



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 6th November 2020



Dear Parents:

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week! They have been busy getting on with new learning and enjoying socialising with one another. Year 3 even managed to enjoy a virtual bonfire night yesterday, with fireworks and sparklers. I hope you have managed to watch our school virtual tour, which is on the front page of our website.

Although during lockdown children are unable to participate in amateur sports outside of school, we are continuing to do as much as we can within the school day so that our children remain fit and healthy. Year 3 competed in a House Line Tag earlier in the week and Mr Coles is continuing with his multi sports club in the early morning. It is great to see the children happy and having fun on the school field and we all hope that we don't have too much rain over the next few weeks!

To keep the children safe in classrooms we are keeping windows open as much as we can. This is obviously having an impact on classroom temperatures. Please ensure that your child has a sensible school coat with them at all times. I would also encourage you to send girls into school with tights and dress your child in layers. Children can also wear sports 'skins' under their clothing.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents virtually next week for your first parent consultation. I hope you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Wand

Dates for 9th—13th November 2020

Monday 9th November and **Nasal Flu Vaccines**—we will vaccinate as many children as possible on Monday.
Tuesday 10th November

Wednesday 11th November **Remembrance Day**— members of Girlguiding or the Scout Association may wear their uniforms to school in place of school uniform.

15:30—18:05 Virtual Parent conferences years 3 and 5

18:20 – 20:30 Virtual Parent conferences years 4 and 6

Thursday 12th November 15:30—18:05 Virtual Parent conferences years 4 and 6
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Friday 13th November **Children in Need**—spots or stripes mufti, please bring a £1 donation.
Palm Class Assembly—this will be made available to families of Palm class on Seesaw



Please remember no nuts or products containing nuts are allowed in school.

This is to protect those in school with a severe nut allergy. Thank you.



Remembrance Day Poppies

We are selling poppies at school on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. These will be available daily to the children, who should bring a minimum donation of 50p per poppy if they wish to purchase one.

Remembrance Day

To mark Remembrance Day, on 11th November 2020, members of the Scout Association or Girlguiding are invited to wear their uniform to school in place of school uniform.



Children in Need, Friday 13th November



Next week is our Wellbeing Week in school and we will be linking in to Children in Need on Friday 13th November.

On that Friday, the children will be allowed to come into school in mufti, with either a spots or stripes themed outfit, for £1. Each class will have a sealable zip lock bag for the children to place their £1. This will avoid anyone having to touch the money and the bags will be left for 72 hours before being counted by the office.

We are having two fun activities that the children can take part in; 'Name the Bear' and 'Guess the Number of Jelly Beans'. No money is required and children do not have to participate. The Senior Leadership Team will judge the winner and Miss Faulkner will count and fill the jar with Jelly Beans.

We look forward to spending the week focusing on our overall Wellbeing and raising money for Children in Need.

Year 3 Inter House Line Tag

On Wednesday 4th November, our Year 3's took part in our Inter House line tag. They all had a fantastic afternoon displaying great sportsmanship, knowledge and understanding of the game.

The Results:

1st - Polesdon

2nd - Hatchlands

3rd - Loseley

4th - Clandon

Well done to all the children who took part. Thank you to Mr Coles and the Year 3 teachers for making this an enjoyable event. Well done to all the children for taking part. Thank you to Mr Coles and the class teachers for helping make this a successful afternoon for the children.

Applications for children starting Reception and Year 3 in September 2020 is now open.

Please visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

We are very proud to present our Virtual Tour of Horsell Junior School, which you can watch [here](#). Please do share it with anyone you know who may be considering our school.



Thank you to the PTA and everyone who took part in the Big Horsell Pumpkin trail over half term. This event raised £405!

Snap shot reports

Children will be coming home with their first 'snap shot' reports today. We have recently done assessment tests in school, and these reports show the result the children attained in Reading and Maths. We use a standardised score to measure attainment, and a mark of 100 shows a child is working at the current year standards. Obviously, because of the schooling that children missed last year, some children will not have achieved this standard yet. Parents should not be unduly concerned about this at this early stage in the academic year. The report also show a 'hodder score.' This is how we measure progress from term to term, and will mean more at the next report when we can track the progress the children are making. Parents will have the opportunity to ask teachers about these assessments at your parent consultation meetings next week.

Stationery in School

As we begin a new half term under new guidance and regulations, we would just like to remind you of the school stationery requirements. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions children cannot share their equipment. Not having the correct stationery can reduce the pace and efficiency of the lesson, for example when support needs to be given to glue in activities into the children's books. Therefore, please ensure children have the correct stationery with them in school each day.

Please can we remind you that each child needs to have with them the following, which should remain in school at all times until it has run out and needs to be replaced:

- Glue stick
- HB pencils x2
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Blue pen x2
- Purple pen for editing and polishing work
- Colour pencils (ideally in a separate pencil case so this doesn't clutter up the table)



If under the current restrictions you are finding it difficult to supply your child/ren with the stationery please notify us and we can support you with this where we can.

School Lunch Survey

We are aware that the Horsell Village School have sent out a survey on behalf of our caterers, Twelve15. We will also share the survey with you once children have had an opportunity to try the full menu as it asks for feedback on dishes which they will not have tried yet.

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR
16TH—20TH NOVEMBER BY SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.**