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Horspath C of E School Newsletter 13th November 2020

Dear Families,
Welcome to this week's newsletter, Its packed full of information so please take some time to read.

Star Worker and Values Champions

We awarded Star Worker and Values Champion certificates last week. Please see the names and the photographs below.



Acorn: Emily and Alfie



Beech: Iris and Safa



Lime: Joey and Lila



Oak: Kimberly and Zach



Willow: Catherine and Aiden





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Remembrance Day

We were not able to join the village Remembrance Service this year. However, we were still able to have a wreath laid on behalf of the school and of course we observed 2 minutes' silence on Wednesday at 11 o'clock.



Poppy wreath made by Acorn Class

Parents evening – Success!!

I would like to say thank you for your cooperation with this year's different, yet still very successful parent consultation evenings. I'm sure you will join me in thanking the teachers for their hard work in making them happen and special thanks to Mr Mayling for organising all the techie bits! Fingers crossed we will be back to face-to-face meetings in the spring term.

Breakfast and After School Club

All Stars would like you to know that there are still spaces at Breakfast and After School Club. The staff liaise closely with the school so COVID-safe bubbles will be adhered to. If you are interested in a space or would like more information, please email staff@horspathnursery.org.uk or ask a member of the nursery staff. They are available after school every day at the amphitheatre.

Dinners

The reintroduction of dinners for KS2 is going well and the new food boxes are a real hit with the children. We will be introducing a new menu in January (see attached). Remember if your child wants a meal you can order it simply and quickly through ParentMail. For paid lunches (KS2 only), please make sure you place the order at least 24 hours in advance of the meal as orders close after this time.

Music lessons

One of our music teachers remarked this week that Horspath has some of the most dedicated and talented musicians they have come across. Many of the children who start to play here continue on into adulthood. There are still places available if you would like your child to begin playing an instrument. Please contact the school office for details of how to register.

Flu vaccinations





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Just a reminder that we will be holding flu immunisations at school on Thursday 26th November. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination but haven't given your consent yet (the deadline is 23rd November), please go to

the following link: <https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu> The unique code for your Horspath School is: OX144432. Please note that paper copies are no longer available.

PTA news

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our fundraising events so far this year. The Bags2 School team were amazed by the huge number of donations they took away. We will let you know how much money the collection has raised.

The children enjoyed the fancy dress day for Halloween and thank you to everyone for making their Christmas card orders. We would also like to thank the Horspath village fundraising team, who recently raised £282 for the school. We are doing an excellent job with raising money for the school using new and varied ways.

On Thursday 19th October the children will be photographed for the **PTA calendar**. This year there will be two photos per month as the children will be photographed in their separate 'bubbles'. A member of staff will be available to help get the children organised on the day, so there will be no crossing of bubbles. Please email the school office if you would not like your child to be included in the calendar.

On Monday 7th December from 5pm to 5.30pm the teachers will be holding a **Christmas Pyjama Story Evening**. Further information will be sent out nearer the time but please make a note of the date in your diaries and look out for news about our other Christmas events this term.

ActivAll

We are very excited that the PTA have helped the school to purchase 2 ActivAll boards. The boards can be used on their own or in competition and are a great way for the children to keep active and healthy. School will be spending the next few weeks training the children on how to use the boards and then they will be out at play and lunchtimes. Take a look at the [ActivAll website](#) for more information.



If anyone would like to help the PTA in any way, please contact Linda in the office.
Many thanks, Kathryn Goodliffe on behalf of the PTA

Family Talk Homework

This week's FTH is an activity on Friendship.

Best wishes
Stay alert, stay safe but most of all stay blessed.

Mrs Rachel Medley

