



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We ended last week with our celebrations following the King's Coronation. It was a wonderful day in school with which to start the long weekend. We all enjoyed lunch together in the courtyard, followed by afternoon tea on the games field, where we were joined by many of you to raise a toast to the new King. Mrs Wrightson planted a new tree – a Princeton Gold Acer in honour of the momentous occasion and in years to come, when we all drive or walk past Hunter Hall it will be nice to see this tree growing and remember such a special occasion. We raised £127.77 for The Prince's Trust – a charity very close to the King's heart. Thank you. Many photos were taken but here are a few with which to remember the day.



This week has seen Year 6 complete their exams whilst Years 3 to 5 gear up for theirs next week. Assessments for lower school will be completed after half term.



We would like to say thank you for all of the positive feedback and support in changing our school communications to the parent portal, and all in one place, rather than texts, email, noticeboards, letters, newsletter and phone calls etc all saying the same thing (!). We are however refining things as we go, and following feedback, we are separating the newsletter and week ahead to be two separate documents from this week. This hopefully will help you when you just need a quick reference guide as to what your child needs for school that week. It means the week ahead will become a little more detailed,



but also, hopefully, a more workable document to help you to plan your week.

We are now in summer uniform and a reminder that we do have a number of pre-loved shorts etc should you need to top up on an item or two. Please speak to Mrs Wilson or contact the office.

House points were collated this week as we move ever closer to awarding the house trophy cup at the end of this academic year. Badgers were delighted to hear that they are still in the lead, although Foxes were a little disappointed to hear that Hares have overtaken them in this first quarter of term. It would seem it is all still to play for!



I met with Mrs Hutt as Chair of the Parents Group on Tuesday to finalise dates for events where we will need assistance with catering etc for the remainder of this term and into next term (!). Tonight, it is a Ceilidh and Curry evening which I am sure will be an excellent occasion.

And finally, it may have been the King's Coronation last weekend, but there were big celebrations in school too with the birth of Elsie Mary to Miss Graham and her partner Sean. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them all soon!



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

Another short, but busy week in pre-school.

On Tuesday we were very excited to return to school with the news of baby Elsie being born. The boys and girls then worked really hard on lots of special pictures to send to Miss Graham and Elsie, taking their time on every single one.

We also welcomed Miss Lane into pre-school; we were very good at telling her all of our names at register time and showing her where things go. We look forward to continuing to get to know her and for her to get to know us.

We have been learning all about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have joined in with many activities throughout the week. We first explored the story and put our acting hats to act the story out, using props to help us.

We also explored porridge oats, filling and emptying containers, talking about them being full or empty.

The boys and girls had a go at creating their own chairs and beds for Goldilocks to use, as in the story she uses the bears chairs! They came up with many great creations.

On Thursday we went on a bear hunt around school, unfortunately we decided the bears must have been fast asleep as we only found a few stray footprints!

And finally, in the forest we enjoyed the sunshine, where using natural resources, we created our own tasty porridge.

Well done pre-school!

Mrs Parker and Miss Lane



Parents' Group

Curry and Ceilidh Evening – Final Arrangements

We look forward to welcoming you to a fun evening of delicious food and dancing!

Parking: please do not enter Askham Hall through the main gates signed 'Hotels Guests Only'. Instead use the adjacent lane signed from the road as 'Village Parking' where a temporary board 'Askham Hall Ceilidh' will show the way. Parking is signposted to the left as you approach the barn building.

Dress code: many of you have asked about dress code but there isn't one. As long as you wear something comfortable to dance the night away in.

Supervision of Children: as Bank Barn is in the grounds of Askham Hall hotel where guests will be staying, we kindly ask you that you supervise your children at all times and ensure they stay close to the ceilidh venue.

Timings: there will be a welcome drink on arrival from 6pm. Food will be served between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. The ceilidh dancing will begin at 7.30pm and finish around 9.30pm. The bar will remain open until 11pm.

Date for your diary

Tuesday 23rd May (morning)

Big Breakfast

An opportunity for the whole school community to get together, and meet Mr Borrowes.

The BIG Breakfast

Tuesday 23rd May

7:45-8:30 a.m.

Bacon/Egg Rolls

Croissants

Pain au Chocolat

Fruit Kebabs/Yoghurts

Fruit Juice

Tea/Coffee



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