



Dear Parents

Monday 6th January 2020

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas and New Year! Thank you for providing costumes for our Christmas Nativity 'Are We Nearly There Yet?', which was a great success. We were very proud of all the children and they should be congratulated for their 'West-End' performance!

This letter aims to give you a flavour of what's to come in 2020 however, we will be hosting a Parent Meeting on Thursday 9th January at 9.00 am in the hall which will give you further information about the upcoming Spring Term. The meeting will focus on what to expect from our new topic 'London', as well as information on the Year Two mathematics curriculum, how we teach maths in school and practical activities to support mathematics at home. We hope to see lots of you there!

As we begin the New Year and a busy term, we would like to thank you for your continued support at home and at school especially with homework, reading and spelling. It is so important that the children read and practise their spellings regularly and they should also be encouraged to complete their homework to the best of their ability. All of these things make a difference to your child's achievement and we hope this partnership will continue for the rest of the school year.

We have an action packed term ahead for our London topic. We have attached a topic web for this term, which we hope you will find useful. Please also check bookbags daily and the classroom windows for messages and information about upcoming school events and activities. The first half of the term will focus on modern London and the second half of the term will focus on historic London and in particular The Great Fire of London. On **Wednesday 11th March we will be having a Great Fire of London workshop** to bring the topic alive, which is being paid for by The Friends of Horley Infant School. Thank you.

During the parent consultations at the end of February, (see dates at the foot of this letter) we will be able to update you regarding your child's progress and attainment in reading, writing and mathematics and suggest practical ways to help your child progress further. It would be great to see you all there.

On **Wednesday 15th January from 9.00am until 10.15am and Thursday 16th January from 6.30pm until 8.00pm** we will be hosting an important Year Two assessment information meeting. These are compulsory tests produced by the Government that the children will have to take in May 2020, therefore it is vital that children are in school during this period. In line with our school's 'Request for absence' policy, holiday will not be approved during this time. It is imperative that parents come to one of these meetings, as they will give you an opportunity to look through sample tests, examples of writing expectation and give you a valuable opportunity to find out how the tests are administered and to ask any relevant questions.

Don't forget, 'our door is always open'. Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any school issues that you would like to discuss.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.



Katharine Staples & Susi Care
Dolphin Class



Emily Ritchie & Jackie Doyle
Turtle Class



Ellie Day, Sue Barnes &
Jeanette Allaway
Penguin Class

Dates for Spring Term

January

Monday 6 th	Back to School
Thursday 9 th	Parent meeting at 9:00am
Wednesday 15 th	Year 2 Assessment Information meeting at 9.00am to 10.15am
Thursday 16 th	Year 2 Assessment Information meeting at 6.30pm to 8.00pm

February

Thursday 6 th	Parent Consultations from 3.30pm to 7.00pm
Friday 7 th	Family Day Assembly
Tuesday 11 th	Internet Safety Day
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Friday 14 th	<u>INSET (School Closed)</u>

Half Term 17th – 21st February

Thursday 27 th	Food Festival
Friday 28 th	Dolphins Class Assembly 9.10
Friday 28 th	Multi Faith Day

March

Monday 2 nd	Multi Skills Sports at Oakwood (6 children only)
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day – Dress up as a book character
Friday 6 th	Turtles Class Assembly at 9.10am
Tuesday 10 th	Maths Workshop
Wednesday 11 th	Great Fire of London Day
Friday 13 th	Sport Relief
Friday 13 th	Penguins Class Assembly 9.10
Monday 30 th	Multi Skills Sports at Oakwood (6 children only)
Tuesday 31 st	Cross Country at Burstow (10 children only)

April

Friday 3 rd	Last day of term, break up at 1.45
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End of Term – Friday 3rd April Break Up 1.45pm

Back to school – Monday 20th April

Wednesday 29^h April - summer term parent meeting at 9.10am