



Hornbill Extra!

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Updates

We have had a very good start to the new school year at Hornbill School. Since working together as a full Senior Leadership Team, we have been looking at ways to make Hornbill School even better. One way we have identified is to make the most of the time that we have your children in school and we have supported teachers to further develop their class timetables.

With this newsletter, each class teacher will be sending home their new class timetable and a Year Group Curriculum Statement. This will give you an overview of the school day and, a look into the curriculum your children will be engaging with this term. Please can we ask that you check the new timetable to see where PE, Jungle School, and for some classes, Swimming are in the week.

I am also pleased to be able to let you know that Mr Bowles will be teaching in Year 1 and Mrs J Brown will be teaching in Year 3 for part of the morning session. By adding these two teachers into the classes we are able to offer smaller teaching groups which will focus on developing all children to be the best they can be.

Mr Bowles will also be offering Jungle School to pupils and, Mr Brown and Mr Tomlin will still be offering high quality Art and PE lessons to pupils from FS2 to Year 6 each week. Most pupils will also have an extra session with Mr Tomlin each week to support our commitment to healthy lifestyles.

Our curriculum offer is also expanding as Mrs J Brown will also be teaching French to all pupils in Key Stage Two.

There is more good news for children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2). From Tuesday 27th September at every break time we will be offering those children, a piece of fruit, this will be given free of charge. It is provided by Defence Children Services as part of the Fruit and Vegetables scheme to encourage healthy eating. You are still welcome to send your child in with a small snack for the first break time. The fruit is locally provided, our provider is aware it is for children and are carefully selecting the fruit for us. The fruit will be washed in school before the children are offered it and we hope they will enjoy it.

We are all looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in school tomorrow for our parent hour which will take place between 07:45 and 09:15 (FS1 and FS2 08:15-09:15) and to our Hornbill Helping Hands coffee morning from 09:15-10:00.

As always, if you would like to talk to any of us, call into the school office who will be able to assist you.

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Events.....

23rd September - Parent Hour from 07:45 to 09:15

23rd September—Hornbill Helping Hands and SLT Coffee drop in from 09:15

26th September— Unified lesson start time at 07:45

27th September—Day one of our Foundation Stage and Key Stage One fruit scheme

7th October— Dashain kite making and family picnic

24th—28th October—Half Term

2nd November— Parent evening 13:45 onwards (more information to follow)

7th December—Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Nativity Play

8th December—Key Stage Two Christmas Ensemble

School Governance Committee

MOD Schools do not have a governing body with the same powers as those in England. MOD are the employing body and have responsibility for Hornbill School. Locally there is a School Governance Committee (SGC).

The SGC has a critical role in ensuring positive outcomes for pupils in school by working closely with the senior leadership team (SLT) in agreeing priorities for improvement, ensuring accountability, and monitoring and evaluating school performance.

The SGC acts in the best interests of all pupils in the school, focussed by the question, 'What difference will this make to the pupils in the school?'. We will have more news and updates from our SGC in upcoming editions of this newsletter.

Safeguarding

Mr Walters is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs L Brown is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead.