



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 4th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning continues apace at Horsell Junior! The children are now enjoying coming together as a year group bubble in the hall for collective worship once a week, and the Eco committee has met to see how we can make our school a more environmentally friendly place.

Thank you to everyone who has donated books and small world toys for the children. They have now been quarantined and school council reps have taken them back to their 'bubbles' so that the children can enjoy them at lunchtimes. We do not need any more books but would still appreciate any small world toys that you may have that your children no longer need.

At the time of writing, we are still a COVID-free school, which is wonderful, and we are continuing to follow our risk assessment to keep everyone safe. I would like to thank all of our parents for observing the wearing of facemasks whilst on site and keeping a sensible distance – we are all 'in this together', and your support has been invaluable over the past months.

As you know, our school value is hope. Our wonderful, enthusiastic children always give us hope and I hope you have a lovely – and safe – weekend.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

### Dates for 5th—11th December 2020

Saturday 4th November	<b>PTA Walk to the North Pole</b> —sponsored walk.
Sunday 5th November	PTA Christmas Kahoot Quiz at 4pm
Wednesday 9th December	Donate your outgrown (Children's) Christmas Jumpers to the PTA
Friday 11th December	Deadline for sending Christmas Cards via the Horsell Junior Christmas Post boxes Deadline for submitting an entry to the Inter House Christmas Reading Challenge PTA Mufti Day—please bring £1 donation. No football strips please. Beech Class Assembly—the assembly will be made available to Beech class families on Seesaw
Saturday 12th December	PTA Nearly New Uniform and Christmas Jumper Sale, 1pm—3pm Please come along also to collect your balloons, prizes and more!

### It's Christmas Jumper Day!

Year 3 and 5: Tuesday 15th December  
Year 4 and 6: Thursday 17th December

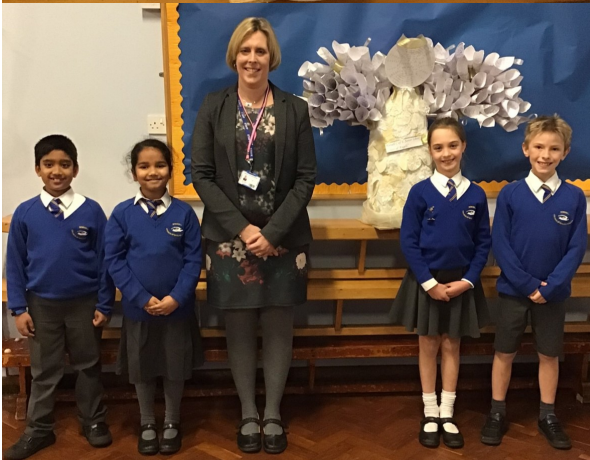


On the day of their Christmas lunch, the children are welcome to wear a festive jumper. They are required to wear the rest of their school uniform but they can wear a bright jumper in festive colours or with a Christmas decoration to bring some festive cheer to the event.

### Finishing times on the last day of term Friday, 18th December

- 1 30: Year 3 Main playground
- 1 30: Year 6 Bungalow exit
- 1 40: Year 4 Main playground
- 1 40: Year 5 bungalow exit

## Angel at Guildford Cathedral



Children at Horsell Junior School were pleased to create an angel for a special display at Guildford Cathedral. Children in the Lower School (years 3 and 4) created a beautiful angel titled, "A Choir of Angels."

