



# Horninglow News: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Hawksley who has a new job as a practice manager at a drs surgery. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her every success in her new job. In the meantime Miss Pritchard will be acting office manager and we will be appointing a temporary receptionist.

## REMINDER

If your child has been sick or experienced diarrhea they should stay off school for 48 hours from the last period of sickness or diarrhea. Please help us to avoid the spread of infection.

## Car Park

Please bear in mind the car park is for staff use only. We have been experiencing problems at the beginning of the morning and also at lunch time with congestion and cars being blocked in. We would like to avoid locking the car park gates, so politely request you **do not park on the school car park**. There is free parking available at Nisa (providing it is less than 45 minutes. Thank you

## What have we been up to?

**Nurture** – We've had a busy couple of weeks in Nurture. The children have enjoyed creating their 'Healing Fairies' complete with superpowers and jet packs! They have really enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, discovering it's the 'Year of the Rat' and have even had a go at Chinese writing - their names looked brilliant. We have a few more activities to complete our 'Garden of Dreams' including the waterfall and golden fish, before finishing the term with some special Valentines crafts.

**Nursery** – Have enjoyed the Chinese New Year celebrations and have learned about the Chinese New Year race. We enjoyed a snack of prawn crackers and dips, played with rice, played with noodles and completed art activities based on rats (to celebrate the year of the rat). Alongside this, we have continued to work on our topic 'Where does the snow go?' and have looked at the process of freezing and melting - please reinforce this at home. We have also changed our role play area back to a home corner, which has proved very popular!

**Reception** –Over the last few weeks, Reception have been looking at a range of fairy tales. We have enjoyed The Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been planting our own runner beans and had a go at making houses for the little pigs. In maths, we have been continuing to look at ways of making 5 and have even started looking at addition and writing number sentences. Reception class have done fabulous writing about the giant that lives at the top of the beanstalk, as well as facts about pigs!

**Year 1** – Year 1's embraced the topic 'Our Local Area' really well. We have learned about a famous artist called LS Lowry and about his life and journey of success. To help us with our topic, we have also learned about the terms physical features and human features. In English, we wrote an instruction text on how to cross the road safely. Our focus for the next two weeks is 'poetry'. In Maths, we have started learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Once again, please continue to read with your child at home and sign their diaries to keep us informed. Thank you to those parents who already do this!

**Year 2** – Have had a wonderful couple of weeks continuing to learn about Splendid Skies with a particular focus on the Northern Lights. They have created beautiful chalk artwork and wonderful poems about it all. Alongside this, we have been focusing on writing exciting descriptions in different subjects. We have written descriptions of smart giants, scary settings and wonderful pets we wish we could own using skills we have learnt and exciting words we know. Year 2 have been working really hard to impress and make themselves proud... which they certainly are doing! Please continue to read with your lovely children and encourage the completion of homework - thank you for your continued support in this

**Year 3** – Have been really enjoying our new topic in Ancient Egyptians. We have learnt lots of exciting facts and interesting information in regard to how they lived their lives. We have been writing explanations on how mummification works and have also learnt about hieroglyphics. This has been one of our best topics so far!

**Year 4** – Have been studying Rivers and Cities. We have looked at the features of a river from the source to the mouth. In English we have written a biography about our book pen pal. We are currently writing our 500 words entries! Next week we will be writing our very own poems. Last week we began our artist study

into Monet. This week will be our turn to create some artwork in his style. Next week is our last swimming lesson. After half term PE will be Wednesday afternoons - please ensure a full PE kit is in school.

**Year 5** – We have been taking part in Move and Learn with Connor from Burton Albion. So far, we have been learning about what makes us healthy and then we will be taking part in active sessions to help us exercise. For more information you can follow this link <https://www.burtonalbioncommunitytrust.co.uk/school-sport/efl-trust-move-and-learn>

In English, we are just finishing a story about a lighthouse keeper who needed the help of his villagers to save a ship from crashing on the rocks. In Topic work, we looked at a painting by Henri Rousseau and created our own version using watercolour paints, building on our colour mixing skills that we learnt in December. In Maths, we have finished division methods and are now learning about equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions.

**Year 6** – Another busy couple of weeks for year six, continuing our core learning across the subjects. The children's revision guides will be coming home shortly for them to use to their full advantage. With our topic work we have looked at how Churchill came to power; his involvement with the conflict. We have also looked at the designs and features of Anderson Shelters and how they saved many lives. The children are using their woodworking skills to create their own models of Anderson shelters.



Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Valentines Disco
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Break Up
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Return back to school
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Photos
Monday Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Scooterbility
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Break Up
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Return back to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Break Up
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Return back to school



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