

Friday 11th February 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sorry that I missed the letter last week, unfortunately I have been, along with a number of other staff, absent with Covid. It was lovely to return this week and for the children to be so happy to see me back! I have had to go into a number of classrooms and say hello as they were telling me how much they had missed me!

A list of school events

We have tried this week to put together a list of up and coming events so that you have advanced notice of when things are taking place in school. This list is included along with my letter.

Some of the events the children do need to bring something or wear something different e.g. Number day and World book Day. Please do not feel that you have to spend lots of money providing costumes for these events and be aware that we do have a few costumes in school if you would like to borrow something.

We do ask for donations for these things as we like to support worthwhile charities, but as always if you feel you cannot donate it will not preclude your child from taking part.

Car Parking at the Working Men's Club

We have an agreement that Parents/Carers can park at the Working Men's Club whilst picking up and dropping off children in school. They have contacted us to request that families ensure that they always park in the marked bays and to be mindful of deliveries that may be taking place. They felt that some Parents/Carers had been a little inconsiderate in their parking and politely request the above, otherwise they feel they may have to withdraw this kind offer.

Extra Bank Holiday

As you are no doubt aware there is an extra bank holiday this year due to the Queen's Jubilee. As this falls within the Spring Bank holidays, schools have been given permission to add this in at another time. The primary schools within our Trust have decided to have this day on **Friday 27th May 2022** meaning that we will break up a day earlier for Spring Bank.

Wraparound Care

The latest bookings and current debts have been placed on the new MCAS system and Parents/Carers are kindly requested to access the system to check their bookings and to ensure that all debts are cleared as soon as possible.

Our Spring 2 Online Booking form is now open for Parents/Carers to express their Wraparound Care needs for the next half-term:

<https://forms.office.com/r/aTkAZHB1kJ>

Please note: Bookings will not be approved unless all debts have been cleared from your child's Breakfast Club and/or After School Club accounts on both ParentPay and the MCAS app.

The deadline for completing bookings is midnight on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

Please be aware that bookings cannot be accepted through the MCAS app and Parents/Carers must contact the Academy directly if they wish to arrange for additional or Ad Hoc bookings. More information regarding Wraparound Care can be found on our website: <https://horburyprimary.accordmat.org/out-of-school-care/>

A Local Authority Request

The local authority is in the process of writing the new Wakefield Children and Young People's plan for the next 3 years and they have asked for primary parents and children to give their views. I have copied the link below to complete this short survey (it should only take about 5 minutes), about whether you feel they have identified the correct priorities. For our older children you may complete this with them and submit their views too.

<https://forms.office.com/r/zP8zRYN4d7>.

A Message from the School Council

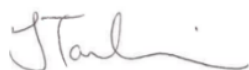
Meat Free Monday is a campaign to reduce climate change and help save the world. Skipping meat for a day is a small, easy change but it can make a big difference. Doing Meat Free Monday every week has the same impact on your annual carbon footprint as not driving your car for a whole month!

I introduced the idea of Meat Free Monday to the Team of School Councillors because I am worried about our planet and I know that this is a change that other schools have made to help take care of our environment. Imagine the difference we can all make together!

Robyn, Year 4 School Councillor

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and remind you that next week is a four-day week in school and that children **break up on Thursday 17th February** returning to school on **Monday 28th February 2022**.

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson
Headteacher

Horbury Primary Academy School Events

	Date	Event	Comment
February 2022	Mon 14 th to Wed 16 th	Year 6 Residential 6H	
	Thu 17 th	Number day	Non-uniform day where children are asked to wear numbers. Please see separate information sent out via Seesaw. £1 voluntary donation.
	Wed 16 th to Fri 18 th	Year 6 Residential 6C	
	Thu 17 th	School closes for the Half-Term Holiday	
	Fri 18 th	INSET Day	School closed to all pupils.
	Mon 28 th	School reopens after the Half-Term Holiday	
March 2022	Tue 1 st	Conrad Burdekin (local author and poet) visiting school	Part of our 'World Book Day' celebrations
	Thu 3 rd	World Book Day	Non-uniform day where children may dress as a favourite book character.
	Mon 14 th to Fri 18 th	British Science week	Science activities taking place in school.
	Mon 14 th & Tue 15 th	"Professor Bubbleworks" Science Workshops	Workshops taking place in school.
	Tue 15 th & Wed 16 th	Parents Evening	
	Thu 24 th	Farm Animal visit to Reception Classes	
April 2022	Fri 8 th	School closes for the Easter Holiday	
	Mon 25 th	School reopens after the Easter Holiday	
May 2022	Mon 2 nd	Bank Holiday	School closed to all pupils.
	Thu 5 th	Class Photographs	
	Thu 26 th	School closes for the Half-Term Holiday	
	Fri 27 th	Queen's Platinum Jubilee School Closure	School closed to all pupils (in lieu of extra bank holiday)
June 2022	Mon 6 th	School reopens after the Half-Term Holiday	
	Mon 20 th to Fri 25 th	Sport, Health & Well-Being Week	
July 2022	Fri 22 nd	School closes for Summer Holiday	
	Mon 25 th & Tue 26 th	INSET Days	School closed to all pupils.