



Horsmonden Primary School

Back Lane, Horsmonden, Kent TN12 8NJ

Tel: 01892 722529 Fax: 01892 724134

Email: headteacher@horsmonden.kent.sch.uk

Website: www.horsmonden.kent.sch.uk

Headmaster:

Mr Malcolm E. Hayes

19th September 2008

Dear Parents,

At the end of 11+ week for some of our Year 6 children, I'm afraid it's another one of those newsletters that isn't filled with inspiration, but more with day-to-day information. However, you do have the chance to be both inspired and informed next Thursday evening when we ask you to **give us one hour of your time**. Starting at 7.30 pm in the school hall, you will have the opportunity to hear about the whole school priorities for the year before going into classes to hear about year group routines and priorities. The evening will last for one hour and is an essential occasion for keeping well-informed on what your children will be experiencing during the year and on how you can best support them.

One of the initiatives of last year was the development of school meals to better suit the needs of children alongside supporting a balanced, healthy diet. You may well be unaware that we operate a **daily salad bar** which is open to children with packed lunches as well as those with school meals. If your child bring their own lunch, they can also purchase a portion of fresh salad for just 10p, saving you the time and trouble of a trip to the shop whilst ensuring their salad doesn't get warm and soggy!

I really like to see the **playground equipment** being used after school – it makes very good use of the efforts to develop the area. BUT, I have spoken to the children this week to remind them that the way in which they use it after 3.20 should be exactly the same way they use it before school ends. In addition, I do expect children on the school premises to remain properly dressed in their school uniform i.e. shirts tucked in and ties done up. If you are having difficulty persuading your child to follow this simple guidance, please do let me know so that I can be of assistance!

We have been experiencing the corridor version of the M25 of late due mainly to **pushchairs in corridors**. The prevent any unpleasant occurrences of 'buggy-rage', it may be helpful for me to remind you that infant children should normally be dropped off and collected via the outside doors, where the patio provides a great parking zone for pushchairs. There's another very good reason for this – teachers leave notices for parents on the conservatory windows or just outside and the internal shortcut could leave you uninformed as well as blocking corridors and bringing the contents of buggy wheels through shiny, clean floors. We are looking into providing shelter from the elements outside in time to provide refuge from the inclemency of winter.

Our new **Early-birds activities** began this Wednesday. It was reasonably successful, but there are additional spaces. Could you please avoid walking straight through the activity when you arrive on Wednesdays as this caused quite a lot of disruption at the end of the activity. Please also remember that children arrive between 08:35 and 08:45 in the mornings, which allows teachers the time they need to prepare before the day's lessons begin.

And finally... accompanying this letter is one provided by the Health Protection Agency regarding measles in Kent and Medway. If you are concerned in any way, please do not hesitate to ask us for further advice or contact details.

Yours sincerely,



Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

