

Learning together to be the best we can be ...

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the final week in school, I wanted to write to you to provide a short update on the end of term events and provide some information for the new academic year. Further information will follow in the Newsletter in September.

Before I do that, I would firstly like to share how much I have enjoyed my first year as Headteacher at Horton Grange. Your children are some of the best I have ever worked with and I am so privileged to be their Headteacher. At Horton Grange we are all learners and I can assure you, as a staff, we are continually learning as we strive to ensure your children make the best progress they can. As our strap line now says, we are '**Learning together to be the best we can be...**' and we always appreciate your feedback on how we can further improve. It is of course nice to hear what we are doing well too!

PARENT FORUM GROUP

Thank you to parents who attended the parent forum group with Mrs Carlisle. In the Autumn we will share the outcomes and our responses using a 'you said' 'we did' format. However, a common theme was communication and advanced warning of school events. Therefore, in September we will be sending home a Year Planner with key events mapped out for the year. We will of course provide reminders nearer the time.

STAFFING CHANGES

On-going staff development means that inevitably we see staff move on to new promoted roles in other schools as the academic year closes. **Mr Harker**, who has been part of the senior leadership team for six years now, leaves us in July to take on the role of Deputy Headteacher in North Tyneside. Whilst we are sad to see Mr Harker leave us we wish him well in his promoted post. **Miss Tartt** will join us in September as **Assistant Headteacher** and will oversee upper school. Miss Tartt joins with significant experience at senior leadership level having been an Assistant Vice Principal in a Newcastle School.

We are also saying goodbye to **Mrs Keenan**, who has been with us since she first started out her teaching career, **Mr Tyler** and **Miss Balmain** – good luck in your new roles. Joining the team are **Mrs Thomas** (Year 5), **Miss McKean** (Year 6) and **Miss Nightingale**, who will share a class with **Mrs Cornwall** until **Mrs Carr** returns.

DINNER MONEY CHANGES

Due to increased costs Governors have made the decision to increase the cost of school dinners by 5p. Therefore a school dinner will now cost £2.15.



END OF TERM HIGHLIGHTS

As usual, the end of term has been a busy one with Sports Day, transition events, celebration events, Year 6 production and the prom. Here are a few of the highlights. Further updates will follow in the Autumn term Newsletter.

SPORTS DAY – DESPITE THE WEATHER!



Year 6 children had a fantastic end to the year and impressed us all with their confidence in the production. I know they are now looking forward to the Prom.

Y6 PRODUCTION OF JOSEPH AND HIS TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT



NEW YEAR GROUP MEETINGS (Year 1 – Year 6)

I wrote to you recently informing you of the format for transition meetings in September. We would normally share these dates with you at the start of the Autumn term however, following your feedback, I am providing you with these dates and times now so you have time to make any necessary arrangements to attend. Parents also told us at the Parent Forum, they would like more opportunities to visit their child's classroom and share their learning. Therefore, we have amended the format slightly. At your child's new year group meeting members of staff will share important information on the new year to come. This will include curriculum, expectations and routines. You will also be able to spend 30 minutes in your child's classroom to help you to see the curriculum in action before the meeting.

Year group	Date and time
1	Monday 12 September 2.00 - 2.30 Spend time in classrooms 2.30 – New year group meeting
2	Tuesday 13 September 2.00 - 2.30 Spend time in classrooms 2.30 – New year group meeting
3	Wednesday 14 September 2.00 - 2.30 Spend time in classrooms 2.30 – New year group meeting
4	Wednesday 14 September 9.15 – 9.45 Spend time in classrooms 9.45 – 10.15 New year group meeting
5	Thursday 15 September 9.15 – 9.45 Spend time in classrooms 9.45 – 10.15 New year group meeting
6	Thursday 15 September 2.00 - 2.30 Spend time in classrooms 2.30 – New year group meeting

SAFETY

As we approach the summer holiday I would like to urge you to remind your children about being safe near the roads and water during the break – I want to see them all back safe and well.

That just leaves me to say thank you for supporting the school this year, have a lovely summer, stay safe and I'll see you all on **Tuesday 6 September**.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher