



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 11th September 2020



'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.' (Jeremiah, 20:11)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am sure that I speak for all staff at Horsell Junior when I say that it has been lovely to see a school full of children once again! Our children are quickly settling into new routines and getting to know their new teachers, and we are all adapting to a slightly different way of working.

I would like to thank all parents for your patience as we settled into the new pick up and drop off times and routines. The Head teacher at the High School has also reiterated the need for children in Woking High to stay on the opposite side of the school to our site, and this has further eased congestion at the gates. I would also like to thank parents for coming onto site with facemasks; it can be difficult to maintain strict social distancing at certain points in the day and facemasks are an additional safety measure that we felt it necessary to implement.

Our new routines for school lunches have now settled down and children in Years 4 and 6 are getting used to eating their lunches in classrooms. We currently have the same set menu every week while we get used to the new procedures and the children appear to be enjoying it.

Our Breakfast Club and After School Club started back this week, and both clubs are maintaining strict social distancing and ensuring that children stay in year group bubbles. Mr Coles will be running extracurricular school sports clubs this term and these will also be run on a year group basis.

Teachers have been completing assessments with the children this week to give us a clearer picture of gaps in the children's learning. Once we have carefully analysed the results of these tests we will be inviting selected children to booster groups and adapting our teaching accordingly.

We will be posting up 'Meet the Teacher' videos onto the Year Group areas of the website next week, which will give you further information about the year ahead.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

Returning to School

It was fun coming back to school because you learn fun things. I felt excited because I get to see all of my friends.

Luka

I was excited for Forest School and I feel much better about being back at school and not worried anymore. I am happy to enjoy and play and talk with my friends.

Zinneerah



Good As New Sale

10am—12noon, 19th September 2020
Horsell Junior School

The PTA are running another uniform sale - outside to maintain social distancing— at the Junior school on Meadway drive. Please wear facemasks, and ideally one person only from a family.

To run the sale, the PTA do need volunteers. If you are able to help, please contact horsellschoolspta@gmail.com

Good quality uniform can be donated at the Horsell Village School office or to 18 Holyoake Avenue by 18th September.

Absences

Please advise the school office by **9am** if your child will be late or absent from school. Absences can be reported by email to office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk or leave a message on our absence line at 01483 761531.

When reporting an illness, please state clearly their illness or symptoms as we are required to record this. If your child is displaying COVID symptoms, please confirm that you will be booking a test. Please note that if anyone in your family is displaying symptoms, your whole family must self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received. This includes:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Booking Extracurricular Clubs

When logging into Scopay you will only be able to see clubs for which your child is eligible. Once a club is fully booked, they will no longer appear on Scopay.

Earrings – safety reminder

Please could we remind parents that children who have pierced ears should remove their earrings before school where possible. Children who cannot remove their earrings for school should have their earrings covered by a plaster before arriving at school, to be worn at all times during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Walking Home Alone Pass

Should you wish to apply for a walking home alone pass, the form can be found on our website [here](#).

Special Dietary Needs

If your child has an allergy or food intolerance, please ensure you complete and return our Special Diet Request form which can be found on our website [here](#).

Medicines in School

Should your child require medicine in school, please complete our child medication form [here](#). Medicines should be in its original packaging, clearly labelled with the child's name. Please label both the packaging and the contents.

School Admissions 2021-2022

Secondary School Places:

Applications are now open, children in Year 6 should apply for their Secondary School places by 31st October 2020.

Primary School Places:

Applications for children starting in Year 3 or in Reception next year will open on 2nd November 2020 and close on 15th January 2021

Further information regarding applications are attached separately.

School lunches should be booked one week ahead.

Please book lunches for 21-25 September by Sunday 13th September