Horning Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to a new term at Horning Primary School! Despite the snowy start to January, we are delighted to be back and looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

As we begin the new term, I would like to share some staffing updates. Following the retirement of Mrs Bellison, I have taken on the role of Head of School, alongside continuing my role as SENDCo for Horning. You will mainly see me on site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as I also hold a similar role at another school within our federation. However, I am contactable Tuesday to Friday, and our fantastic Horning team will always be happy to support with any queries or requests. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Suswain, who has joined Foxes class and has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our Horning pupils. In addition, we warmly welcome Mrs Richardson, Miss Majchrzak-Galadyk and Mrs Wilson, who will be joining our EYFS and KS1 teams.

Our new learning topics

In Nursery, children will begin the term exploring the topic 'People', followed by 'Past and Present' in Spring Term 2. Otters and Foxes classes will commence their new project, 'Let's Explore!', which promises to spark curiosity, creativity, and a love of learning across the curriculum.

PE Days

- Otters Class: PE kit to be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Foxes Class: PE kit to be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays

Clubs

- This half term, starting next Tuesday, Mrs Branch and Mr Suswain will be hosting teacher-led clubs from 3.15-4.15pm. Mrs Branch will be hosting **Lego** club and Mr Suswain will be hosting **board games** club. This club will run until February half term.
- Premier Sports will commence next Friday (16th January).
- Numbers for these clubs are limited, please email the school office if your child would like a place (first come, first serve!).

Donations for Hedgehogs Preschool and Nursery

Hedgehogs Preschool and Nursery are kindly looking for donations to refresh areas of their continuous provision. We would greatly appreciate any of the following items:

- Toy food

- Play pan sets or tea sets
- Dressing-up costumes (especially emergency services: police, doctor, vet, firefighter, etc.)
- Cake tins, cake boards, muffin cases, numbered candles
- Photo frames
- Toy vehicles including cars, diggers, tractors, emergency vehicles

Please kindly drop any donations off at the school office.



<u>Parent Event – STEM Afternoon - *Think Like An Engineer!*</u>
We are excited to invite all families to our first parent event of 2026!
On **Thursday 15th January, from 2:00–3:00pm**, we will be hosting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) event. Families will have the opportunity to work alongside their children on fun, hands-on challenges inspired by the Norfolk engineer James Dyson. This will be a fantastic opportunity to explore creativity, problem-solving, and innovation together. Light refreshments will be provided, and we hope to see many of you there.

<u>Recognising Positive Behaviour at Horning Primary</u>
We are proud to celebrate our pupils' achievements and positive behaviour. This term we will:



- Host 'Winner Wednesdays' – weekly celebrations recognising pupils who go over and above.
- Award merits for following school expectations, outstanding learning, kindness, and extra effort. Merits can be spent in our school merit shop, open every Wednesday and run by our Year 6 pupils.
- Make positive phone calls home, made regularly by staff to share great news about your child.
- Host half-termly celebration assemblies, where selected pupils who have shown significant progress and improvement will be recognised. Parents will be invited by invitation only.

<u>Key Dates</u>
Please see below for key dates for your diary this term. Further information about each event will be shared closer to the time.

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 14th January	9.30	*Reception and Year 6 only* Hearing and Sight Screening
Thursday 15th January	2-3	*Reception to Year 6 only* 'Think Like An Engineer!' - Parent Event
Friday 30th January	9-10	Family Hub
Monday 2nd February	2.15-3.15	*Hedgehogs Preschool only* 'All about us' - Parent Event
Tuesday 3rd February	All day	Number Day! Dress up as a digit and raise money for NSPCC. Parents event hosted from 2.30pm. More information to follow.

Wednesday 4th February - Friday 6th February	Y4 Hilltop Residential	
Friday 13th February	9-10	Family Hub
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February	Half Term	
Tuesday 3rd March	Y6 Careers Fair	
Thursday 5th March	All day	World Book Day! Parent event hosted from 2.30pm. More information to follow.
Monday 16th March	2.15-3.15	*Hedgehogs Preschool only* 'Past and Present' - Parent Event
Tuesday 17th March	TBC	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March	TBC	Parents Evening
Monday 23rd March	1.30-3	Easter Extravaganza at Horning Village Hall More information to follow.
Friday 27th March	9-10	Family Hub
Friday 27th March	End of Term	

General Reminders

- Please ensure your child comes to school with a **coat and wellies**, so they can access the field at playtimes.
- Uniforms should remain smart: **red jumper or cardigan, white t-shirt or shirt, black or grey trousers/shorts/skirt, and black shoes.**
- On PE days, children should wear a **white t-shirt and grey/black/navy joggers and jumper.**
- **Hoodies and jewellery are not permitted on PE days** for health and safety reasons, and **long hair must be tied up.**
- **Water bottles** should be brought into school daily.
- The **one-way system** for drop-off and collection will continue now that the snow and ice have melted.

I look forward to being part of the Horning Primary school community and working closely with you and your children this term.

Warm regards

Kathryn Andrews
Head of School