



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 12th March



Dear Parents and Carers

Jesus said *'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'* (John 10:10).

I have been reflecting on this quote over the past week as I have witnessed the children coming into school. For Christians, this quote has a particular meaning, but all of us want our pupils to experience the fullness of childhood. School is an important part of that and it is wonderful to see the classrooms full once again. Like the bright yellow daffodils dotted about the village, there is definitely a feeling of light at the end of the tunnel as our school community comes together once again.

The children are settling down well and our teachers enjoyed speaking to parents in their parent consultations this week. The children are also enjoying the new climbing wall and football table! It has been lovely to see everyone on the playground playing, chatting and having fun.

We will be doing some reading and maths assessments next week to see where the children are with their learning so that we can plan our teaching to match the children's needs.

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

Best wishes

Mrs Wand
Headteacher



Red Nose Day, Friday 19th March

This year we will be taking part in Red Nose Day at Horsell Junior School. We would like children to wear something red with their uniform on this day—this could be as simple as a red ribbon, socks, hat or jumper.

For safety reasons, we ask that children DO NOT wear shop bought red noses to school although they may paint their noses red instead if they wish.

Children will take part in a special Red Nose Day assembly and we hope to add a bit of extra humour to our school day.

To make donating easy and contactless, a voluntary donation of £1 or more can be made via Scipay.

Year 4 Easter Service Video Permissions

If your child is in year 4, please remember to complete your video permissions by Friday 15th March. To give permission for your child to appear in the video or have a voice part off camera, please click [here](#).

Parking at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please remember to park considerately and safely during drop off and pick up.

Some of the residents on nearby roads have reported experiencing difficulty getting in and out of their driveways, as well as cars stopping on double yellow lines, reducing visibility for residents and students crossing the road.

Your help in keeping our roads safe and maintaining good relations with our neighbours is appreciated.



Please book lunches for 22nd—26th March by Sunday 14th March.

PE Kits

PE kits should be worn to school on the days the children have their Skills Afternoons. On these days, children who are having Forest School or DT skills will have PE in the morning.

The following days will be when the children need to wear PE kits:

Monday - Year 4

Tuesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 5

Friday - Year 6



Children are expected to have their PE kits in school on all other days, as they will have an additional hour PE with Mr Coles on a rotation across the classes and the day may vary.

Contacting teachers and members of the senior leadership team

Parents should note that, if they wish to speak to a member of teaching staff, they should contact them by email or phone the office to arrange an appointment.

Teachers cannot speak to parents during the school day because they are teaching. Parents wishing to speak to a member of SLT should also contact the office who will arrange a meeting or phone call at a mutually convenient time. Please be considerate to our office staff who are following this policy.

Stationery in School

Please could we ask that all children bring a small pair of scissors to keep in school, as they are not currently able to share these in class.



In addition, please ensure they also have the following stationery in school at all times:

A glue stick, 2 HB pencils, a pencil sharpener, a rubber, a ruler (minimum 15cm), 2 blue pens/biros, a purple pen for editing and polishing work, 2 whiteboard markers and colouring pencils.

School Uniform

We have noticed that many of our children are not wearing a school tie. School uniform can be ordered online from Valentino's [here](#).



The PTA have also set up a Facebook page where parents can buy and sell "Good as New Uniform". Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503201976552623/?ref=share>

Please contact the office if you are having any difficulties with sourcing school uniform and let your child's class teacher know, via their HSO, if your child is unable to wear regulation footwear.

Easter Holidays—early finish

Term finishes on Thursday 1st April, and pick up will be at the following times:

Year 3 and 6: 13:35

Year 4 and 5: 13:45

If you have booked lunches for the rest of this month, please could we ask that you check you have booked a meal for 1st April.



Online Magazine

Click [here](#) to access the Families Surrey West Magazine. This issue includes lots of Easter holiday camps and workshops plus lots of ideas for Easter crafts and cooking, science projects, outdoor activities and lots more.

There is also a prize draw for schools in the magazine - go to page 31 and click on the advert and you can apply to win one of 40 K'nex School packs worth £275 for Horsell Junior School.

Pay It Forward—Hardship Fund

We are all acutely aware the pandemic has had a detrimental effect on many families in our community with jobs being lost or parents on furlough.

In response to a request from a parent who wished to make a donation towards school meals, we have set up a "Pay it Forward" donation button on Scopay. Any money donated will be used, at the school's discretion, to fund school meals for children whose families do not qualify for free school meals but are experiencing financial hardship at this time.

All transactions will remain completely confidential.



Turn your online shopping into FREE donations for our school. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Horsell Junior School in the news

If you were picking up children or walking past our school last Friday, you may have noticed film cameras outside.

We were contacted by Al Jazeera News on Friday afternoon who wished to interview Mrs Wand about the reopening of schools to all children on Monday. They also interviewed some of the parents and their children after pick up.

You can watch the news item on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuqEEuOumfc>



NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

It takes all kinds of different minds.

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Next week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who are autistic and people with learning differences. Neurodiversity Celebration Week is one way of reminding everyone of the importance of being kind, tolerant and accepting of everyone, especially classmates who are autistic, have ADHD or dyslexia.

Some key facts about dyslexia:

- About 10% of the population are dyslexic so affecting at least 3 children in every class
- Dyslexia is a language processing difficulty that can cause problems with reading, writing and spelling.
- It can cause difficulties with processing information quickly, organisation, sequencing, spoken language and motor skills.
- People with dyslexia can be very good at creative thinking, problem solving, storytelling and verbal communication
- It takes all kinds of different minds and as an inclusive school we recognise and celebrate these differences.

World Book Day Book Hunt

We would like to thank everyone who took part in creating the many wonderful displays celebrating World Book Day. A special thank you must also go to Mrs Bruce, who created the interactive map, and Miss Chadburn who organised it.

We hope many of you enjoyed seeing the displays when out and about last week. Below are photos of just a few of the marvellous displays.



