

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Headteacher: Miss J Tomlinson

It seems this week that the weather has lived up to the old adage about March- 'In like a lion and out like a lamb'. The children have enjoyed the Spring sunshine and are begging us now to get back on to the school field at breaks and lunches.

### Ian's Farm

Reception had a visit this week from Ian's farm. Mrs Longo said, 'It was just magical to see their little faces.' I can't believe there were so many different animals in the small trailer there was an alpaca, some guinea pigs, a mini pony, a duck, a rabbit, a goat, a sheep with a lamb, a duck and the children's favourite a tortoise!

I was also happy to see the friendly border collie at lunchtime and ended up throwing the ball on the field (in true border collie style) - I'm not sure who enjoyed it more, the children watching from the yard, the dog or myself!

### Sports Competition

We have had some recent success in the pyramid sports competitions. The Year 6s won the hockey tournament without losing a game and the Year 5 and 6 girls came second in the athletics competition. It is good to be back taking part in competitive sport and the children can be very proud of the way they represented school.

### Professor Bubbleworks

Last week I forgot to mention that we had had Professor Bubbleworks in school. He has become a bit of a tradition in science week and is always really enjoyed by the children. This time the children got to see a cloud in a vacuum, to understand gravity and air resistance, to create an explosion using effervescent tablets and even step inside a giant bubble!

### Chicks in Nursery

The children in Nursery have been having an egg-cellent time recently! Over the past few weeks, the children have been watching their eggs in the incubator and their chicks hatching! Now, the chicks are growing incredibly quickly as their feathers are developing and they are putting on weight! The children have enjoyed caring for them and helping to clean their cage out! On Friday, a family will be taking the chicks home and they will be going to live with them on their allotment once they are old enough!

### Nursery Open Event

We had the first of our open events this week with Nursery children showing their parents around their classroom. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance and I thank them both for their support of the Nursery and also for sticking to the times and allowing staff to prepare in between. There was some lovely feedback from parents too.

### World Autism Acceptance/Consciousness week

This year World Autism Acceptance/Consciousness Week is from the 28 March to 3 April. We will be sensitively marking this in school as we have a number of children diagnosed with autism. On the link below there is quite a nice poem by a young boy called Eli explaining what autism is to him and how it makes him different yet special at the same time.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-acceptance-week/free-learning-resources-for-your-school>

### Termly Report

Just wanted to remind you that the termly report for your child can be accessed via MCAS. If you are having problems accessing this then please email the following address:

[MCAS@horburyprimary.accordmat.org](mailto:MCAS@horburyprimary.accordmat.org)

### Upcoming Events

Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 SATs meeting	5.30pm via Microsoft Teams
Tues April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2</b> open evening	
Wed April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meeting phonics update	6pm in the school hall
Thurs April 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> open evening	
Fri April 8 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for the Easter Holiday	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school after the holiday.	

### Class Photographs

Just wanted to give you the heads up that on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Adventure Photography will be in school to take class photographs and Y6 for their yearbooks. In order to support the logistics of the day there will be a grab bag lunch for children on school dinners.

### School Lunches

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a slight amendment to the dinner choices; there will be a cheese sandwich instead of ham due to a supplier issue.

### Wakefield Council Safer Sleep Week

Wakefield Council will be supporting Safer Sleep Week (14-20 March 2022) which is the national awareness campaign targeting anyone looking after a young baby. It aims to raise awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and safer sleep advice that reduces the risk of it occurring. The Children's Public Health team will be promoting the **ABCs** of Safer Sleep, to partner organisations across the district together with links to the Lullaby Trust website for further information. Safer Sleep Week - The Lullaby Trust. **Always** sleep your baby on their **backs** in a **clear** cot or sleep space.

Finally, enjoy the weekend and let's hope that the spring sunshine and high temperatures last a little while longer!

Yours sincerely,



Miss JK Tomlinson  
Headteacher