

Learning together to be the best we can be

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Dear Parents / Carers

Here we are on the last day of what has been one of the toughest Autumn terms of my 23 year career to date. I will be sending a more detailed newsletter just after the half term break but I just wanted to thank everyone for your support this half term. We have all had to adjust to a new way of working and the staff really are working their socks off with every minute of the day timetabled to make this all work. Not only have they adjusted to on-going risk assessments, but they are working tirelessly to catch up any missed learning.

We are all here at Horton Grange because we want the best for your children – I know the staff also appreciate the Team Horton spirit which permeates through all we do. Seeing how the children have quickly adapted to being back in school and the enjoyment of being back with their friends has been wonderful.

Attendance has been brilliant showing the children and yourselves are seeing the importance of children being in every day to support the 'catch up' that needs to be made. So far we have not had to close a bubble as there have been no positive cases among children since the school re-opened in September. However, should this be needed in the future be assured we have systems in place to commence home learning again quickly. Some children have isolated as result of a positive case in the family or a close contact. By doing this, they have done their part in preventing the spread in school. Please be assured, I always consult public health on all COVID related queries.

COVID means we need to adapt our Parent/ Teacher consultations which happen after half term. This year it will be done via telephone. After half term you will receive a letter and be given the opportunity to book a time slot for your call.

Our kitchen providers and lunchtime staff have worked extremely hard to provide hot meals to KS1. After half term hot meals will be an option for KS2 children twice a week and can be booked via the usual system. We are not quite sure what our school Christmas Lunch will look like this year but we are working on it!

Our cleaning team have worked tirelessly to keep the building spotless. DEEP cleans take place regularly and daily cleans are to a high standard.

Despite everything going on in the world at the moment and all the restrictions on our daily lives, I hope you have a Happy and Safe Half Term.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Irving'.

Nichola Irving
Headteacher

