Friday 3rd March

Diary Date

Monday 6th March

Keyboard/piano lessons at Mill Lane Year 5/6 Girls' football match vs DRAYTON (home)

Tuesday 7th March

Music lessons at Holt Road 2-3pm – Parent Forum at Holt Road 5-6pm – Parent Forum at Mill Lane

Wednesday 8th March

Drum lessons at Mill Lane Year 6 to HHS to watch High School Musical performed by Year 7

Thursday 9th March

Friday 10th March

Parent Reading – 8.45am – 8.55am – Year R, 1&2 Year 3/4 visit to Norwich Castle

After school clubs' noticeboard All clubs run until 4pm at Holt Road and 4.20pm at Mill Lane Day Holt Road Mill Lane Monday Sesma Tuesday Dodgeball **Expressive Arts** Wednesday Singing Dance Mathletics – cancelled Thursday Singing Friday



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Attendance Award

Well done to class 5C who have had 100% attendance this week!

This week's certificate winners are:

Morgan Clarke, Kyla-Mae Kirkwood, Imogen Fenwick, Oscar Coleman, Grace Dell, Jack Canham, Olivia Edridge, Isabelle Abbott, Ava Apperley-Schoenherr, Charlie White, Megan Scrivens, William Berrisford, Harry Farrand, Jasmine Chan, Sofia Needham, Mckenzie Morrison, Bethany Scrivens, Amelia Beardsworth, Gemma Dawson, Brandon Clarke, Ruby Elvin, Joshua Skipper, Jamal Sohna and Molly Hughes.

Just a note.....

Online safety

Today we have sent home a parent leaflet from Child Net's website and one from the Breck Foundation outlining ways in which you can support your child in staying safe online and through other social media. It is an ever-changing world and at times it can feel difficult to keep up with what your child is accessing or how they are using their own electronic devices to keep in contact with other children. If you need any further support with this please don't hesitate to come and speak to someone at school.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who filled out a parent questionnaire during out assertive mentoring meetings last month. We had a total of 77 handed in. We now have 297 children attending both of our sites within 227 families. We were grateful for some feedback that was given to us from parents during last half term's parent forum with regards the layout and design of the questionnaire. The comments have helped us to redesign it, so we will be sending it out again in the summer term to all families in order for us to get a more accurate picture of where we are as a school. We have attached the results of the 77 responses to this newsletter. We are really pleased with such a positive response to the child centred part of school life, after all this is what schools are for. However we are always striving to make improvements where we can. The two areas that continue to stand out as being something that you have said you do not know about is our Christian ethos and behaviour. Today we have sent home a copy of our behaviour policy so you are aware of our approach to behaviour within school. This year we welcomed Reverend Margaret McPhee to Horsford Church and our school. She is already taking a very active role within school and we will update you with any new things we do in developing the school's Christian ethos further.

Safeguarding

As you know safeguarding our children and staff is an important part of school life. With this in mind please can we remind you that access into school for parents, is through the main office doors only. This is so we know exactly who is on site at any one time. After school most teachers have meetings, either with their colleagues or with parents, so it is important that if you do want to speak to your child's teacher you enter via the reception area and ask to see if they are free/make an appointment. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Child Whispering Course

Today we have sent home information about a two-hour workshop for parents based on the concept of Child Whispering. Sandy Kennedy, the Founder of Child Whispering® will give an overview of some of the core components of the Child Whispering®, A Signpost for Life® toolkit. She will draw on her vast experience to illustrate how embedding the concept at home as well as at school can help establish positive 'child to child' and 'child to adult' relationships. If you are interested in attending please complete the form and return to the school office by Monday 13th March.

School Uniform

Please can we remind you that children should come to school in the correct uniform which includes school shoes not trainers. We have also noticed that a few children are coming into school with nail varnish on and with dyed hair. Please follow the link below to our website where you can find our prospectus which outlines our policy on uniform, hairstyles and accessories. Thank you for continuing to ensure your children look smart and presentable when they attend school.

http://www.horsfordprimaryschool.co.uk/assets/Uploads/Prospectus.pdf

Church News

During Open the Book this week the team told the story of the Old Testament Prophet Jeremiah. In the story he wrote on a scroll words that God had told him to give to the evil king. God wanted the king to change his ways. The king would not listen and burned the scroll. The events in this story help the children to see that sometimes people don't listen to good advice which means things don't work out as well as they could. The Open the Book team's message this week was "Listen to good advice!"



Jeremiah 36 Verses 1-32



PTA News

Discos

A huge thank you for the parent and staff support at both site discos this week. Without this we would not be able to put on such events. As usual they were all well attended and we hope the children enjoyed themselves.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 25th May at 6.45pm at Mill Lane. We will be discussing the Summer Fete so all members are welcome!

Easter Fayre – Friday 24th March

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!

Thank you to those children who have returned their **brown bag** to school. Each child should have been given one of these, 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.

Easter Egg competitions

We are running two Easter Egg competitions. Forms will be sent out next week with more details.

Ladies Night 80s disco

Tickets are now on sale through either office or Chloe and Cassie Green for this event on Saturday 13th May.

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

Visit our School website at:

http://www.horsfordprimaryschool.co.uk/

