than 1% of boys get asked

Emily & Phoebe - year 6

History Workshop Year 4

In our History work shop we learnt that you had to wear leg wraps because bugs would climb up your legs. After our first activity was to use ink and feathers. We all made a book mark with our names in Anglo Saxon writing, it was really fun. In the afternoon we trained how to battle. We covered the shield.

Violet W

So, first we learnt stuff like why he wore wraps (so bugs don't bite their legs) Then we made our bookmarks with feathers and ink. Mine was WREN. Next, we had a lot of Saxon meetings and I was due to battle Madison and the first bleed was guilty. Obviously I would win! Ha ha ha! After that we felt things like rabbit fur and bone combs.



Then we had shield practice which was epic! The other half of the class threw weapons at us but I didn't feel a thing. Next, we were throwing and when my team made me a target I dodged every single one. Then I threw my weapon at the shields and I got someone. Finally, he told us a story and I was a big hairy Viking with an axe and a hairy helmet. Finally our extraordinary day was over sadly.

Wren T

Football

Cup match V Benyon

Last week Horndon school played Benyon in a Cup Match. Horndon started the game against Benyon and scored a good goal and I got to assist. Then Albie dribbled around half their team and scored. We managed to score 7 goals by half time. Next (in the second half) we scored 3 more goals to make it 10-0 to Horndon. Albie scored 5 goals and 3 assisted, Louie scored 1 goal, Alfie scored 1 goal, Charlie scored 2 goals by running on his own down the pitch, and Mason scored 1 goal.

Billy H

Celebration



Our Cook, Chris, had a lovely lunch with the Mayor and several other members of staff celebrating 20 years long service. She has actually been working with Thurrock Catering for 26 years! Congratulations Chris, very well deserved.

Well done

Eddie broke his football club bleep test record on Wednesday the 23rd and got an exceptional score of 13.10 - 2 points off 14, which is classed as excellent for an adult. You have to get 9 to get into the armed police force so for his age he did outstanding.

PARKING

Unfortunately, yet again this week we had a very upset resident come in to school to say that a parent was parking across her drive, and when she confronted him they replied very rudely 'READ THE HIGHWAY CODE – IT'S NOT ILLEGAL!!'

Please show consideration when parking to collect your children.

https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/parking.html

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DO NOT stop or park

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services



- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- * where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.



Countdown winners

This fortnights winners were:

Wren, Alice, Elizabeth, Oliver B, Addison last week and Megan, Emily, Elizabeth, Izabele, Ronnie, Oliver B and Wren this week. Well done everyone! Still waiting for KS1 to join in the fun!

Warmest regards

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Mrs D Bradley Head of School

Do not forget to follow us on



@HOTHschool and like our tweets!



Monday	Star Sports Football Club - Years 1 to 6 until 4:30pm Contact Kev: 07976756259 Junior Choir - Years 3 to 6 until 4pm
Tuesday	Card Club currently Year 6 – Lunchtime WOW meetings – Lunchtime



Wednesday	Chess Club Year 3 to 6 - Lunchtime
Thursday	Pottery Club – Years 3 and 4 until 4pm
Friday	Star Sports Gymnastics Club all years 8am Contact Kev: 07976756259 Football Club – Years 5 and 6 until 4:00pm



~ Head Teacher Award ~ Tommy P



Attendance

This week the winners are year 2 and year 4.



Reception – 90.6% Year 1 – 92.9% Year 2 – 93.1% Year 3 – 95.0% Year 4 – 96.4%

> Year 5 – 95.4% Year 6 – 90.7%

Fantastic Feedback



Thank you for your positive comments which are uplifting for all members of staff.



Dear Ws. Bradley, A big that you to I just wanted to say you, all the stady a how wonderful the afternoon Lea a singing were on your anazing children. They Monday! The children mere absolutely delightful are a credit to your hard in their "waiter" services. mak a dedication, the god was delicious and the singing was outstanding! we all had such a Ann dujers Lovely time

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart. Fill me with Your presence from the very start. As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given, remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven. The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever. You came as a baby born in a manger. Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree, waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me. Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all. Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice. Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise. Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush. In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush. Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>



Saturday 3rd - FOHS Christmas Market

Monday 5th – Year 6 Parent workshop 2:30pm 5th – 8th – Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 6th – Year Reception Parent workshop 2:30pm

Wednesday 7th – Year 4 Parent workshop 2:30pm

Thursday 8th - Year 5 Parent workshop 2:30pm

Friday 9th – Year 2 Parent workshop 2:30pm

Friday 9th – KS2 Church Theatre Production

Friday 9th – Year 4 Bikeability

Friday 9th – Swimming permission/payment deadline (Yrs 3 & 5)

Saturday 10th – 10am – 12 noon Make a Christingle

Sunday 11th - 4pm Christingle service at the

Monday 12th – Online Panto – Peter Pan

Monday 12th – Nativity for Senior's 2pm

Tuesday 13th – KS1 Nativity 2pm (2 tickets per family)

Wednesday 14th – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 14th – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 14th – FOHS Christmas Disco

KS1 4.30pm to 6.00pm & KS 2 6.00pm to 7.30pm

JANUARY

Monday 9th – FOHS Parent Coffee Morning 9am

Friday 13th – Swimming (Yrs 3 & 5)

