

## Horsforth School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

COVID cases are low in school but rising in school age children nationally. The wearing of masks and twice weekly lateral flow testing has been a massive help in reducing absence and preventing further lost learning so a massive thank you from myself and all staff for your ongoing support.

I have a few updates, and as always, some reminders (apologies for repetition).

### The Little Library



The idea of our 'community' library is to be a catalyst for building a love for reading, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all our students. We would like to invite any student to come and use our little library situated on the main corridor outside the library. The little library has been fully stocked with the latest range of fiction and non-fiction books which are split up into age-appropriate categories. The only rule of the library is that you must put a book in, to take one out. This is to encourage students to share

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stories that they have loved with others in our school community. Once a student has finished a book from the little library, I would like to encourage them to come back and change it for another one. You may also find some 'Little Libraries' in the Horsforth area, that as a family, you would like to start exchanging your favourite books in. I have copied a link to the national charity little free library if you wanted to read more around these fantastic community libraries.

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

All this week we have highlighted the importance of being kind and looking out for each other during our anti-bullying campaign through assemblies, tutor time and with our Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th. Thank you to all parents for supporting this day; we had lots of students wearing odd socks. This marks the fact that we are all different, but that we should respect diversity. Below are a few pictures of our students in odd socks!



### **Religious Observances and Jewellery**

Please notify the pastoral officer for your child if you would like your child to wear a religious object for a specific time of year relating to a religious observance, or if your child is observing a festival in which you need school staff to be aware of, or if you need support from us.

### **Parental communication survey**

If you could spare two minutes of your time, there is a short survey below to complete regarding the SIMs Parent App and Parents' Evenings. We do appreciate all of your feedback, which continually helps us to improve.

The link to the survey is <https://forms.gle/Fjb42yJg43Zvgrsy5>

### **Lateral Flow Tests**

Thank you so much for your support in continuing to perform lateral flow tests at home.

The link to reporting results to the NHS is here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>. The link to report results to us is here: <https://forms.gle/RKzCqrFhzDS4CFK87> (please also call or email the school if you test positive).

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## Sports Fixtures

A massive well done to all students who have represented the school!

### Boy's football

Yr7 vs Abbey Grange 0-0 (Draw) – player of the match = Ted

Yr7 vs Prince Henry's 0-0 (Draw) – player of the match = Joe

Yr8 vs Abbey Grange 3-3 (Draw) - player of the match = Malachi

Yr8 vs Prince Henry's 0-1 (Lost) – player of the match = Archie

### Hockey

Yr7 vs GSAL 0-1 (Lost)

Yr7 vs Roundhay 0-3 (Lost)

Yr7 Player of the matches = Nancy

Yr8 vs GSAL 0-0 (Draw)

### Netball

Yr7 vs Rodillian 1-10 (Lost) – Player of the match = Leah

### Leeds Schools Netball Selection

Our Year 7 and 8 girls attended trials against netball players from other schools in Leeds last weekend. The following girls did incredibly well and were selected to represent Leeds in netball! A fantastic achievement which will mean they now attend training with other Leeds players and will develop their netball to the next level. A huge well done from the PE department and everyone in the school!

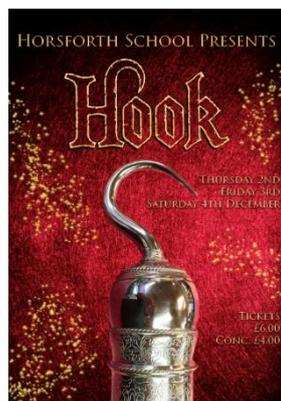
**Y7:** Alice & Belle

**Y8:** Poppy & Emily

I know our Year 11 Football Team have a cup ¼ final match on Tuesday at Cardinal Heenan so good luck in advance!

### School Production

Tickets are now on sale for this year's school production of Hook! There are three opportunities to watch the performance: on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th of December at 7.00pm. Tickets are available at break time outside the library, cash or cheque and are priced at £6 and £4 for children.



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## Year 13 Art

As part of their Art and Photography A Level, Year 13 students have to create a 'Deconstruct Reconstruct' piece of work based on new art from old. They all worked so hard to produce 3D outcomes with a variety of materials. What amazing work!



## Year 7 Art

We thought you would enjoy seeing these amazing art homework projects our students have produced. So colourful and creative, well done Year 7!



I am so proud of our students for throwing themselves into our extracurricular activities, taking part and having such a positive attitude to going the extra mile in clubs, at training and fixtures. Whilst there are many things that may concern you locally, nationally, and internationally the school remains vibrant, positive, and full of smiles (albeit behind masks).

Take care, stay safe and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dr P Bell  
Headteacher

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