



# Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter and were able to make the best of the good bits of weather that we had. A number of you asked about the poles in the ground that sprung up over the holiday and by the time this newsletter reaches you many of you will have seen the finished articles. They are **sail shades**, designed to give children protection from the blistering sunshine (!) and the Friends Association have provided us with 9 around the school. This means that children will be able to work and play outdoors more regularly without the worry of sunburn and should we get another heatwave this year life will become more comfortable.

It was also a surprise for those of you in Reception and Year 1 to see **the wall** that has appeared separating the two areas. This enables both classes to make better use of the space that they have as well as reduce the background noise for each class when quiet sessions are taking place.

Thursday is **St George's Day** for which we are holding a special celebration assembly at 09:00. Children in uniformed organisations will play an essential part in our assembly and those of you whose children are taking part are very welcome to join with us for their procession into assembly and presentation of their flags. Children in Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts are welcome to wear their uniforms throughout the day in what is a celebration of the very best of the values and location of our beautiful country.

We now hold a proper licence for the showing of **DVDs**, which is mainly of benefit to Extra Hours Club and, of course, right at the end of term in classes. From time to time we want to show some films that hold a PG rating, many of which are Disney produced. The films we show are very carefully selected for content and rather than sending out permission slips on every occasion we would like to be able to show those films to all children unless we have received a note from you asking us not to. If this is the case, please send your note directly to me. If you have any unwanted DVDs, please send them in to enable us to vary the repertoire – the DVD player isn't used very much after school but it's good to have something worthwhile when it's switched on.

Many congratulations to the **Indoor Athletics Team** who took part in a competition on the last afternoon of term and won first place in spite of competing against larger schools. Their attitude of sportsmanship as well as spirit of competitiveness shone through in a great victory at our first attempt in such a competition.

And finally... many congratulations to **Miss Dunn** who is expecting her first child later this year. For all of us who have been teaching for some time, the experience of our own children strengthens what we believe in and the values we hold dear and when you're starting with the quality of Miss Dunn I know that children in future years after her return from maternity will continue to benefit hugely from her outstanding teaching.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster