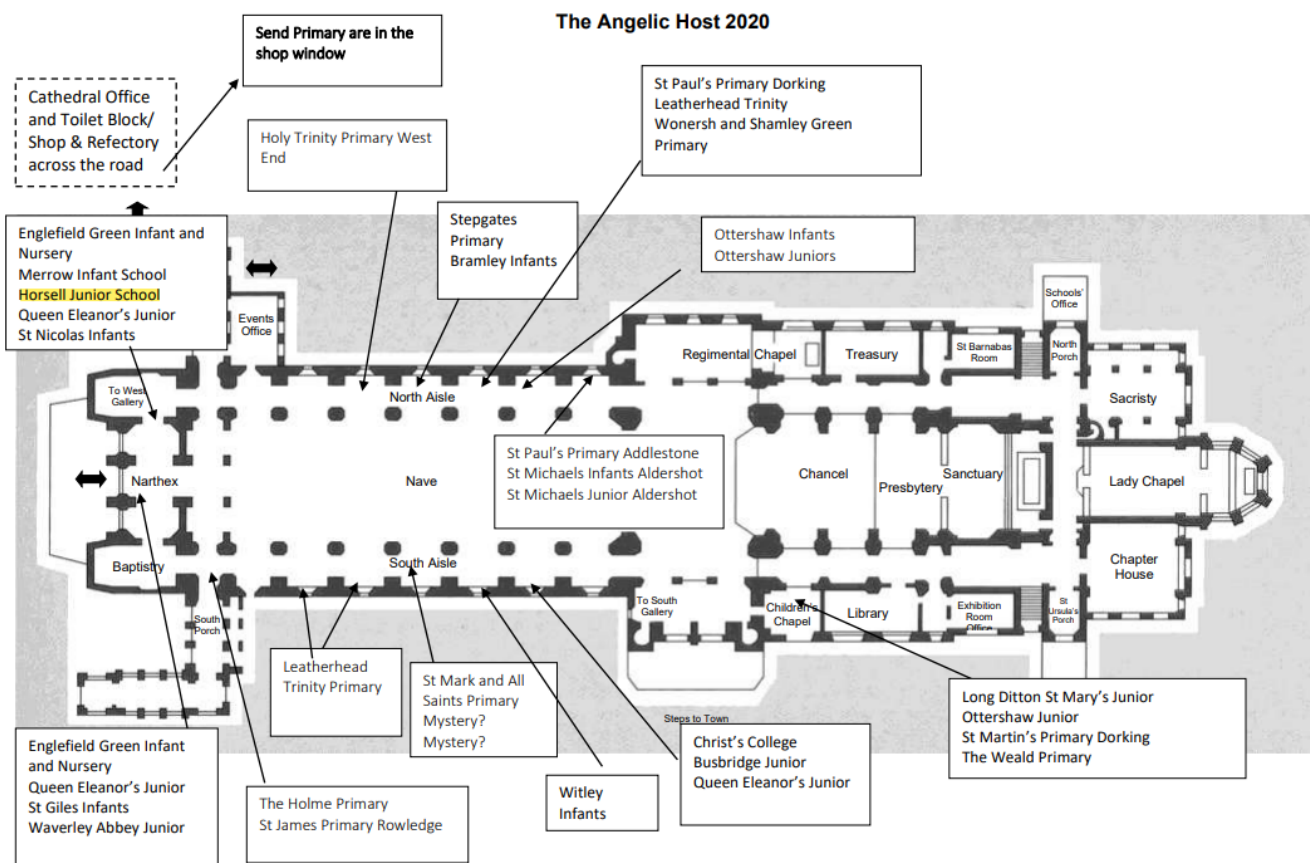
Singing and Music are an integral part of our curriculum and sadly, because of the COVID restrictions, the children have not been able to sing together as a school for the past few months. Music was the inspiration for the angel.

The angel wings are made from handwritten Christmas Carols, which were rolled to create a 3D effect. The angel face is created from Headteacher Mrs Wand's favourite Carol, 'O Little town of Bethlehem.' Pupils also helped to cut and glue a variety of different fabrics to create her dress.

Mrs Brogden, Art Leader at the school said, " 'A choir of Angels' displays the children's favourite Christmas carols and offers hope and joy through her outstretched wings and design."

*The cathedral is open to visitors Tuesday – Saturday 10.30-3.30 and Sunday 1.30-3.30. It is best to check on the cathedral website before leaving home in case there are any changes.*

A map of the cathedral and displays can be found below.







This week, Naba in Year 6 received the Head Teacher's Award for her fantastic home learning. Congratulations!



## Christmas Reading

### Inter House Challenge

To enter you need to:

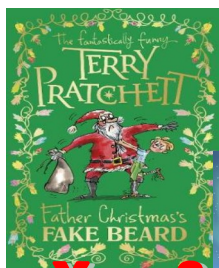
1. Take a picture of yourself cuddled up with a book.
2. Hand the picture to your class teacher and they will give them to Miss Chadburn.

On the back of the picture please write:

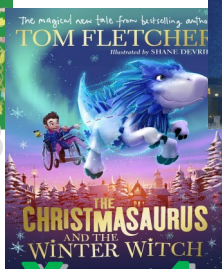
- Your name
- Your class
- Your house

Everyone who enters will get 1 house point and your picture will create a reading display outside the library. There will be one winner from each year group and you will win the below Christmas books!

**Last entry: Friday 11th December**



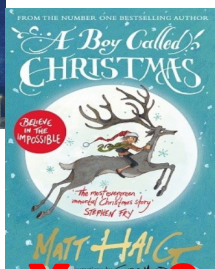
**Year 3**



**Year 4**



**Year 5**



**Year 6**

### Warburton's Virtual DT Lesson

As part of their Design and Technology Skills sessions, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a virtual tour of Warburton's factory. They learnt how to make a bread roll and got a recipe to take home.

This workshop tied in perfectly with their project to design their own, creative sandwich boxes.

