

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the academic year! We have many exciting events lined up for the next half term as part of our unique broad and balanced curriculum.

Staffing

I am pleased to say that Mrs. Temblett is well enough to return to work. Ensuring continuity for our pupils is a priority for me as the year progresses. Therefore, pending any unforeseen circumstances, the staffing set up for the remainder of the year will be as follows:

- Mrs. Walker will continue to teach Sycamore class for the remainder of the year
- Mrs. Richardson will teach all the enhanced provision pupils
- Mrs. Temblett will work in partnership with Miss McQuibban so that we can take the opportunity to teach year 5 and 6 separately for part of each week in the run up to SATs tests, allowing both year groups to get age specific focused teaching.



On Tuesday we launched our partnership with COMMANDO JOE's for pupils in years 3-6. Based on the lives of real-life adventurers and explorers, such as Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Tim Peake, we have designed a complete package of lessons and online support that is ready to go in our school today.

Pupils learn about a different hero or heroine over each term, with practical and mental tasks to complete based on their adventures.

Each lesson is structured to give pupils the character tools and values they need to be successful in life such as resilience, determination, empathy, and courage.

Lessons are supported with "field report" films featuring Commando Joe, developed by a Bafta-winning animation company. Plus, a whole website of dedicated resources, support, celebration and reflection materials tools.

We are confident that when it comes to Character Education this is the best of the best. Find out more at <https://commandojoes.co.uk>



We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday 2nd March 2017, as this is an opportunity for us to enthuse and excite the children about all matters book related.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day book token. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books.

We will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities, please come to school dressed as a character from a book and bring the book with you. In advance of the day, please see the official World Book Day website: <http://www.worldbookday.com>, so you and your child can get excited about reading at home, ahead of our celebration in school.



You may have seen on classdojo our new welly racks! This means we can keep the children's lockers clean and tidy and easily access the boots for outdoor learning.

Friends of West Horndon Primary School

Watch out for the FOWHPS Scavenger Hunt Challenge coming home next week!

We are now collecting the **Active Kids** vouchers from Sainsbury's. Please ask all your friends and family to collect the vouchers every time they shop, fill up or buy online and put them in the box at the school reception. Many thanks for your support!

Yours sincerely

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