



# Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you for the excellent turnout at last night's open evening. It's a really important opportunity to share our hopes and aspirations for the year and such a high turnout makes a big difference in how we're able to move forward together.

And so on with future events. We need to change the date of **Harvest Festival** to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Sometimes we fail to spot the obvious, and it was pointed out to us this week that Wednesday afternoon is when the Over 60's meet, which means that many recipient's aren't at home. We'll therefore go for the Tuesday and give our local pensioners the treat of the children. Does anybody have a couple of bales of straw that we could borrow? Please let Miss Hudson (Year 4) know. Full instructions for the Harvest Festival Day will appear in next week's newsletter.

**Fun Football** will start again, next SATURDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> : 9.30 - 11.00, at Horsmonden Sports Ground. Years 1 - 6 for just £1 per child. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Neil Rigby if you are able to help on 723713 or [neil@eqmedia.co.uk](mailto:neil@eqmedia.co.uk) .

There's a **clarinet for sale**: It is a Rosetti 500 Series Bb Clarinet. It cost £299 new but it's open to offers! Anyone interested can either contact Anne Weare through Tara in year 5 or on 891283.

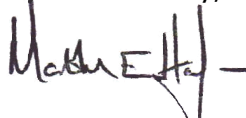
"A Message from Deborah Hancock: You may remember that a few of you kindly agreed to sponsor Emily and I to take part in the half marathon Sun Walk in Newcastle in aid of Breast Cancer Research ... well, we did it on Sunday 19th July in glorious sunshine and in a great time of 3 hours 15 minutes! Obviously it would be good to get the money sent to the charity as soon as possible and so I would be very grateful if anyone who agreed to sponsor me could put the money in an envelope with their name on it and pop it through my door. I live at Longworth on the Maidstone Road in Horsmonden, right opposite the entrance to Morley Drive so most of you will either walk or drive past my house on the way to and from school! It was a while ago now so if you are not sure what amount you agreed to donate, please give me a call on 722661 and I can let you know. Thank you so much for your generosity. Best wishes, Deborah"

Do you have any old gardening gloves, tools or equipment that **Gardening Club** would find useful? If you do, we'd love to relieve you of it, so please contact Miss O'Donoghue, Miss Hardwell or Mrs Price who will greet you warmly and relieve you of your artefacts!

We're supporting the **Samaritan's Purse Shoebox** campaign for Christmas, which enables us to be a part of the largest children's Christmas project in the world. If you or your child would like to fill a shoebox full of goodies and gifts to send to a child in a disadvantaged situation, there are information leaflets available from Sarah in the office.

And finally, last week's **competition slot** went down very well, and I'm delighted that Rebecca in Year 1 has given me the opportunity for another one this week. Can you guess which member of staff this is about? Whilst chatting over lunch, Rebecca looked up and said, "My grandmother is just like Mrs \*\*\*, only younger. She had a birthday last week and it was a zero and an 8". Naturally I wish to keep the identity of this individual highly confidential (Midday Meals Supervisors are not eligible to enter!).

Yours sincerely,

  
Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster

