

Learning together to be the best we can be

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the final few days 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.

GOODBYE YEAR 6!

End of term events came early for many Year 6s this year as we said goodbye to them on the 7 July to start their transition to The Blyth Academy. They ended the year with the annual prom, which was great fun, and a very emotional leaver's assembly. We were sad to see them go but wish them success in their next steps.

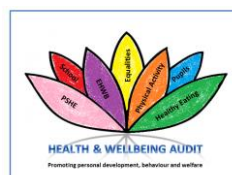


AMAZING YEAR 6 SAT RESULTS!

At the end of Year 6 children sit Standard Assessment Tests in reading, maths and spelling punctuation and grammar (SPAG), which are marked externally. Over the last 2 years the level of challenge in these papers has significantly increased – in fact adults can find them challenging! The results are still provisional, however, the children performed really well making all the hard work worthwhile. Nationally 61% of children achieved the expected standard in reading, maths and SPAG. In Horton Grange 72% achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and SPAG. This means that children at Horton Grange achieved better than schools nationally – a fantastic achievement. We also have more children this year who achieved the higher standard. Well done to all!

STAFFING CHANGES

This year all our teaching staff will remain with us allowing us to provide continuity for the children. However, we do say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Jennings, who has worked at Horton Grange for 20 years and will retire at the end of term. She has contributed significantly to the school over the years and will be greatly missed by children and staff. Her cheerful manner has impacted positively on us all and I know you will join me in wishing her good luck and good health in her well-deserved retirement.



END OF TERM HIGHLIGHTS

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

SPORTS DAY - good weather for once!



More from the prom.....



What a fantastic night reflecting on great memories of their time in Primary School.

STAR BOWL

100% Attendance – Well done to the 39 children with 100% attendance this year who will attend Star Bowl this week as a reward.

MEDICATION

If your child has any medication in school this must be collected by yourselves on Friday. It cannot be kept in school over the holidays. Inhalers should also be taken home. If your child has a current health care plan, a new form will be sent home in September to be updated if still required. As a reminder, if your child uses an inhaler then the relevant forms must be completed. These are available from the school office.

DINNER MONEY CHANGES

Due to increased costs Governors have made the decision to increase the cost of school dinners by 5p. From September, a school dinner will now cost £2.20.

UNIFORM

Please remember if you want your child's uniform in time for September to get you order in quick at 'Tots To Teams'. You can do this by via their website – www.totstoteams.com. If you do not have access to the internet, you can place an order over the phone – (0191) 2715454. During the school summer holidays, please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for delivery. Can I also remind you that black shoes should be worn – no heels or trainers please. Can we also ask that long hair is tied back to prevent the spreading of headlice and hair is not cut less than a number 2 or have tram lines etc. Thank you for your support with this matter.

NEW YEAR GROUP MEETINGS (Year 1 – Year 6)

I wrote to you recently informing you of the format for transition meetings. I am providing you with the dates and times now so you have time to make any necessary arrangements to attend. 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 11 September 9.00 – 9.30 Spend time in classrooms 9.30 – New year group meeting
2	Tuesday 12 September 9.00 – 9.30 Spend time in classrooms 9.30 – New year group meeting
3	Wednesday 13 September 9.15 – 9.45 Spend time in classrooms 9.45 – New year group meeting
4	Wednesday 13 September 2.00 - 2.30 Spend time in classrooms 2.30 – New year group meeting
5	Thursday 14 September 9.15 – 9.45 Spend time in classrooms 9.45 – New year group meeting
6	Thursday 14 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 **Wednesday 6 September**.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher