

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been AWESOME ART week in school where each class has taken an inspirational piece of art as the stimulus for much of their work. This forms part of our broad and exciting curriculum. You can find out more about our curriculum by visiting the recently updated section on our school website.



I am excited to tell you that on Monday all children in years 1 – 6 will receive first aid training in school. We think this is an interesting and essential life skill.

You can find out more about the provider by visiting their website. <http://www.flatstan-firstaid.co.uk>



I would really like to encourage parents of pupils in years R – 2 to take up their entitlement of a free hot school meal for their child each day. Currently the average daily take up is just over 50%. All the meals are home cooked, nutritionally balanced and of a very high quality. Lunchtime staff are able to gently encourage your child to try something new. I encourage parents to give it a try for a few weeks as not doing so means that they are missing out on both the financial and health benefits of the government funded scheme.

### Staffing

As some of you will be aware Mrs. Temblett is currently not at school as she is unwell.

In the meantime Mrs. Walker will teach Sycamore Class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays wherever possible. All children in both year groups will have Forest Schools every Wednesday morning and their regular music and PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon.

Horse Chestnut class will be taught by Mrs. Richardson alongside Sweet Chestnut Class, Mrs. Gooding will support their learning as usual. Mrs. Bolton will also be supporting and monitoring the provision for pupils in enhanced provision.

I am sure you will appreciate that circumstances such as this are difficult to predict. My top priority is to ensure continuity for all of our pupils as much as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via the school office or feel free to approach me at the school gate.

Don't forget you can follow exciting events in school by signing up for [classDojo](#) (both parents can have an account) and by following us on Twitter [@westhorndonprim](#)

### A date for your diary- The Dark Web - Monday 30th January 2017 @ 7-9pm

We cannot encourage you enough to attend so that you are fully informed about this crucial area of your child's development and the risks they face.

Yours sincerely

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