



## Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Welcome back to school

The building lacks a soul during the holiday, but within minutes of the children arriving the building is transformed and the life breathes back into it. It was genuinely great to welcome you all back this morning and to see the (mostly) happy faces of the children all gathered together in assembly. Welcome to all those of you who are new to the school, most of whom are in Reception and some of whom have joined us from other schools this year. Welcome also to Mrs Hickman (Year 3) and Miss Hudson (Year 4) starting with us today.

You have a full party pack of information regarding the school today. Whilst it's a big pack, it will hopefully be useful. Many of the inserts are similar to previous years, but each item does contain significant changes within, so please read each insert carefully.

For those of you who are new to the school, this may well be a time when you feel you are the only person who doesn't understand what's going on. Please remember that there is no such thing as a stupid question and if you're not sure ask us in person, on the telephone or by email. Mine is listed above and you can ask Sarah in the office questions by emailing her on [theoffice@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:theoffice@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk).

**Parents of Reception children:** when you are collecting your child at lunchtime, please remember to enter the school through the front gate not the playground gate. I know this may cause a slightly longer walk, but it helps us to keep track of who is departing each day. Make sure you see Mrs Brierley (big hair, bright fingernails) before you depart with your child as she will be keeping the register list.

**Parents of Year 6 children:** Apologies for giving you a secondary choices booklet on your child's first day back at school. We're really not at all keen to see them go in 11 months time, but the timing is merely part of our role as postman for the Local Authority.

**Posting day** will usually be on a Friday, today being the exception as it's the first day back. If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically and are not currently signed up, please email [newsletter@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk) so that we can add your address. This will enable you to receive newsletters mid-morning each Friday and may prove more reliable for some than your child; newsletters are published every Friday.

That's enough for today as you have plenty of reading material to occupy your evening. We hope that today was the start of the best year of your child's school life.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes  
Headmaster

