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We were pleased to be back in school on Wednesday after snow closed the school for two days. We hope everyone was able to get up to date information about the school closure. We were able to keep the school website regularly updated. If the weather continues to worsen over the weekend please check the school website for updated information.

The snow did mean that a few events were disrupted this week. The YR6 trip to Deptford Creek has been postponed until Friday 20th March. The MAD Theatre Group who were due to visit the school on Monday are re-arranging another date to visit.

No charges will be made for Breakfast Club, After School Club or enrichment clubs for Monday and Tuesday. All club bills will be adjusted to reflect this.

*We would love to see some of your photographs of the snow and would like to include some of these on the school website. Please email to admin@horniman.lewisham.sch.uk.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2009

This year we are having a big focus on book making. Every child will be making a book in school. World Book Day takes place on Friday 6th March. For our competition we are having a footwear theme and inviting everyone to enter. You may wish to make a shoe to depict a favourite book or to decorate an item of footwear. We will be selling resource packs after school next Thursday and Friday so that children can get going with their designs over half term.

As part of our celebration we will be making our own story tent and are inviting parents and carers to get involved with this in school. Each class will be designing and making a fabric panel for the tent. More information will follow after half term.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

Governors met this week for their main meeting of the term. We discussed the School Improvement Plan and School Achievement Review, looking at data on pupil progress, and discussed the targets set for pupil progress this year. We looked at aims for the Spring Term - one of the most exciting events will be the arrival of the new community room at the end of March, which is going to be placed next to the library. The school has managed to secure further funding - the biggest amount (£40k) is for developing the front entrance of the school - this will increase security, create safer access to the main entrance, and provide disability access. Arrangements have been made to set the 2009/10 budget and reports were received from sub-committees (curriculum, personnel and finance & premises). Finally, we considered the results of the parents' questionnaire and noted that governors need to improve communications - the first thing we will do is to update the governors' page on the website, and we agreed to re-introduce the annual meeting where we present a governors' report to parents.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

The Quantum Theatre Group will be visiting school on Monday 9th February during the morning. They will be performing a production called 'Walking to School'.

STAFF NEWS

Classes requiring cover next week:

Wed	YR5	Nawal Shamkhi
	YR4	Sarah Chapman
	YR1	Rosanne Posner
Thurs	YR5	Nawal Shamkhi

PTA NEWS

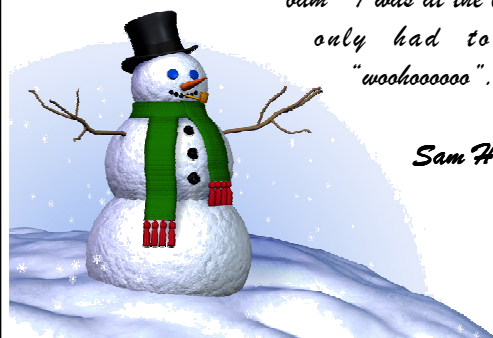
New Parents' Welcome Evening. All Reception parents and new parents to the school are invited to attend a welcome party this Thursday from 6.30pm in the school dining area. A crèche will be available.

SNOW REPORT

As I walked out the front door I felt the crisp and crunchy white snow beneath my feet. I shivered at the bitterness of the snow as it crept down my back. The snow was slippery and watery as I walked on the deserted road. The road was deserted because the snow was so hazardous. There were gleaming icicles hanging under the parked cars on the side of the road. I approached the black gate of the park and looked at the ground which was covered in toboggan trails. The park looked like a massive giant had laid a white table cloth over the park; it was picture perfect in every way and the trees were also covered in beautiful white snow. I stuck out my cherry red tongue and let the icy snowflakes fall slowly on to my tongue.

I was now in the crowded land of the park where there were people in broken suitcases, rusty trolleys, mattresses and multi-coloured toboggans. There were children wrapped up warm and were throwing perfectly round snowballs. Every once in a while a snowball would shatter into a million pieces as it hits an unlucky child. There were igloos and tall snowmen everywhere in the park.

My feet were numb in my green wellington boots as I walked up to the greasy hill where there was a line of eager people waiting to go down the hill. I lined up and before I knew it I was roaring down the hill at colossal speeds. My toboggan slowed down but the exhilarating ride had not yet finished when I went down the ramp which led into the concrete football pitch. With a "bump" and a "bam" I was at the bottom of the ramp. I only had to say one thing "woohooooo".



Sam Hyatt YRS



Horniman Community Noticeboard

To place an item on the noticeboard, please email Jo Wayman by 3pm on Wednesdays:

waymanjc@gmail.com

REMINDERS

Books for Schools. Tokens are coming in thick and fast. There are only four weeks left, so keep going! Tokens are in *The Sunday Times*. Please gather as many tokens as you can from your workplace too.

EVENTS

St Augustine's Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group re-opens at St Augustine's Church, One Tree Hill on Wednesday 25th February at 9.45am (till 11.30am). Everyone is welcome!

WANTED

Old armchairs. The scruffier the better! Email sarah.dix@bbc.co.uk.

FOR SALE

Ski Jacket & Salopettes. Hennes navy/white/petrol blue Ski Jacket and matching Salopettes age 4-5. The salopettes have removable braces and both items are in VGC. OIRO £10. Red/Black snow gloves for 1-2 years. 50p. Call Katie/Sam 020 8291 5984 or email catherine.hyatt@btinternet.com.

Qualcast Electric Lawnmower. Working order, but not suitable for our garden. Free. Email Lvilleneuve@aol.com or call 020 8699 9598.

Child's Bike Seat. Hamax discovery, with instruction manual. Up to 22Kg/5-6 year old. £20. Email Lvilleneuve@aol.com or call 020 8699 9598.

Inglesina Zippy Pushchair with Carrycot Attachment. Pushchair well used, but in OK condition. Carrycot hardly used and in good condition. Covers for both included. £25 (or thereabouts). Call Helen 07967 126148.

CHILDCARE

Au Pair. German Student from the Black Forest would like to spend 6 weeks as an au pair starting in June with an English speaking family to improve her English speaking skills. Polite, friendly girl. Please email marina-hepting@gmx.net.

SERVICES

Reflexology. Annabel Green MAR offers treatment for an individual's total health, balancing the body's systems and reducing stress levels for overall well-being. Full member of the Association of Reflexologists, full professional indemnity insurance. £10 discount for Horniman families. Annabel Green MAR 07769 906747.

Piano Lessons. After school and Saturdays. Beginners welcome. Caroline Harris
Tel: 020 8692 8081 or 07905 274577.

HOLIDAY LETS

Italy. Delightful 2 double bed rustic house on edge of hill-top village near Imperia (Liguria) available to let. 20 min drive to sea, good walking. 2 hours Nice/Genoa. £500-800 pcm. Available from May - October. Long lets preferred. Not suitable for small children. Email Lvilleneuve@aol.com or call 020 8699 9598.