



### Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year, I hope that your summer break was restful and that you were able to spend some family time together.

This week has been a fantastic start to the new academic year with many interesting things already happening in our classrooms and outside spaces.

However, I wanted to take this opportunity to really thank you, the parents, for the way that you consistently work with the school to help us, together, achieve the very best. The children have come back to school looking very smart, their uniform this year is exemplary with almost all children wearing the correct school uniform, proud to display the New Horizons logo.

Most children returned their summer homework showing a commitment to continuous learning. This would have undoubtedly helped them to retain many aspects of their learning from last year to help them begin the new advanced learning within their new classes. This would not have happened if you hadn't encouraged, supported and no doubt on occasions pestered and insisted with your children over the holidays - this is very much appreciated.

You and the children have continued to help make our new children and staff members feel welcome into New Horizons and I know that this is something that we are all very proud of. We have our new Reception and Nursery children starting on Monday; we are all very excited to meet them and help them begin their learning journey with us.

Have a good weekend

Mrs J Murphy, Headteacher



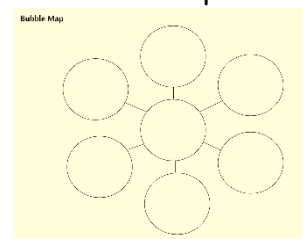
#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Club Letters for term 1 have been sent out via our new parent communication system, My Ed. If you have not downloaded the App yet please do so otherwise you will not receive communications from the school. Should you have any questions regarding My Ed please contact the school office.
- Last academic year New Horizons' overall attendance was 96.4%, this year we are aiming for 97%. Each week in the Newsletter we will report on class attendance and also the whole school figure for that week. Remember 'Missing school = Missing out'
- If your child is absent from school please contact the Attendance Officer, Miss Gooch on **01634 336532**. If your child is absent from school we ask that you inform the school on each day of absence, especially on the first day before 9:30am. Please ensure, when possible, children's appointments are made for out of school hours.
  - **Year 1** - Memory Box Workshop in school on Weds 19th Sep. Payment of £2 to be made by 12/09
  - **Year 2** - Creepy Claws Workshop in school on Tues 16th Oct. Payment of £2.50 to be made by 01/10
- **Year 3 Trip** - Caveman Experience at Weald Country Park on Tues 2nd October. Payment of £17 to be made by 10/09.
- **Year 5** - Astrodome Workshop in school on Thurs 4th Oct. Payment of £3.50 to be made by Friday 21st September
- **Year 6** - Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 10th October. Payment of £9.00 is to be made by Wednesday 3rd October.
  - **All payments need to be paid via ParentPay.**

The Victory Academy has the first of their fair banding tests tomorrow (8<sup>th</sup> September 2018). Please ensure if you want to apply for your child to attend The Victory Academy they must attend a fair banding test. If you are unable to attend tomorrow the second of the fair banding tests will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### Thinking task of the week

Use a bubble map to describe your favourite animal. Challenge yourself by comparing two animals with a double bubble map.



Hello Students & Parents,

We are delighted to announce that as of September 2018 New Horizons Children's Academy and Holcombe Grammar School are able to enhance our children's experiences by boasting a brand new state of the art 3G football facility, which will also be available for community use during evenings and weekends.

We would like to invite all parents and pupils to the official unveiling of the facility on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 3:30-4:30pm. There will be a chance for you and your children to come and experience the facility and hone your footballing skills as we will have 200 footballs to play with.

The facility will be officially opened by Tracey Crouch MP (Minister of Sport) at 3:30pm and we will then invite all parents and students to have the opportunity to use the facility for an hour with the help of coaches from Maidstone United Football Club.

On the day there will also be a free raffle, including a prize of Three Months Membership for our onsite gym Thinking Fitness. To celebrate our new Football Academy partnership between Maidstone United FC and Holcombe Grammar School and The Victory Academy, Maidstone United FC will be donating a Family Match Ticket for a home game.

Access to the facility will be via New Horizons Children's Academy and we ask that no one turns up prior to 3:15pm.

We look forward to seeing you all there.



### Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September - Roald Dahl Day - Children to bring in their favourite Roald Dahl Book if they have one.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 - Guildhall Workshop in School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 3 - Trip to Weald

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 - Astrodome Workshop in School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Bikeability

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Primary Proms - Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photos

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2 - Creepy Claws Workshop in School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Whole School - 4:00-7:30

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - 4:00-6:00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 4:00-6:00



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