



## Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Where, oh where did the warm sun go? This question was asked several times on Wednesday when **Reception** had their trip to the Rare Breeds Farm. Luckily, when you're 4 or 5 years old, the excitement of the coach journey, lunch and being on a trip means that you rarely notice the weather conditions. We counted them all out and we counted them all back again and all seem to have had a great day.

When poor weather occurs, we sometimes need to lend out pairs of **trousers** to children who have fallen over in the wet conditions. It would be great to have these back, please, so if you notice an extra pair of trousers in the wash basket with a name that you don't recognise, please return them to the school office so that other victims of trips and slips can be the lucky recipients on other occasions.

We had a great evening at **Bangers and Bingo** yesterday with over 100 children having huge fun and learning some bingo lingo. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who made it happen before, during and after the event and congratulations to Mrs Hacker who only dropped the balls all over the floor on two occasions!

I'm delighted to inform you that we are now a registered provider of after school care for those of you in receipt of **Childcare Vouchers**. If you are part of the childcare voucher scheme, this can subsidise what is already a low cost option for your child's time after school. To take full advantage of the scheme, contact our Extended Services Manager via email on [margaret.wood@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:margaret.wood@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk). There are new forms accompanying this newsletter regarding opportunities in the summer term with full details on timings and costs.

**Also after school**, it is important to remember that your children should be collected at 3.20 and that if they are juniors it is not possible for them to hang around on school premises until you arrive some time later. We have had a few children just waiting around and it simply isn't possible (or legal) for this to happen. If juniors are still on site after 3.30 without parental supervision, for their own safety and security we will bring them in to Extra Hours Club and a charge will be made. If you are on the premises with your children after school, can you please ensure that they are not encroaching on after school activities that take place on the school playground and field.

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### Sporting Opportunity

Horsmonden Cricket Club, Youth Section Sign Up will take place on Wednesday April 15th at 6pm, at the Cricket Club. Cricket training will start on April 22nd and 23rd.

- Under 11's - Years 5 & 6 - Wednesdays - 6 - 7.30pm - £40.
- Under 9's - Up to Year 4 - Thursdays: 5.30 - 7pm. - £30.

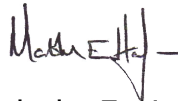
£5 sign up fee. Discounts apply if you have more than 1 child attending. Everyone welcome; for further information, please contact Neil Rigby - [neil@eqmedia.co.uk](mailto:neil@eqmedia.co.uk).

Next Thursday morning starts with **Stations of the Cross**, a deeply thoughtful experience for those of you who have not attended one before. If you would like to join us, take a seat in the hall when you bring your child in and, following a short introduction, you can progress round the school with the children on a short pilgrimage of presentations by Year 5 which help us to focus on the parts of our life that really matter. Please help us maintain the dignity of the occasion by staying as quiet as you can during the whole event, which will last for about an hour in total.

The afternoon changes the mood of the school dramatically and sets us up well for the holiday as children maraud across the grounds at the **Easter Egg Hunt**. If you haven't got your forms in, you'll need to get a move on.

Remember that the last day of this term is next Thursday and that the children will be returning to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. We'll be starting the term with a CBBC production crew in school on that day, but more about that next week!

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster