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Dear Parents,

A normal week! It's been a while... Thank you for the responses for Bring Your Dad To School Day that you've sent in so far; please get them back to us as soon as you're able to commit to help us plan for the morning and the lunch afterwards.

Looking ahead to next week, don't forget the **Friends of Horsmonden Primary School AGM** on Thursday evening. For all the reasons outlined last week, it would be great to have a good turnout.

Looking ahead slightly further, a reminder that on February 9th and 11th we have our formal **Parent Consultation Sessions**. Lists will be put on tables in the computer suite on Monday 1st February for you to sign in for an appointment and we'll remind you by text on the day. These consultations are your opportunity to talk about your child's progress at the half-way point in the year, identifying areas of focus for us all to work on in the remaining months. The week before, your child's teacher will also be issuing a half-year progress report, which will give you a written indication of their effort and progress made so far in English, Maths, Science and ICT along with some general comments on other subjects and aspects of their school life. This is new to the reporting process, so we'll be interested to know what you think.

We'd also like to know what you think about some of the core features of this school. The **Behaviour, Ethos, Values and Aspiration** perpetuated throughout the school are aspect of our work which we regard as crucial in underpinning success. Since September 2008, 43% of our children are new to the school, which is a huge proportion who have immersed themselves into the expectations and aspirations that the rest have come to regard as normal. What we'd like to hear about from you is your opinion on what makes this school special with regard to the above and what you'd like us to develop further. We're after the generic issues rather than specific incidents to help us put together a document which celebrates and protects the very best of what we do as well as support our continuing development. For those of you who have transferred from, or have good knowledge of, other settings, what are the differences; are there aspects that we should particularly protect or are there lessons we can learn. Please either write in or, ideally, email in with your feedback.

Running Club trials are on Monday afternoon for the next competition. We're aiming high and if your child is interested in having a go, please let us know on Monday if they are a new member.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

Attachments:

FoHPS AGM leaflet (all)
Breakfast Club leaflet (Years 1 – 6)
Streetdance leaflet (Years 3 – 6)
Netball letter (Years 3 – 6)
York trip parents meeting (Year 6)
Practice Makes Perfect leaflet (Year 5)
Kids and Kaboodle leaflet (all)
Money Makeovers leaflet (all)

