

# Honington CEVCP School

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We are nearly at the end of the first half term and it's certainly been busy! We have enjoyed our harvest performances, which were well-attended, and we collected lots of shoeboxes for the Link to Hope Appeal. Thanks to everyone for helping us to support this worthwhile charity.

Parents' Evenings were really well supported too. Hopefully this was a useful opportunity to meet with teachers and share information.

Next week we are looking forward to our disco on Thursday. Don't forget Friday (23<sup>rd</sup>) is a non-pupil day!

Have a great half term break!

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## Website - [www.honington.edublogs.org](http://www.honington.edublogs.org)

Take a look at our new look website - it's a work in progress but we are really pleased with our new design and have already started to add more information.

## Behaviour

We have reviewed our school behavior policy to reflect our use of Good to be Green and Class Dojo. This is available on our website and a copy of the Good to be Green guidance is attached for your information. We are working hard to improve our communication with parents and carers. One way we are tackling this is by ensuring we always contact you about 'red' or concerning behavior.

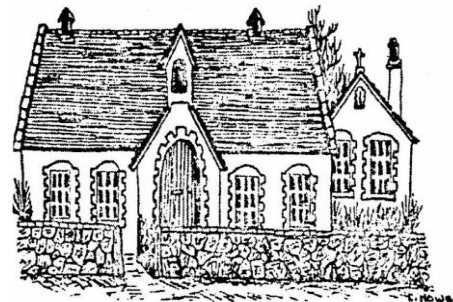
## Class Dojo

Most parents have now signed up to Class Dojo and the feedback has been great. If you haven't signed up then don't miss out any longer! Any queries, see your child's class teacher.

## Friends of Honington CEVCP School

Our new 'Friends of the School' have started to meet. They have lots of great fundraising ideas already! Details of a Quiz Night and Christmas Fayre will be out shortly. Please speak to Mrs Hayman, Mrs Moore or staff in the office if you would like to become involved.

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## Upcoming Events

### October 22

Chestnut Class assembly 10.20am

School Disco 4-5pm for Rowan, Oak and Chestnut (no drama club)

5.15-6.15 for Birch, Willow, Beech and Sycamore

### October 23

PD day – no pupils in school

### November 4

Phonics and Reading Information Session

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## Safeguarding

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Moore.

Our alternate safeguarding professional is Mr Souter.

Our safeguarding governor is Mrs Howe.

## Clubs

### Lunchtimes:

Tuesday - Sewing for KS2  
Construction for KS1

Thursday - Choir

Friday - Year 4 Recorders

### After School (3.15pm - 4.15pm)

Monday - Doodling (Mrs Fidler)

Tuesday - Football Matches, by selection

Thursday - Drama

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## Photos

Don't forget to return your school photo orders by 20<sup>th</sup> October

Great Christmas Presents!

Learning about the seasons in Rowan Class



## Phonics and Reading

We are planning an information session for parents and carers about reading and phonics. This will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-4.30pm. It will include a presentation on phonics and an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher to find out more about reading in their year group. Supervision of pupils will be available during this session.

## Attendance

We have updated our Attendance Policy, in line with the Thurston Partnership and taking into account recent legislation. This information is from the Department for Education website:

### When your child can miss school

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- they're too ill to go in (you must notify the school)
- you've got advance permission from the school

### Holidays in term time

You have to get permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- you make an application to the head teacher in advance
- there are exceptional circumstances

**You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.**

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*Our Attendance Policy is available on our website. Please ask the office staff if a paper copy is required.*

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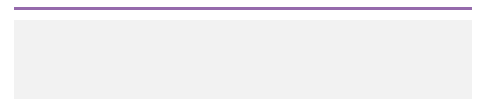
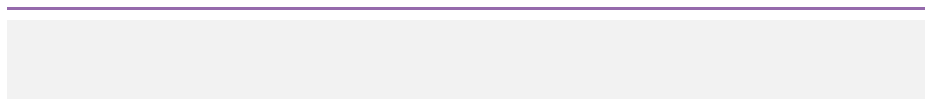
## Junior Road Safety Officers

Our first competition is underway – entries to be put in the box near the office. Good luck everyone!

Please remember not to drop off or pick up children in the school car park and keep access clear at all times. Also please ensure that scooters or bikes are not ridden around the school grounds.

## School Nursing Team drop-in

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 8.45am to 9.45am. An opportunity to discuss any health concerns.



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Willow Class made their own chocolates, choosing which ingredients to add to dark, milk or white chocolate. Some great aromas were coming from the classroom!

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Doodle Club has been really popular after school on Mondays. Here are some 'doodlers' getting help from a Thurston Community College pupil

Oak Class identifying human and physical geographical features in our local area.



Year 6 enjoying Enrichment time.



## Poppy Appeal

We are now collecting for this appeal. Children can bring in a donation to purchase items from our children's pack. These include bracelets and stationery items.

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