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Dear Parents,

Where did January go? Many thanks to those of you who turned up last night for the **Friends of Horsmonden Primary School AGM**. It provided us with a good opportunity to look at the successes of the past year and to remind ourselves of the huge contribution that the members of the committee have made in enriching and enhancing the life of the school. During 2009, FoHPS contributed over £10,000 worth of equipment, resources and refurbishment across the school; that's £50 of added value for every single child and we've had a great deal of fun in the process. Once again, from all the children and staff, we'd like to say an enormous thank you for making such a difference.

Don't forget that it's **Bring Your Dad to School Day** on Wednesday. We've had a lot of forms back and there are already 22 dads signed in for lunch, so please let us know in the office if you haven't already done so. Upon arrival, head into the hall where there will be a cup of tea awaiting you and a timetable displaying the activities for each class. If you've got more than one child in school, plan your morning around what they're doing, leave your inhibitions behind and enjoy yourself.

As part of Year 6's study on **World War 2**, we have invited several former **evacuees** into school on the afternoon of 10th February, one of whom was evacuated to Horsmonden as a child and consequently attended this school. The children will be introduced to them and will then be splitting into smaller groups to interview each evacuee. If you have a relative or know of someone who was an evacuee in World War 2 and you believe they would be willing to come in and be interviewed, could you please let me know as we'd be delighted to play host to more.

It's lovely to see **toddlers** enjoying the school premises at the end of the day, but not quite so lovely when they pull plants and soil out of the children's planting areas and throw it around. We'd appreciate some lessons in respect before they arrive as their older siblings wouldn't be allowed to get away with it.

Did you know there's a **village website** on which all the community activities can be viewed via a shared calendar? If you log on to www.horsmonden.co.uk, you can get all sorts of information about what's happening in our community and advanced notice of a variety of activities, including those taking place in school. It saves any last minute unexpected clashes and allows you to link into activities within the wider community. In due course, children will be adding their contribution to the village website and we'll be linking our 'virtual world' to that of the village community, but in the meantime, take a browse.

And finally... as the weather warms a little, those beastly blighters who itch our scalps come out to play. Please check your child's hair on Sunday afternoon for any unwelcome visitors; there will never be a decisive battle, but we have to look to win a slow war of attrition. Happy hunting, everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster



Attachments:

A Book Fair Leaflet
A Farmers' Market Leaflet



Healthy School