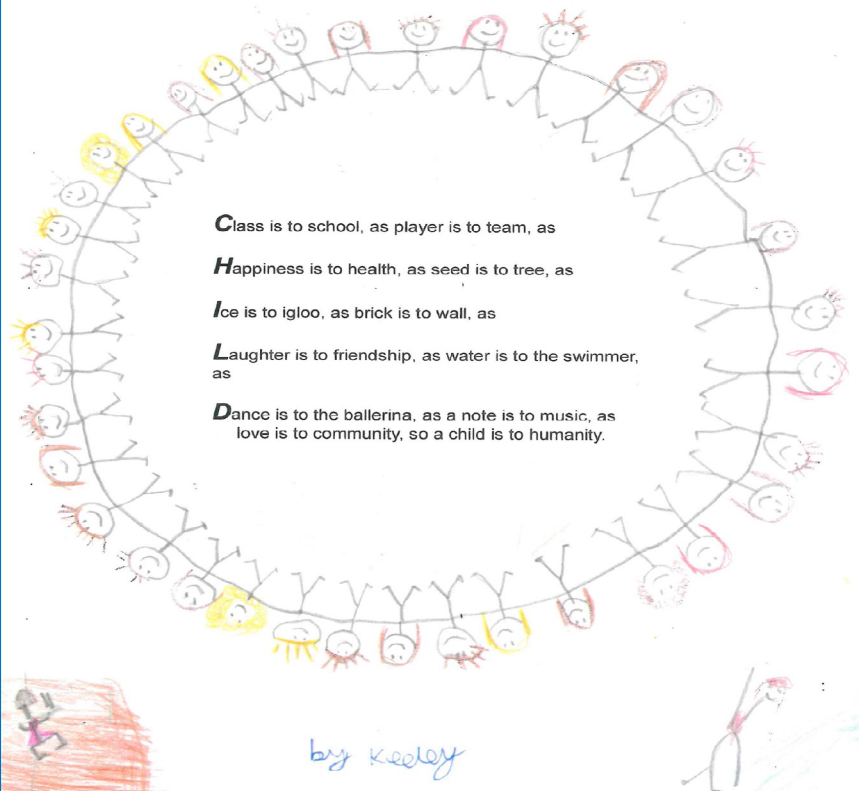
"I really enjoyed the DT session. I went home and made some bread following their recipe. It was very good" - Ben, Year 5

"I enjoyed making the nets for a sandwich box" - Tamsin, Year 5



Child

inspired by 'acorn' by Robert MacFarlane



### Christmas Cards

Please remember children wishing to send friends cards via the school Christmas Post must do so by **11th December**. They will be kept in a class post box and quarantined and will be opened at the end of the last week of term.



Children can only send cards to children and teachers within their year group bubble.

**Friday 4th**

**The Horsell Christmas Bake Off**




Send pictures of your children's festive bakes to our Horsell School PTA Facebook page. The winner will receive a prize!  
Deadline for entries Friday 11th December

**Free to enter**

**Saturday 5th**

The children of the SWAN schools (Hermitage, Oak Tree, Beaufort, Barnsbury, Kingfield & Horsell) are walking to the North Pole which is 2700 miles!

That means children from Horsell need to walk 675 miles this weekend! So we need every child to walk 1 mile or 2000 steps!

Miles walked by siblings pulled by huskies (or in buggies) count! Do go out with your families over the weekend and clock up those miles!

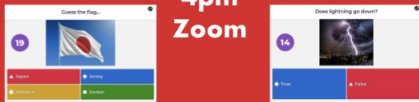


Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child, let your class rep

**Sunday 6th**

**Christmas Kahoot Quiz**

**4pm Zoom**

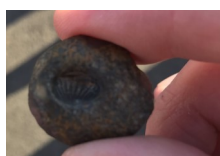


Join us for a super fun family quiz, on the Kahoot app  
Suggested donation of £5 per family  
Prize for the winning family!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079772705?pwd=akhSWWl4OC80U3BUZzIzZjZlZWUdF09>

### Tweets of the Week....

"A child found an actual fossil in the play-ground"



"Y3 have been making a bug hotel in DT. We're hoping for lots of visitors in the spring."

Follow the school twitter feed on <https://twitter.com/HorsellJunior>



## The Horsell Schools' PTA Present *The 12 Days of Christmas*



Thank you for all your support so far in our first 4 days of our Christmas event.

On the 1st we held our Annual General Meeting. We were joined by Mrs Reeve from the Horsell Village School and Ms Ash from Horsell Junior, who were able to update us on how they would like to invest the funds we have raised to enrich our children's experience at school. We were also delighted to be joined by some "new faces" and enjoyed brainstorming some new ideas for COVID safe fundraising.

### PTA launches new website!

The PTA are really excited to launch their new website, which will have lots of news and links for our relevant events.

Please visit <https://www.horsellpta.org/> to find out all about our 12 Days of Christmas and more!

### Horsell Junior Reverse Advent Calendar

We continue to collect donations for our Reverse Advent Calendar. Children can bring in donations and place them in the collection box located in their classroom any day before Wednesday 16th December.

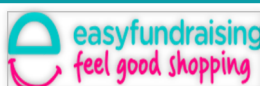
After quarantine, these items will be delivered to Woking Foodbank and York Road Homeless Project. The donations can be brought in on any day during this time.



York Road Project



1. Jam
2. Shower Gel
3. Fray Bentos Meat Pies
4. Crisps
5. Deodorant
6. Long Life Puddings
7. Pot Noodles/ Snack Pots
8. Sachets of Coffee
9. Small UTH Milk Pots
10. Individually Wrapped Biscuits / snack bars
11. New men's underwear (small or medium)
12. Shampoo



Turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our school.

Click [here](#) to find out more.