



# Horsmonden Primary School

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Mr Malcolm E. Hayes

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Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking everybody who worked so hard to make last Saturday's **Fete** an extraordinary success. The work of the Friends' committee in the run-up to the day ensured that things went smoothly. The army of helpers on the day meant that it wasn't just three people at either end of the occasion doing all the donkey work. Everybody who helped out on stalls ensured a fair distribution of effort during the day. Bloco Fogo gave the day an excellent start and conclusion. Disco Dave kept the atmosphere going all day – and gave his services free of charge (I have his contact details for discos if you want them). The mass of people who came and stayed kept the atmosphere alive. The children took part with enthusiasm, good humour and good behaviour. The £4,000 raised (£800 up on last year) was a richly deserved prize to reward the efforts of everybody who organised, assisted and supported the day and you know from walking round the school that FoHPS money is used really well in making a positive difference to the lives of your children in school. THANK YOU!

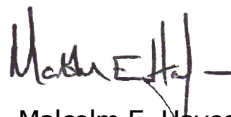
I would also like to thank you and the staff for the combined commitment shown this week at the **Parent Consultation Evenings**. It makes a long day for teachers and it's a challenge for you as well in organising babysitters or rushing from the station to make the appointments. All those of you muttering negatively about Mr Brown's lack of availability early on Thursday evening should feel thoroughly ashamed of yourselves – he was actually at a cricket tournament with your children!! Most of the appointments ran to time and the Year 6 children did an excellent job in organising the evenings and approximately 3,000 gallons of tea was served up during the evenings! I'm deeply impressed at the children's washing up skills!

A few bits and pieces now:

- Between now and the end of term, Miss Rebecca Jarrett will be teaching Year 4 each Tuesday and Reception each Thursday.
- Year 5 parents – if you are wanting your child to take the 11+ test in September, remember that you need to register by 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- Instrumentalists, have you signed up for the Junior Performance from Scratch Day next Friday? If you don't play an instrument, you are very welcome to come along to the performance which will begin at approximately 2:15 p.m.
- There's an attachment from BBC3, who are after homes that need a makeover. Fancy being a TV star? Full details accompany this newsletter.
- There's also an attachment about the summer campout on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Zoe Ferguson is now ordering stock for the new intake in September. Anybody wishing to replenish their uniform needs to place orders by the end of June, to allow time for stock to be received before the end of term. We now have girl cardigans which are at an introductory price of £10 but will increase to £11.50 after this order. Jordan Allen in Year 3 and Nicola Lister in Year 1 have been modelling these items. Please feel free to speak to them and their mums who have been diligently washing, ironing and generally test running the garments. Anybody ordering after the end of June may not receive their items for the start of September term. Pick up an order form from the front entrance or hand it to Zoe direct.

Yours sincerely,

  
Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster

**Don't forget** Infant Sports Day next Wednesday. If the weather looks bad, we'll text you first thing to let you know what's happening.

