

# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2013

### Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to our new school year! It has been an exceptional summer holiday in terms of the weather and it couldn't have happened at a better time with the roof work underway. I'm pleased to say that so far everything is going according to plan. The new roof on lower school is looking good and we're looking forward to seeing it roll out across the rest of the building. The temporary classrooms are in place and ready for action thanks to the hard work and commitment of school staff and building teams at all levels. The focus this half term is the area along the side of the quadrangle which included the Y5 and Y6 classrooms.



### Currently:

- all nursery and reception children are back in the Early Years Unit – no further moves planned
- all Y1 and Y2 children are in their usual classrooms – no moves planned
- all Y3 and Y4 children are in their usual classrooms - probably until October half term, when they will move to the previous Y5/6 classrooms and then have no further moves
- all Y5 and Y6 children are in the temporary classrooms and will be there until the work is completed on the classrooms running from the front entrance to the Learning Zone.

### Y6 Leavers' Prom





**We had a fabulous end to the school year** and were torn between feeling sad at our goodbyes to Y6 and proud of their achievements and how ready they were to move on. It is our job to make sure they have achieved their best in every way. We had our best academic results since becoming a primary school and were delighted to highlight the contribution every one of our pupils made to our school community in their time with us, while celebrating their successes in and out of school. Find out more by looking at the **Year Book** in the foyer.



**Attendance** – We were very close to our attendance target last year thanks to the commitment of most parents and our children. Our 100% heroes were rewarded with a well-deserved trip to Starbowl where they bowled up a storm!

**Well done everybody** – Keep up the good work this year – there'll be awards every week for classes and each half term for individual children.

**Go Team Horton!**

**We have lots of new staff and pupils** – welcome to them, we're looking forward to them being part of Team Horton! Miss Armstrong is in YR Elephant Class, Mrs Beattie is in Y3 Bamburgh Class, and in Y5 we have Mr Reed, Mrs Brownrigg and Miss Tanner. Many of you met them before the summer holidays, but if not you will see them soon at the transition meetings. In addition Miss Smith Head of Lower School was married in the holidays and is now Mrs Allen.

We are once again planning to have transition meetings with each year group so you can find out from the staff what you can expect for your child this year. **Please meet in main reception at 2.45pm**

Reception	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September
Y1	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September
Y2	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Y3	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
Y4	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Y5	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Y6	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September

**SCHOOL MEALS REMINDER** - please remember that if your child wishes to change from packed lunch to a school lunch or vice versa, we need one week's notice. If you pay for school lunches, please ensure that payment is made on a Monday – envelopes available in reception.

**UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS AND CONSENTS – please return all forms by Monday at the latest.**

And finally - don't forget you can keep up to date through our **Facebook page and the school website** – search Blyth Horton Grange Primary (the Blyth is essential because there's another Horton Grange Primary in Bradford!). You will find information about your child's learning, important dates and copies of letters, as well as picture galleries. If you can't find what you're looking for or have anything you want to discuss, don't hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to working with you in the coming year

Kind regards

Jackie Chevaugeron

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Tuesday, 10 September	Year 4 Trip to Arbeia Roman Fort
Thursday, 12 September	Year 3 Trip to Arbeia Roman Fort
Week commencing 7 October	Reception Stay & Play
Week commencing 14 October	Nursery Stay & Play
Tuesday, 15 October	Year 3 and 4 Roman Day with Maximus
Friday, 18 October	Year 6 Weekend Residential to Hawes End
Wednesday, 23 October	Halloween/Harvest Festival - EYFS
Thursday, 24 October	Harvest Festivals: KS1 - 2 pm, Y3 & 4 - 2.30 pm
Thursday, 24 October	Halloween Disco - 3.30 - 4.45 - KS1, 5.00 - 6.30 - KS2
Friday, 25 October	Premier Sports Activities - Year 3 and 4
Monday, 28 October	Half Term Holiday
Monday, 4 November	School starts again Premier Sports Activities Years 3 and 4
Tuesday, 26 November	Parent Interviews
Friday, 13 December	EYFS Christmas Production (am & pm)
Monday, 16 December	Key Stage 1 Production (am and pm)
Tuesday, 17 December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Party Lower Key Stage 2 Production (afternoon & evening)
Wednesday, 18 December	School Christmas Lunch EYFS Christmas Party Upper Key Stage 2 Production (afternoon & evening)
Thursday, 19 December	Upper School Christmas Party
Friday, 20 December	Whole School Panto Lunch then school finishes at 1.30

Other dates will follow as and when arranged.