



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 25th September 2020

Please book lunches for week commencing 5th October by Sunday 27th September.



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been settling down well with their learning and I have enjoyed going into classrooms this week to see how they are getting on. This year we are setting out the key knowledge and information that we want our children to remember in 'Knowledge Organisers' and these can be found in the Year Group areas of the website. Do have a look at them if you have not already done so.

Since returning to school, the Senior Leadership team has been working hard to establish a 'Remote Learning Contingency Plan'. This sets out what we do for individual children who are off school because they are self-isolating, and what we will do if classes, year group bubbles or the whole school has to close because of a confirmed case of Covid in the school. This is now on the website in the News and Events section. Please do take time to read this document as it sets out the principles of our remote learning offer.

As you know, if your child is off school because they have to self-isolate, most of their learning will be posted on SEESAW. It is very important that all children can access this app, which can be viewed via a tablet, computer or mobile phone. Please let Ms Ash know if you have any problems accessing our online learning provision by emailing her at inclusion@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

I know that we are all going through unsettling times at the minute and it is very important that our children continue to have the stability, sense of community and hope for the future that school brings. For Christians, hope in God and the plans that He has for us can help us through these testing times. I am reminded of a quote from Romans, 'And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts.'

With very best wishes,

Mrs Wand

NHS Track and Trace App

NHS Test and Trace has launched the [NHS COVID-19 app](#). The app has been launched to help control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It will do this by alerting people who may have been exposed to infection so that they can take action.

The app is available to download on smartphones for anyone aged 16 or over. Please find below a link to a factsheet for parents, carers and over 16s: <https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/parents-carers-over16s-factsheet.pdf>

Parent Governor Elections

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor. An email about this role and the nomination process was sent by e-mail earlier today. **Please note that nominations close at 12 noon on 9th October 2020.**

Coronavirus Guides

Please find attached separately advice from Public Health England and a Quick Reference Guide from Horsell Junior School regarding Coronavirus related absences.

Applying for Secondary School Places 2021-2022

Children in Year 6 should apply for Secondary School places by 31st October 2020.

For more information, visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions



Religion and Green Issues —Former student published in RE Magazine

During Home Learning in May, the editor of RE Today magazine asked for children to trial RE materials for a project linking religion and green issues. Many schools submitted work and some of our (then) Year 6 pupils wrote down their thoughts about a photograph of Greta Thunberg meeting the Pope. Isabella (now in Year 7) has just had her work published in the September edition of the magazine. She reflected deeply and wrote these profound words:

Differences aside

I noticed that their differences didn't matter. One was adult, one was not. One had power, one did not. What made these two people similar was that they both were united for the climate. Having different beliefs hinders no one. Different beliefs give us different motivations to keep going, different skills to use. Greta and Pope Francis were eager to do so, curious about the other's opinion and determined to fight for our world.

What I see in the picture is how our beliefs give us motivation, which gives us the power to protect our planet. Without reasons for doing so, or admiration for the world we fight for, no-one would have the courage to try. People who think that collaborating with people of different religions hinders you need to notice this.

Looking at this, I realised that the crisis won't be solved by one person, nor by a group of people all thinking the same way. Only by collaborating with people of different beliefs will we succeed.

This made me think deeper about the effect fighting for the climate has on people's lives and beliefs. Those that believe in a god may pray more often for the climate. They would draw hope to keep going from this.

Christians might think that because God created them equally, we should embrace our differences. Christians believe that God created the world - this may cause them to work together to save it. They'd get encouraged by their belief that He's watching over them.

Atheists may draw hope from facts showing hope for the future. Because atheists don't pray to a god, they would be encouraged by other people with equal goals. They would be inspired by living people, rather than gods

My ideas about this image are that people seek ideas to solve our crisis in their religion or other people. People look for reasons to keep going in different places - this isn't a problem. We need diversity to solve this crisis, to gain different perspectives on the problem. The teamwork of Greta and Pope Francis shows this perfectly.

Prior to this, Isabella herself felt so strongly about green issues that she and some friends gave a presentation about the issues to Mrs Wand. Subsequently they set up an Eco Committee to make our school more environmentally friendly. Isabella's legacy to us is this committee.

Alumni success



An ex-pupil of the school, Alice Curr, is about to feature in a new BT Sport program!

Alice, who played in the Horsell Junior Girls Football Team ten years ago when they were Surrey county champions (2011), will compete in a new show called Ultimate Goal, due to air later this year.

Alice has represented Fulham Ladies and has just transferred to Wimbledon AFC Ladies who play in the Women's FA National League Division One. We hope the whole school gets behind her and cheer her on when it starts!

Do you have a spare patio heater?

To allow for social distancing measures, we have had to ask staff to take their lunch breaks outside. As the weather turns colder, we are looking for patio or outdoor heaters. If any individuals or business have any they can lend us please get in touch with the office on office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Wellbeing Support

During these unprecedented times, many children may experience heightened anxiety. Attached alongside this newsletter are a flyer about local Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Wellbeing Support, and a letter from CAMHS detailing some webinars on managing anxiety.