

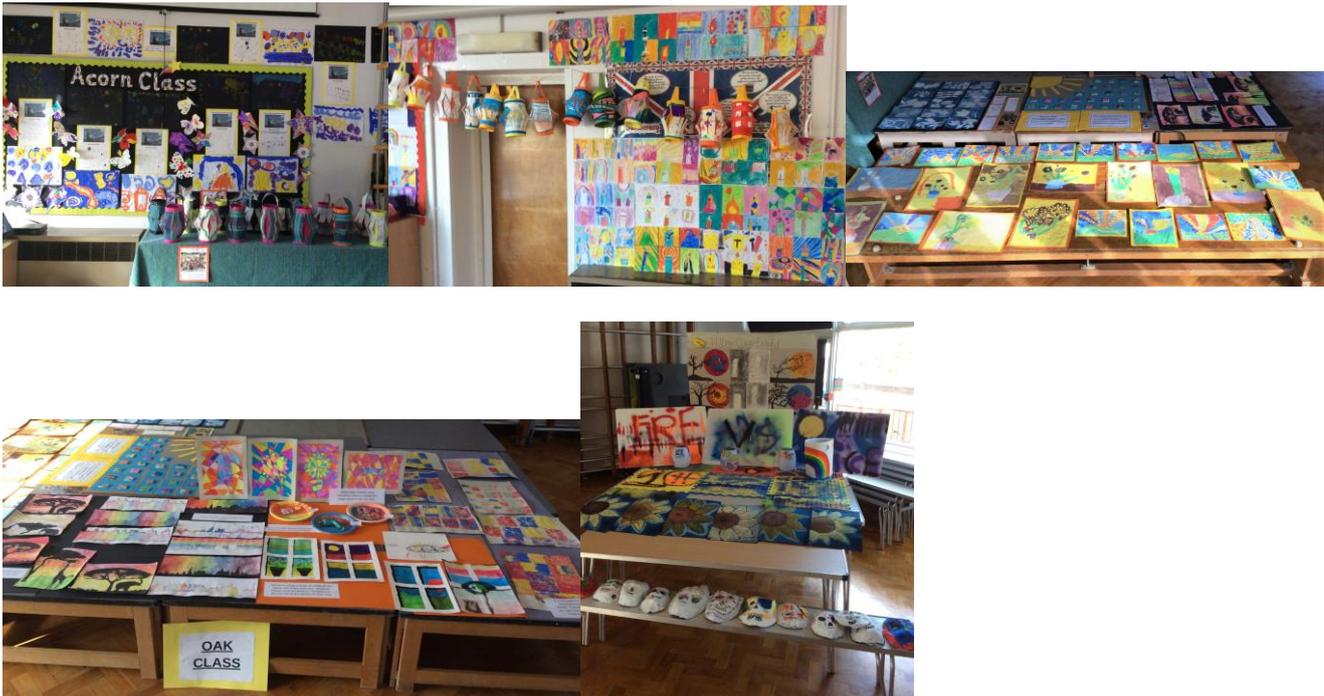


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8 July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the art exhibition last Friday. I had hoped to experience it with you but found myself seated at my desk awaiting an important phone call. If you were unable to admire the artwork on display, the following photographs will give you a taste of the children's creativity.



Chair of Governors

Horspath Primary School is fortunate to have a hard-working and committed Governing Body. At the Local Governing Body meeting on Tuesday 5 July, James Askew stepped down from the Chairperson role and Emily Elias became the Chair. James remains a member of the Governing Body but we would like to extend our thanks for his considerable contribution as Chair. We would also like to congratulate Emily on her appointment.

RLT 2022 Stakeholder Survey results

The parental response was slightly less than the average across all schools in the River Learning Trust. However, feedback was generally more positive than the average for the Trust. The overwhelming majority of pupils in both KS1 and KS2 reported that they feel safe and happy at school. Although the younger children were not asked this particular question, 92% of pupils in KS2 agreed strongly with the statement 'I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area.'



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However, some parents expressed concern about the school's response to bullying. The school takes reports of bullying very seriously and investigates every concern raised. As our anti-bullying policy states, bullying behaviour is repeated over a period of time. The definition of bullying we share with children is expressed in this infographic:



Some parents reported that they would like more feedback about how their child is doing. As is typical in most schools, Parent-Teacher meetings to discuss pupils' learning are organised in the Autumn and Spring terms, and written reports are shared towards the end of the Summer term. However, if you have any concerns between meetings, do book an appointment for a chat with your child's class teacher.

Reports

Your child will bring home their report next Friday. Reports will be posted to parents who do not usually collect their children from school, for example if they live at some distance from the school.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 11 July 9.30am, Pirates of the Curry Bean performance
- Tuesday 12 July 9.15am, School Concert
10.00-11.00am, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church
- Wednesday 13 July 5.30pm, Pirates of the Curry Bean performance
- Friday 15 July 9.15-11.00am, Sports Day
2.30pm, Celebration Assembly
9.15-11.00am, Sports Day if 15 July cancelled due to rain
- Monday 18 July 9.30am, Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Tuesday 19 July 2.00-3.00pm, coffee, cake and chat at St Giles' Church
- Wednesday 20 July 1.30pm, End of term
- Tuesday 6 September 8.50am, Beginning of term





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School year 2022-23

Please find attached the term-time schedule for the next school year, which also indicates INSET days. However, do be aware that INSET days are typically used for professional development, and occasionally trainers become unavailable so there is a small risk that these may change.

Thank you

Many thanks to Mrs Sims and Mr Nazarov for offering their help constructing our new forest school equipment!

Sunshine!

Please ensure that your child brings a sunhat and water bottle to school next week, and wears sunscreen to protect them from the sunshine forecast.

Pirates of the Curry Bean performance

A polite reminder that members of the audience should not take photographs or videos during the performance. Mr Mayling will make photographs of the cast available on Google Classroom and we are looking into the possibility of videoing part of the performance, which would also be made available via Google Classroom.

The PTA is kindly organising refreshments at the Wednesday afternoon performance.

Very best wishes to all our families about to celebrate Eid al-Adha. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

With kind regards,
Helen

