



## Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It's been great to make good use of the sail shades this week, giving us a timely reminder as to the benefits your children get from the Friends Association. The big fundraiser of the year will soon be here and we're delighted that Bloco Fogo will be adding to the atmosphere by the bucket load in making **the fete** a very special event for the school community. Please bring in books, toys, games and suitable items for the White Elephant Stall. We will be running the very successful **Bottle Tombola**, please donate any full, in date, unopened bottles for this stall. Here are a few ideas apple juice, bubble bath, tomato ketchup, wine will all be gratefully received and as in previous years we will be running a **competition between the classes** to see who collects the most bottles for the stall. **Help is required** on the day and next week a rota will be going up in the reception lobby asking for volunteers to look after a stall for a half hour slot.

**Infant Sports Day** takes place next Thursday afternoon in what will be glorious sunshine! If you're able to make it, the fun starts at 1.30 p.m. and in the event of poor weather we'll send you a text on the morning. Please do come along, encourage your children and enjoy the games!

I heard on the radio this week that the Inland Revenue are looking to use private debt collection agencies to retrieve unpaid taxes. Whilst offering them advice to start with the House of Commons, I also thought we should put our own house in order a little bit. The accumulated debt for **unpaid school dinners** has gone beyond £500, for which the school will be held liable at the end of term. I'm sure we'd all be disappointed if money was diverted from equipment in school to pay for outstanding dinner debts, so could you please ensure that you are fully paid up at your earliest convenience.

Wednesday night is competition night in **Extra Hours Club**, starting next week with a karaoke competition. There will be a prize for the winner, drinks and biscuits and it's £3.50 up to 4.30 p.m; booking forms are available from Margaret Wood or in the school office.

Following the outcome of the Independent Appeal Panel on admissions, we now know that next year's Reception class will have more than 30 children. To comply with legal requirements for infant classes, these children will be in the highly fortunate situation of having two teachers as well as their teaching assistants and I am delighted to tell you that **Miss Susan Barden** has been appointed as an additional Reception teacher from September. I am also delighted to inform you that **Mrs Rachel Thompson** has been appointed to undertake her Graduate Teacher Placement in Year 1 as an additional teacher, meaning that the current Reception class will also have two teachers for the majority of the week. We are confident that both teachers will bring significant benefits to the school as well as to our youngest children.

And finally... don't forget it's the **Village Pet Show** on Sunday which takes place on the Village Green. Animals arrive at midday and judging starts soon after in what promises to be a great village event as well as another opportunity to raise funds for the Locket Green Regeneration Fund.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster

