



Whole school values for the term: Perseverance and responsibility

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Kathy Wood MBE, Headteacher and all the staff members, we wish all the children and parents a very Happy New Year. We hope 2010 brings you more success, happiness and prosperity. We hope you had a wonderful holiday. Mrs Wood is away in Germany this week to attend meetings and conduct interviews. She is back in school on Thursday 14 January. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Miss Nicola Percy, Deputy Headteacher or me should you have any queries or concerns.

Have a good weekend.

Rajesh Thapa
Deputy Headteacher

NEPALI READING AND WRITING LESSONS

Our Nepali Reading and Writing lessons will resume from Monday 11 January 2010.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to children who joined this this term - Theresa-Marie McLean and Kevin Rai in Year 2 Ruby and Asim Magar in Year Year 6 Maroon. We hope Theresa enjoys her time with us and we are so pleased to have her in Hornbill. Likewise, we extend a warm welcome to Mr Gyanendra Banks, who is our new Nepali Specialist Teacher in Year 1. Mr Banks brings a lot of experience from Nepal and is a man of many talents especially in music. Our children and school will certainly benefit from his experience and talents. We are very pleased to have him in our staff and hope his stay and experience working in Hornbill School is wonderful.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Due to the ongoing construction work in the school area, access to school for vehicles is now restricted to buses only from 0715-0745 hours and 1315-1345 hours. Please also see the Standing Instructions dated 15 December 2010. We ask all the children and parents to be extra careful while walking to and from school as the school road will be busy with buses.

Family Learning Programme (FLP)

Our first for this term will be held on Wednesday 13 January at the Main Site from 1700 - 1745 hours for parents whose children are in Phase 2 and/or Phase 3 (Year 1 to Year 6). The session will focus on our 21st Century Curriculum and it will give you opportunities to develop further understanding of the curriculum as well as ask questions. Please do come along. Our next FLP will be on Wednesday 27 January at the Main Site from 1700-1745 hours for parents whose children are in Phase 1 (Foundation Stage). Here, we will focus on Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and help you develop further your understanding of the FS curriculum as well as ask questions. Please do come along.

CONGRATULATIONS
 Our heartiest congratulations to Mr John Redman for his appointment as Assistant Headteacher and Phase Leader for Phase 1 (FS) as of 01 January 2010. Mr Redman is very experienced and his expertise in ICT will certainly benefit the children and school. We wish him all the best and every success in his new role of Assistant Headteacher.

LAUNCH PADS
 Our Launch Pads are taking place next week on different days for different classes. Letters have been sent home.

KEEPING HEALTHY AND FIT
 Our Tai Chi sessions will resume from Tuesday 12 January at the Main Site from 0730 till 0745 hours. Tai Chi sessions are held every Tuesday and Thursday. Come join us and make a healthy start to your day!

Foundation
 We would like to extend our warmest welcome to the following children and staff who are joining FS1 this week, Prakriti Rai, Sesehang Tumbapo, Kritagya Limbu, Yukta Rai and Mrs Shakuntala Rai in Purple Class, George Whelan, Aaron Gurung and Mrs Sumitra Rai in Blue Class, Minang Rai and Mrs Usha Gurung in Red Class and Mrs Laura Oakes in Green Class.
 We are looking forward to our launch pads next week. In FS1 we are going on a 'leaf walk' to hunt for evidence of caterpillar life and in FS2 we are having a visit from a mystery character.
 I am pleased to announce that swimming will start for FS2 on Monday 11th January. FS1 swimming will start on the week commencing 18th January with Blue and Purple class on Wednesdays, Red class on Thursdays and Green class on Fridays.
 For next Thursday's Phonics session we would like the children from FS2 to bring in, a change of clothes, wellies, umbrella and a waterproof coat (only if you have them).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 05 Jan 10 School reopens for Term 2 Hornbill School
- 11 Jan 10 Mid-Year Assessment start, Launch Pads for FS-Year 6, Nepali Reading and Writing Lessons begin
- 12 Jan 10 Tai Chi sessions resume from 0730-0745 hours at the Main Site. All are welcome to join in.
- 13 Jan 10 Family Learning Programme on 21st Century Curriculum at the Main Site at 1700 hours for parents who have children in Y1-Y6.
- 18 Jan 10 After School Clubs begin.
- 25 Jan 10 Parent-Teachers' Meetings begin this week
- 27 Jan 10 Family Learning Programme on Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum for FS parents at the Main Site at 1700 hrs.