Thursday 19th Year 2 SATs meeting

Tuesday 7th - Parents workshop for Nursery and Reception 1:30pm – 3:00pm Wednesday 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service at Church

MARCH

Thursday 2nd – World Book Day – details to follow Friday 24th – Last swimming date Spring term Wednesday 29th – Swimming permission/payment deadline (Yrs 3 & 4)

<u>April</u>

Friday 21st – Swimming (Yrs 3 & 4)

<u>May</u>

8th - 11th – KS2 SATs 15th - 18th – KS1 SATs 22nd –26th – Year 6 Residential

JUNE

Thursday 22nd – Sports Day

Friday 30th – Last swimming date Summer term

<u>July</u>

Tuesday 11th – Production
Thursday 13th – Production
Monday 17th – Year 6 Leavers Service 11am
Tuesday 18th – Leavers Lunch
Wednesday 19th – Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 19th – Last day of School







Upcoming Events

FOHS Meeting – tbc

3rd December — Christmas Market Wednesday 14th — FOHS Christmas Disco KS1 4.30pm to 6.00pm & KS 2 6.00pm to 7.30pm January 9th — Darent Coffee Morning 9am–10am join us for a chat and support with school queries











CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Come along on
Saturday 10th
between 10-12 am
to make your own
Christingle



St Peter &
St Paul's
church
Sunday
December
11th at 4
pm



Class wish lists - November 2022

Class	Items requesting
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Nursery	Top soil for planting in the lorry tyre
	Dwarf fruit tree and a dwarf evergreen tree
	A4 Card white or coloured
	Childrens brooms for the garden
	https://www.tts-group.co.uk/construction-loose-parts-outdoor-learning-collection/1022021.html
	Garden seats/table for 2-4 year olds (used)
	Top soil
Reception	Giant connect 4/ big garden games
	Plastic or wooden musical instruments
	https://www.tts-group.co.uk/giant-outdoor-wooden-hollow-building-
	blocks/1004955.html?cgid=Early Years-Outdoor-Outdoor Construction
	https://www.tts-group.co.uk/mini-shed/1017254.html
	Board games suitable for 4 year olds.
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Year 1	pencil pots for the desks counting/turn taking games
	numicon set
	pegs and peg boards, similar to this: https://www.hope-
	education.co.uk/product/curricular/mathematics/early-maths/pegboards-pack-of-5/he1569661
Year 2	
	Milk bottle lids, any colour.



	Cooking tongs, graters, mashers, aprons and peelers.
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Year 3	30 x BiC green biros
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	16 x How to wash a Wooly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson
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	16 x How to Train a Dragon Cressida Cowell
	16x A Wildway Home Sophie Kirtley
	30 charcoal pencils - something like these - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Chiltern-Arts-Charcoal-
	Pencils-
	Shades/dp/B07KR6KNBF/ref=sr 1 8?crid=2DYV08IIB8MT0&keywords=charcoal+pencils&gid=166843
V 1	1366&sprefix=charcoal+pencils%2Caps%2C73&sr=8-8
Year 4	Thick paint brushes (size 14) 4 packs https://www.bakerross.co.uk/short-handle-round-hog-
	brushes?refSrc=131157
	15 x Collins Thesaurus'
	Oil Pastels 6 packs something like these https://www.bakerross.co.uk/oil-pastels-1
	15 x The Wizards of Once by Cressida Cowell
	15 x The Great Chocoplot by Chris Callaghan
	13 x The Great Chocopiot by Chris Canaghan
	15 x Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
	15 x Who Let the Gods Out by Maz Evans
Year 5	Globe - Something like this one https://www.amazon.co.uk/Exerz-20cm-Educational-Swivel-
Year 5	Globe/dp/B014TL44FM/ref=sr 1 5?crid=21S7WSCA2FE8U&keywords=globe&qid=1668427362&spre
	fix=globe%2Caps%2C88&sr=8-5
	15 x Soft pastel set - something like these https://www.amazon.co.uk/Work-Art-6715-Soft-
	Pastel/dp/B079L6WYVL/ref=sr 1 15?crid=1YQZ559E4AFQI&keywords=pastels&gid=1668431208&sp
	refix=pastels%2Caps%2C76&sr=8-15
	5 x Drawing pencil set - Something like these https://www.amazon.co.uk/Professional-Drawing-
	Sketching-Pencil-
	Set/dp/B08BR4F81J/ref=sr 1 10?crid=5NBDU4TCRT2R&keywords=Art+pencils&qid=1668431285&sp
	refix=art+pencils%2Caps%2C73&sr=8-10



	30 charcoal pencils - something like these - https://www.amazon.co.uk/Chiltern-Arts-Charcoal-		
	Pencils-		
	Shades/dp/B07KR6KNBF/ref=sr 1 8?crid=2DYV08IIB8MT0&keywords=charcoal+pencils&qid=166843		
	1366&sprefix=charcoal+pencils%2Caps%2C73&sr=8-8		
Year 6	Pritt sticks- proper pritt sticks Water colour paints Cooking equipment: Measuring jugs, chopping boards, aprons, wooden spoons, measuring spoons, mixing bowls		
	Felt tips- Beryl (preferably)		
	Pen pot organisers		
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Gym trail/Othe r	Lego		

