



WEATHER CONDITIONS

We were pleased to be able to re-open this morning. Thank you to everyone for their support with this and to the staff for getting to work despite difficult journeys. We will continue to use the office entrance as the only entrance and exit whilst the poor weather continues. It is helpful if parents do not enter the building at these times in order to keep the stairwell clear and dry.

Thank you to everyone who took notice of our request not to drive into Horniman Drive. This has made it possible for us to keep the school open. We ask that this request remains in place until the road is clear of ice. It is important to check the website on Monday morning for any updated information. We will also continue to use the texting service to keep parents and carers informed. Please contact the school office if you are not currently receiving texts and would like to.

CLUB NEWS

Clubs start again next week. Club places remain the same unless we have been informed otherwise. We will be sending information out next week regarding club places for new reception and KS1 children. We will be opening an additional cooking club on Tuesdays. This club will also include other design and making activities. We also have a new eco club starting on Tuesday evenings. The club will be run by Sofie Hashmi and will start on January 19th. Emily Brand and Freddy Morris will be running the Multi-Skills Club. Freddy Morris will be running the after school football clubs next week. Application forms for the two new clubs will follow next week.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Adam Gillett on the arrival of his daughter Eden. Adam is currently on paternity leave and will return on Monday 18th January. Welcome back Emily Brand to YR1 (previously Wallis) who has been away travelling for a term. This term we have welcomed three new members of staff: Elaine Holness, who joins our cleaning team; Venetia Gayle, who will be working at After School Club on Friday evenings and Richard Atoyebi, who is a new teaching assistant in YR5.

YR1 MEET THE TEACHER

There will be an opportunity for Year 1 parents and carers to meet Emily on Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm in the YR1 classroom.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We currently have two parent governor vacancies. Carolyn Robinson and Ivana Milanovic's terms of office have ended. Carolyn has been a governor at Horniman for 8 years and Ivana for 4 years. I would like to thank them both for the contribution they have made to the school during this time and Carolyn for the effective way she has carried out her role of chair during the last year. Malcolm Finnie, who is currently vice chair, has stepped up to the role of chair. Information about how to become a parent governor will be sent out early next week.

On Monday 4th January staff and governors reviewed the aims of the school, The Children's Charter and our long term priorities. This week each class has had a task to complete relating to this. The tasks were as follows:

Reception: Make a poster which has 10 things we do on it to make people feel welcome.

YR1: Make a patchwork quilt of pictures which show 20 different things which make you feel happy about being at Horniman.

YR2: Make a calendar - each month will have a poster on it which will show one of our top 12 reasons why we like coming to Horniman.

YR3: Make some posters which will help children to remember the school rules.

YR4: Write the school aims in child friendly language using less than 30 words.

YR5: Update The Children's Charter and make a poster to display the charter.

YR6: Write a poem with the title 'Our School' and paint pictures to illustrate the poem.

Despite the snow most classes were able to share their work with us in assembly this morning.

PTA NEWS

Our next meeting will be on Monday 25th January 2010 at 7.00pm in the library. We will be discussing our Winter Wonderland Ball, future events and allocating of funds.

DIARY DATES

Dates for this term will be published in next week's newsletter.