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HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Our cake sale and coin trail raised £509.63 for the Haiti earthquake appeal. A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity. This is a very impressive achievement. We would like to make a special mention to Jaden Carter (YR5), Sizwe Mshanga and Lauren Purssey (YR6) who spent most of the previous week baking cakes and produced over 200 cakes for the event. Congratulations also go to YR1 whose coin trail stretched the whole length of the hall and half way back again.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Last week classes from YR1 up to YR6 had the important task of electing their new school council representatives. These representatives will serve from now until the end of the summer term. The following children were elected:

- YR1 Arthur Satchwell Robinson and Tahia Al Rashid
- YR2 Max Grahn-Yau and Kamarae Angus
- YR3 Eva Ellis and Dylan Lee-Finnie
- YR4 Fae Brearley and Jacob Allen
- YR5 Tendai Oscar-Hagard and Marina Lee
- YR6 Eleanor Leaver and Patrick Gwyther

School Council is led by Emily Brand and Adam Gillett and meets once every two weeks. Class councils also take place on a two weekly cycle so that all children have the opportunity to express their views and ideas.

PARENT/CARER HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS

There has been some confusing and conflicting advice in the press over the last few months relating to parents and volunteers who help in schools. We would like to clarify arrangements at Horniman for Criminal Records Bureau checks. We actively welcome parent and volunteer involvement in school. We consider that this enhances learning opportunities for children and makes a wide range of off site activities and trips possible. Some of our parents and carers are already CRB checked. We are building a list of CRB checked parents who are available to attend trips and work on site with individuals and small groups of children. From the beginning of the summer term priority will be given to parents and carers who are

CRB checked. Only parents and carers who are CRB checked are able to work unsupervised with children. All other parents and carers will continue to work under the supervision of the class teacher or member of support staff.

Please remember that it is important to sign in and out of the visitors book at the office when helping in school. Please complete the slip below if you would like to complete a CRB check. Suzy Deadman will contact you with the necessary information.

CRICKET

Congratulations to our cricket team who won both games in the first league fixtures. They will be competing against local schools over the next 5 weeks in the Forest Hill league. There are 24 leagues and winners of the league will take part in a final at Lord's Cricket Ground.

HALF TERM PLAYScheme

We will be running our playscheme during February half term; Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February. The times will be 9.00am - 5.45pm (full day) or 9.00am - 1.30pm/2.00pm - 5.45pm (half day). The cost is £16 per full day or £10 per half day. (£14 per day for ASC children and £8 per half day). Half day places will not be available on Wednesday 17th February due to a planned day trip. Please complete the slip below if you require a place. All payments must be made in full in advance by 3pm on Friday 5th February 2010. An application form and timetable of events can be downloaded from the school website by clicking on clubs and February half term playscheme 2010.

LEWISHAM DANCE SHOWCASE

We have 15 Key Stage 2 children performing in the Lewisham Dance Showcase at Lewisham Theatre on Thursday 2nd February. Good luck to everyone who is taking part. The rehearsals have looked impressive. Families hoping to attend the event need to purchase tickets directly from Lewisham Theatre. We have been advised that the event is nearly sold out.

HORNIMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING HALF TERM PLAYScheme REQUEST

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Mon 15th
Full day

Tue 16th
Full day

Wed 17th
Full day only

Thurs 18th
Full day

Fri 19th
Full day

Half day
AM/PM

Half day
AM/PM

Half day
AM/PM

Half day
AM/PM

PLEASE CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE

HORNIMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR CRB CHECK

Name: _____

Child's Class: _____

Contact phone number: _____



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BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY

We are aware that some Key Stage 1 children are being left unsupervised at the beginning of the school day. We ask that all children in Key Stage 1 have an adult with them until the bell is rung at 8.55am.

From Monday 1st February we are changing the collection point for children who are collected late from Playtime Club. Uncollected children will now wait in the dining area. There will be a late collection register for parents and carers to sign on arrival. This way we will know all children have been collected. We appreciate your cooperation with prompt collection at the end of clubs. Some evenings we have over 100 children staying for after school activities.

STAFF NEWS

There are no classes that require cover next week.

GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

The best classes at getting to school on time this week were YR1 and YR5 with four lates each. Well done YR1 & 5! The class with the highest attendance this week was Reception with an impressive 98.67%.

YR3 AND 4 REQUEST

If you have any scraps of materials (different textures), cardboard and paper; please send them in to the YR3 or 4 classroom to be used in their collage making project.

VACANCIES

We are currently advertising for a lunch time playworker post on the school noticeboard. We are also advertising for qualified teachers who are available to tutor YR6 pupils in school. This is a new DCSF initiative.

GARDENING MORNING

Saturday 27th February 2010

We have organised for a gardening morning for Saturday after half term (9.00am—12.00noon). We need help with building some new allotment beds and setting up our new green house. The last gardening morning we organised was a very enjoyable and productive occasion. We hope that lots of people will be able to join us.

PTA NEWS

Earthquake appeal

Thank you to everyone who made cakes, gave donations and came along to support the cake sale last Friday. We made over £400 at the cake sale including £50 donated in the PTA in tray. One person filled out the Gift Aid declaration so the appeal will get an extra £5-£7. In addition, the coin trail money has now been counted (£90) giving a grand total of £509.63 to go to the appeal. Well done to everyone. We have made a real difference.

Annual Pub Quiz

The annual pub quiz is at the Forest Hill Tavern on Monday 1st February. It starts at 9pm. There are lots of prizes to win and great fun to be had. Entry is £3 per person or £10 a team. The Governors are planning to win all the prizes and it is rumoured that the staff teams have been practising during school hours! The result will be published in next week's newsletter.

Help wanted

We'd really like to do a Saturday morning car wash. We need some volunteers to co-ordinate it. We thought it could be at school when the weather gets better. Music optional. Further information to follow next week.

Bingo

The first ever Horniman PTA bingo party will take place on Tuesday 30th March (3 – 4.30pm). Tickets and details of refreshments will be available after half term. Stick the date in your diary now. We are also looking for a volunteer caller.

PTA Secretary

We have a new interim secretary – Karen Smith (Abigail – Year 3) – who is secretary until the end of March. Congratulations to Karen.

Christmas trees

A big thank you to Tom Dunn who co-ordinated the tree sale. We raised over £700.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

The next Parent/Carer Coffee Morning will be held on Friday 5th February from 9.30am -10.30am in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

Horniman Community Noticeboard

To place a free item on the notice board, email admin@horniman.lewisham.sch.uk

Events

New ! Dress Your Cake. Bring us a plain, shop bought cake and we will 'dress it' with your child's name, age and a specially handcrafted 3D edible cake topper of your choice. Anything is possible. Go to www.thecouturecookieshop.co.uk to view a selection of our toppers, personalised cookies and every other home baked treat you can think of !