



Friday 10th February

Newsletter

Diary Dates

Nebula Reading Week

Monday 20th February

Keyboard/piano lessons at Mill Lane

Tuesday 21st February

Music lessons at Holt Road

Years R/1 – book making workshops

Wednesday 22nd February

Drum lessons at Mill Lane

CASMA rehearsal at Drayton Junior for singing club members

Y5 boys football match vs Old Catton - HOME

Thursday 23rd February

9.30am – YR/1 Orienteering parent event – Holt Road

2.00pm – Y2-6 Orienteering parent event – Mill Lane

Y6 boys football match vs Avenue – AWAY

3.30pm -5pm – PTA film club at Mill Lane

Friday 24th February

Parent Reading – 8.45am – 8.55am – Year R, 1&2

Karl Nova – poet visiting Mill Lane for Years 2-6

Just a note.....

Mill Lane/Holt Road junction road crossing patrol

Please be aware that there will be no road crossing patrol at the start and end of the day on **Monday 20th February**. The children will need to take extra care when crossing the road and we would advise that particularly young children might need to be accompanied by an adult during those times if they are needing to cross the road. Unfortunately the school is not able to provide another member of staff to do this duty as they will not be covered by insurance.

Attendance

Please can we remind everyone that both school sites start at **8.55am**. All children need to be in their classrooms ready for registration by this time. Any children arriving after this time will be marked as late which will affect their overall attendance. When children are late it can make things difficult for everyone. The teacher has to stop and wait for the child to settle down and the rest of the class is disrupted. The child misses the first part of the day or lesson and may feel embarrassed or awkward. **If a child is late 15 mins every day, that is the equivalent of 95% attendance.** We welcome your support with ensuring all of our children arrive at school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Miss McIntyre to Horsford Primary School. She will be joining us after half term as class teacher for Angelo class for the rest of the year.

Reading week – poetry/orienteering parent event

Please see the letter sent home yesterday for details about this event on Thursday 23rd February. It has been added to our school website under the "Newsletter and Updates" tab if you did not receive a paper copy and sent as an attachment this week's email.

Parent Planner

Please make sure you have a flick through the updated parent planner sent home today with your child (again this has been added to our school website under the "Newsletter and Updates" tab). There have been a number of new events added and some changes to a couple of dates that were given to you at the start of the year, so you may need to adjust your calendars!

Nut free school

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school due to us having a number of children who are allergic to nuts. Please ensure your child does not bring nuts into school or chocolate bars containing nuts. We appreciate your help with this matter.

House Points totals so far

Some people have been asking what the overall totals are for our Houses and as we are exactly half way through the year term wise we thought we would update you. If a house gets the highest total in a week they are given 4 points, second place house gets 3 points, third place gets 2 points and fourth place gets 1 point. So here are the standings so far:

- 1st – Holkham – 58
- 2nd – Sandringham - 56
- 3rd – Blickling - 44
- 4th – Felbrigg – 34

As we are only half way through the year there is still all to play for the children to win a trip to go and visit their house at the end of the year. Good luck everyone!

After school clubs' noticeboard

All clubs run until 4pm at Holt Road and 4.20pm at Mill Lane

Day	Holt Road	Mill Lane
Monday		
Tuesday	Dodgeball	
Wednesday		Singing Dance
Thursday	Singing	Mathletics
Friday		

House Points

- 1st – Sandringham - 478
- 2nd – Blickling - 385
- 3rd – Felbrigg - 338
- 4th – Holkham - 294



Attendance Award

Well done to classes 34F, 34L and Angelo who have had 100% attendance this week!

This week's certificate winners are:

Lily Holmes, Oscar Oliver, Tyler Aldous, Leonie Murray, Sophie Keeble, Kenzie Chapman, Bethan Kirby, George Heaver, Poppi-Honey Wagstaff, Taylor Johnson, Abbey Furze, Jamie Betts, Abbie Riches, Mya Durrant, Rebecca Barrett, Tyrus Harper, Roxy Watts, Lilia Collen, Harry Betts, Jordan Grapes, Kyle Loftus, Joseph Howes and Kyle Knights.

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Church News

We are very pleased to let you know that Horsford All Saints' Church's new Reverend will be joining us at both sites throughout next term to help lead some of our Collective Worship assemblies. Since meeting with us in December, Reverend Margaret has already been a great support to the school, discussing how we can work together to ensure the Church ethos of the school can help to have a positive impact on our children. As you can see from the parent planner sent home today, we have a number of upcoming events which involve our school, Reverend Margaret and Horsford Church, so along with our regular Open the Book team we hope this will be the start of a wonderful relationship!



"The Parable of the Talents"
Matthew chp 25 v 14-30

In order to help communicate how our school's Church ethos impacts on our children we will be adding a regular feature to the school newsletter. This will include an Open the Book section. The Open the Book team are made up of Reverend Penny, Reverend Garry, Maggie, Linda, Sue, Derrick, Jimmy, Pat, Shirley and Tracey. Each Friday they visit both sites and deliver an assembly to the children based on a story from the bible, hence "Open the Book". This week the team told the story "The Parable of the Talents" told by Jesus and found in the book of Matthew Chapter 25, verses 14-30. The message is that everyone has talents and Jesus encourages all to use their talents. We have been helping the children to think about what their talents are – perhaps you can help them to think about this too over half term.

Norse Catering News

- **Tuesday 28th February – Pancake Day.** As this falls on Week Two of the new Spring/Summer Menu, 'Pancake with Peaches and Cream' which is normally on a Thursday, will be swapped with the 'Blueberry Muffin' which is normally on a Tuesday.
- **Thursday 2nd March 2017 - World Book Day.** Please see the attached menu poster sent via email or on our website for more information. For all children who have a hot meal this day Norse are also running a competition – see attached letter for more information.
- **Friday 24th March 2017 - Comic Relief Day.** Please see the attached menu poster sent via email or on our website for more information. There will be the normal main options available on this day. The dessert will be replaced with decorated cupcakes.
- **Wednesday 29th March 2017 - Easter Lunch.** Please see the attached menu poster sent via email or on our website for more information

If you have not seen the new Spring/Summer menu we will be adding a link to our school website over half term under the "Parents – In school" tab

PTA News

PTA Film Club

We will be showing Trolls at Mill Lane on Thursday 23rd February from 3.30-5pm. Letters are available from the school office if your child would like to attend. Tickets are £2.50.

Easter Fayre

We are hoping to run a **bottle tombola** during the Easter Fayre this year and are looking for donations of any items that would be suitable. Any toiletries, wine, food related items and any other unopened bottle type gifts would be gratefully received.

Thank you for the donations of **Easter Eggs** we have received so far – keep those coming to help us create a wonderful Easter Egg stall on the day!

We have sent home a **brown bag** with every child today which we would like them to fill with anything they think another child might like to receive as a prize/gift. We will be using these to run a stall similar to the jam jar one we ran at Christmas. This was hugely successful last year and helped to raise significant funds for the school. We would like the children to decorate the front of the bag in whatever they wish to help their bag stand out on the stall.

If you are able to offer help to the PTA please contact our chair Sue Smith via email at horsfordprimarypta@gmail.com or the office at office@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk