



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 19th June 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

We are busy preparing school for our Year 5 children and look forward to welcoming our 'bubbles' back to school next week.

At the end of this term Mrs Bayliss-Hare and Mrs Collett will be retiring from Horsell Junior School. This is not the final term that either of them would have wished for, and I know that they are missing contact with the children and their colleagues during these remaining weeks at school. Mrs Collett will, fortunately, be returning to teach a Year 5 'bubble' next week and I know she is looking forward to seeing some friendly faces. Mrs Bayliss-Hare is getting to grips with organising remote leavers' assemblies before the Year 6 children move on to pastures new! As I said to our Year 6 children in March, I am hopeful that, once life returns to normal, we will be able to have a Year 6 Pizza Party and I am sure Mrs Bayliss-Hare will return to school to enjoy that with the children.

As many of you know, Mrs Collett has been our SENCO for many years. The role of SENCO in a school is extremely important and Mrs Collett has worked tirelessly on behalf of our children during her time at Horsell. Ms Ash, who is joining us in September, will be taking over this role as our Assistant Head with responsibility for Inclusion, SEND and Safeguarding. Ms Ash will join the school as a member of our Senior Leadership team and has experience working in the state, independent, primary and secondary sector and we are delighted to welcome her to our school family. She is looking forward to meeting you all and working with your children.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

### PTA Events

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Deadline to order Year 6 leavers hoodies by 11am

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 4pm – The Big Horsell Family Quiz**

We are going to run a quiz for the whole family, on zoom and Kahoot. You will need two devices one to watch and one to use as a handset for your answers (eg a laptop + phone).

Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84845429688>.

We are going to ask for a donation to take part in the quiz – suggested amount £5 per family – please send to The Horsell Schools' PTA Sort Code: 20-97-58 Account Number: 00794074 Ref: Quiz

### Collection of Personal belongings

**Thursday 25th June 2020, 8:30—9:30am**

Personal items which were left at school when we closed in March will be available for collection on Thursday 25th June 2020 between 8:30 and 9:30 am.

The items will be placed on tables in the playground, grouped by year group. Please enter via the double gates and adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rules. Where possible we ask that only one family member comes to collect the items.



Please help us raise funds for our school when shopping online by registering with

<https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/horsellcofeajuniorschool/>

### Year 5 Buddies

This half term is traditionally the time when Year 5 children start to think about their forthcoming responsibility for supporting the new Year 3 cohort in their transition to junior school. The children are paired as buddies, or sometimes create small buddy groups and ordinarily visits would be made between the Horsell Village School and Horsell Junior School. This has not been possible this year because of the Covid lock-down, but plans are still going ahead with a view to the autumn term.

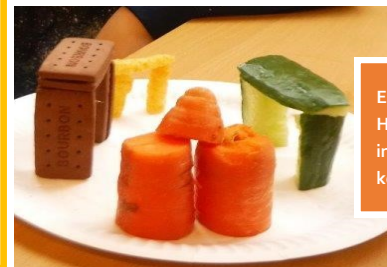
The Year 5 children have been asked to write a letter of welcome to a prospective buddy. The new children will be greatly looking forward to receiving their letters.

Tentative pairings have already been made, but these will be finalised once we know the total numbers of new children arriving to both year groups from outside Horsell. Unfortunately we can't always guarantee to make matches according to gender and sometimes we have to match 1:2 or more according to the numbers involved.

We all look forward to meeting and greeting our new year group in September.

### Forgiveness

Our value this half term is forgiveness. Christians believe that Jesus died so that we all could be forgiven and the Bible has plenty to say about forgiveness. In our assemblies we have considered Jesus' parables of the unforgiving servant, the good Samaritan and the prodigal son as well as the conversion of Saul. It is difficult to forgive others who hurt us, but the Bible tells us to forgive. We should not hold grudges or seek revenge but trust in God, then we shall also be forgiven.



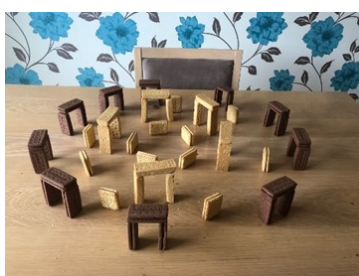
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### Year 3 Home Learning

It's given me immense pride to see how hard our Year 3 children have been working through this prolonged home learning phase. Although I'd much prefer to be stood in front of 31 children, looking through the year group's work and being in contact with them all has also been a rewarding experience through this time too!

Along with maths, reading, writing and spelling the children have also been really creative too. The children have been thinking back to our topic of the Stone Age and some also participated in the 'Whale of a Tale' art session.

Next week our topic work moves to Superheroes, a topic that we started our Year 3 experience with back in the Autumn term and one that we hope our Year 3 Superheroes will enjoy again. Well done Year 3 for all the hard work you have been doing and are continuing to do, keep it up!



Miss Freed

