



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 12th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

‘Thus says the Lord: “Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.”’ Jeremiah 6:16

We are coming to the end of our first half term of 2021, and what a strange half term it has been. On behalf of all the teachers, I want to say a huge thank you to all of our parents who are home schooling at the minute. As I have said before, I am a parent myself, and home schooling during these winter months is really hard work. Despite this, our children have been doing fantastic learning and yesterday I was delighted to send out some headteacher awards to those children who have demonstrated an exceptional work ethic during this time. Well done to all of our families – and please enjoy the half term together, away from screens!

We are working hard to keep the arts alive at Horsell - Mrs Brogden has been busy putting together some art videos this week (available on seesaw) and, as you know, Mr Dunsford has been leading our new music project with a local OAP home. Surrey Arts is providing music lessons for children in years 3 – 5. Mrs Brogden and Mr Dunsford have also been on some training about Artsmark, an award that we will be working towards over the coming months.

We have two inset days on 22nd and 23rd February. We are introducing a new online management system at school so that all of our school records are kept in one place, and all of us need training in this new system. It should make things much more streamlined for all staff, and enable us to work more efficiently. We will also be doing training on SIAMS, our school vision and our teaching and learning policy. For those of you who are relatively new to the school, SIAMS is an inspection, similar to Ofsted, but for church schools. We were due to be inspected in the spring term but because of Covid this has been pushed back to later in the year. The inspection process is an excellent opportunity for us to revisit how we live out our vision with our children in all that we do.

I hope you all have a restful half term and I look forward to welcoming children back to school – virtually or in person - on 24th February 2021.

Best wishes,

Half Term and Inset Days

15th—19th February 2021: half term.

22nd—23rd February 2021: Inset Days.

24th February 2021: Our remote learning resumes and school re-opens to children of key workers.

Headteacher's Awards

have been awarded to:

Ben, Toby and Tom A (year 3)

Edie, Keeley and Thomas C (year 4)

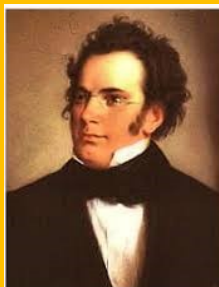
Isaac, Robert and Imogen (year 5)

Harvey, Grace and George (year 6)

Composer of the month - February

Franz Schubert

(31st January 1797—19 November 1828)



Franz Schubert was born in Vienna, Austria. In addition to playing several instruments, Franz also sang very well. When he was 10, he was accepted at the Imperial and Royal Seminary, which trained boys for the Court Chapel Choir. That choir still exists today as the Vienna Boys' Choir.

Schubert wrote his first symphonies for his school orchestra, and for friends of the family who used to get together to play - the whole Schubert family was very musical.

Schubert also wrote piano, choral, and chamber music, but he is probably most famous for composing over 600 songs. Schubert is part of the Romantic Period of classical music.

You can listen to one of his famous pieces, Impromptu No 3, [here](#).

Do you have spare compost or seeds?

In between the freezing cold weather, the year 5 bubble has been busy tidying up the gardens in the year 5 playground.

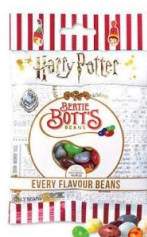
We would greatly appreciate any spare compost or seeds that you may have, please. If you could bring these into school after half term they can start to plant them - and utilise the new greenhouse too!



St. George's Maths Competition

St George's College, Weybridge would like to invite Year 5 and Year 6 children at all schools to take part in the latest instalment of the mathematical challenge: the SGC Maths Quest.

Each Half Term, St George's College provides a Maths problem for children from Years 5 and 6 to solve. The February Half Term 2021 edition: Harry Potter and the Lost Sweets, is now available [here](#).



Entries should be emailed to Dr Langlands at (tlanglands@stgeorgesweybridge.com).

The deadline for entries is **Monday 22 February 2021**. Please ensure children include their name and school name on their answers.

Winners will be announced on the [Maths Quest page](#) after the submission deadline.

The year 5 bubble enjoyed investigating the ice in the water butt at break time.



We're going on a Horsell book hunt

World Book Day is fast approaching and this year, it will be like no other as families celebrate both at school and at home. This year, we would like to make it extra special and include our fantastic Horsell Community. We would like to create a Horsell Book Hunt whereby families can decorate their doors, windows and gardens around a theme of books. Be as creative as you can be or just put some of your favourite books on show in your window. We will then create a book hunt map for children to go on a Horsell Book Hunt and see what they can discover. Here are some ideas for inspiration:



If you would like to take part, please email Miss Chadburn: k.chadburn@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk with your postcode so your display can be added to the map.

World Book day is on Thursday 4th March 2021. Miss Chadburn will need all entries by **Thursday 25th February 2021**.

How many books can you read in March?

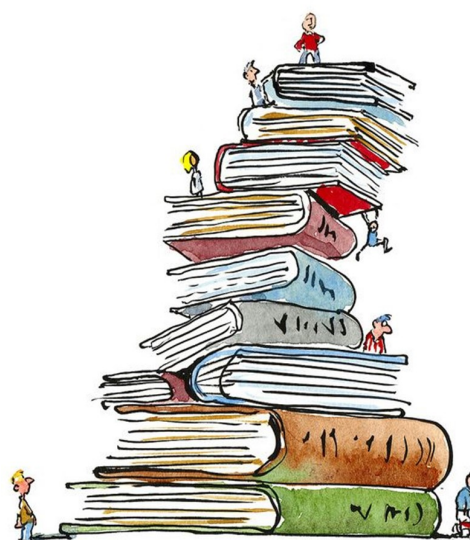
In honour of World Book Day, Horsell Junior School is having another reading challenge!

Starting Monday 1st March 2021, we would love to see how many books you can read this month. This can be:

- Library books
- Books from home
- Books from Get Epic
- Online books (e-books, kindles, videos)
- Newspapers
- Articles and other Non-Fiction texts

The competition will end Wednesday 31st March with all entries in by Friday 2nd April.

To enter you need to send us a photo with you and all your books. You could build a book tower, screen shot front covers and paste them onto a picture from the computer or send us your reading log on Get Epic.



This can be uploaded to Seesaw or emailed to Miss Chadburn: k.chadburn@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk