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March Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of term 4 and Easter approaches let us bring you up to date with news and forthcoming events. I would also like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful forthcoming Easter break.

STAFFING

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Hales and Mrs. Crick at the end of this term. I would like to thank them both for the huge contribution they have made during their time at The John Harrox Primary School. They have been valued members of the leadership and teaching staff within the school and have both served on the governing body during their time here. They will be missed by the whole school community. Both are moving onto new ventures, Mrs Hales will continue to work in education in a sporting capacity and Mrs Crick has been successful in securing a teaching position in a school in Peterborough. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both every success and happiness in her future.

Miss Pennington (Monday and Tuesdays) and Mrs. Ekins (Wednesday through to Friday) will teach Mckee class for the remainder of the academic year. I have arranged for a Mrs. Harwood to teach Ahlberg class on Monday through to Wednesday morning and a Mrs. Vaughan to teach the class Wednesday afternoon through to Friday for the remainder of the academic year.

Y3/4 Performances

We look forward to the forthcoming Key Stage 2 performances of 'What a Knight' by the Ahlberg, Dahl and King-Smith classes towards the end of this term. We are certain that parents are very familiar with the songs and the words!

NSPCC Number Day & Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting these two fund raising events, NSPCC Number day and Red Nose Day. Particular thanks go to those parents who kindly came into school to explain to children how they used maths in their everyday work during Number day.

Your kind donations raised the following:

£239 for NSPCC Number Day

£258 for Red Nose Day.

Flower Festival

The children will be actively involved in creating items for display in readiness for the Flower Festival in Moulton Church which begins on Saturday 27th April and continues to Monday 6th May. The theme for displays this year will be 'Around The World in 40 Displays'.

PARENT HELPERS

If there are any parents/carers/grandparents who are willing to help in the classrooms on a regular basis, we would be very grateful for your assistance. Even if you can spare just half an hour to an hour at the beginning of a school day, this would be useful. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



SATS AND PHONIC ASSESSMENTS

Please note that the KS2 SATs will take place during the week beginning Monday 13th May. The KS1 SATs will be administered throughout the month of May. The Year 1 phonics assessment checks will be administered during the week beginning Monday 10th June.

We ask that you do not arrange appointments or request holiday during these times.

PARKING

Parking during the peak drop off and pick up times of the school day continues to be a concern. I would like to remind you of the parking restrictions that are in effect close to the entrance of the school and that the school safety zone includes the bus layby. These restrictions are in place for the safety of the children. It is important that the school bus can use the layby so that children can get on and off the bus away from the road. This includes secondary school children who are often dropped off at the end of the school day when children who attend here are being collected from clubs. I understand that it becomes very congested during peak times of the day. However, as our new banners signify, please keep the safety zone clear. Please also continue to be considerate to our neighbours in relation to driving and parking around school, including in Westmoreland Road. Thank you.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that the school staff carpark must not be used by parents; this is a county wide policy. In addition, and for your own safety, please use the pedestrian access, which goes around the car park via the separate gate, when visiting the school office. We have a bike shed for storing cycles and scooters; access to this is through a gated entrance to the pre-school.

I have also been contacted by the Moulton Community Association with regard to parking during school events at the community centre. I have been advised that when there are events at school which clash with events taking place at the community centre there will be a steward directing non users of the community centre away from their facilities. We have a clash of events on Wednesday 3rd April when our first year 3/4 performance will take place. The community centre car park will not be available on this evening.

USED UNIFORM

This term, together with the Friends of the School, we are intending to continue to provide a Used Uniform service. Good condition previously used uniform will be on sale every first Thursday of the month. It will be held in the library from 2.50p.m. to 3.30p.m. We should be grateful to receive any uniform that you are prepared to donate to the school for this purpose. Please send any items to the office or hand them to a member of the Friends of the School Committee. We hope that this will continue to be a successful venture to raise funds for the Friends of the School.

Raising Concerns

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child or other school matters at any time during the year. Do not hesitate to contact us. Often things heard on the playground get misinterpreted or only provide part of the information so please check with a member of school staff. We are committed to working with you to try and ensure concerns and minor irritations are resolved, and the facts are clarified as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely
D. Pilsworth



Diary Dates

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th April

Y3/4 Evening Concert 6.00p.m. (details to follow)

Friday 5th April

FOS Easter Egg Hunt (details to follow)

END OF TERM 4

Tuesday 23rd April

START OF TERM 5

Month of May 2019

Year 2 SATs take place

Week Beginning 13th May 2019

Year 6 SATs Week

Week Beginning June 10th 2019

Year 1 Phonic Check

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

Autumn Term 1	4 th September 2018 19 th October 2018
Autumn Term 2	30 th October 2018 20 th December 2018
Spring Term 3	7 th January 2019 15 th February 2019
Spring Term 4	25 th February 2019 5 th April 2019
Summer Term 5	23 rd April 2019 24 th May 2019
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2019
Summer Term 6	3 rd June 2019 19 th July 2019

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS – ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

Autumn Term 1	4 th September 2019 18 th October 2019
Autumn Term 2	29 th October 2019 19 th December 2019
Spring Term 3	6 th January 2020 13 th February 2020
Spring Term 4	24 th February 2020 2 nd April 2020
Summer Term 5	20 th April 2020 22 nd May 2020
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2020
Summer Term 6	1 st June 2020 21 st July 2020

