



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 1st April 2021



Dear Parents

Matthew 28:5-6: "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'"

So, Easter is nearly upon us. The children have been reflecting on the Easter Story during their Pause Day activities this week and I hope parents enjoyed the remote Year 4 Easter Service. I would like to thank the Year 4 team for putting this together and say a big well done to our children for their fantastic efforts. As I have said before, Easter can be a symbol of hope for us all, and I am sure that many of us are feeling much more hope for the future as the national vaccine programme continues apace.

There have been many highlights this half term, including our early morning sports clubs, the new climbing wall, additional toys and games for the playground, our Horsell Book Hunt and the full use of our new Nurture Room for Elsa and counselling support, to name but a few. Whilst the assessments that were completed a few weeks ago showed us that lockdown has impacted on the children's learning – it would be surprising if it hadn't – we have been impressed with how much the children have remembered from over the time that they were working at home. Our booster groups and additional tutoring are helping the children with their learning and I am confident that we will continue to make good progress over the summer term.

Some of our children should have received a Values award for Service through the post this week. Putting others before ourselves is key to a happy and harmonious school and I am sure that the parents of those children selected must have felt very proud of their son/daughter!

I hope you have a relaxing Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on 19th April.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Wand






New School Lunch Menu

Our caterers, Twelve15, are excited to launch a new menu for Summer/Autumn 2021. Lunches for next half term are now bookable via Scopay .

To give you a flavour of what they will be serving, please click [here](#) to watch a short film from Abi, their development chef.

Please book your meals for week commencing 19th April by Sunday 12th April.

Dates for 2nd—25th April	
2—10 April	PTA Easter Trail
19th April	School re-opens to staff and children
22nd April	Class Photos—please wear full summer uniform
23rd April	Bag2School collection, The Crown Car Park, 8-9am
24th April	Good As New Uniform Sale, the Horsell Village School

Thank you!

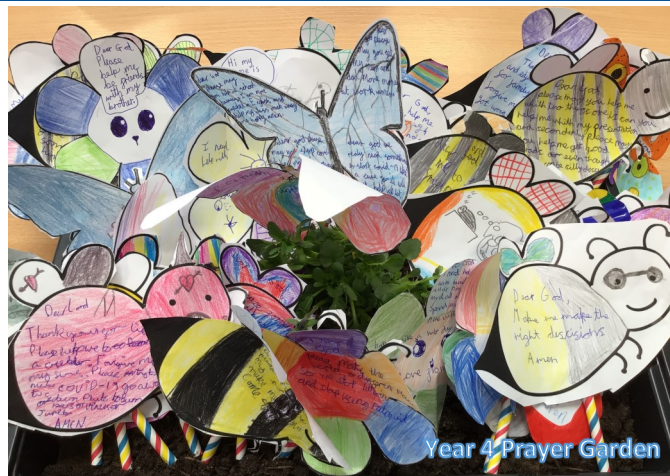
We would like to extend our thanks to those parents who have already generously donated to our "Pay It Forward" Fund on Scopay. Donations will remain anonymous in order to maintain discretion and the funds will be allocated by the school to any children who the school knows are in need at that time.

Families who are experiencing financial hardship can contact Ms Ash in confidence. **All transactions will remain completely confidential.**

Preparing for Easter at Horsell Junior School

Lent Challenge

Throughout Lent, the children have been considering good and bad choices by looking at a different Bible story each day. Guildford Diocese provided the Lent Calendar, which included suggested daily challenges such as "Be humble, not boastful today".



Easter Pause Day

The day started off with a thought-provoking and entertaining video about the Easter story created by the [Engage Team](#).

This year our theme was 'journeys'. Year 3 and 4 were looking at clues to Jesus being amazing, extra-ordinary or miraculous whilst looking at what he did throughout his life. Years 5 and 6 were considering the viewpoints of the different eyewitnesses and the emotions that they felt as the events from Palm Sunday to the resurrection unfolded - despair, jubilation, disappointment, fear, confusion, guilt and astonishment.

The whole day was spent considering these questions in depth and included interactive prayer activities. Years 4, 5 and 6 shared their findings and prayer gardens over a whole school 'zoom' assembly led by Mrs Collier at the end of the day.

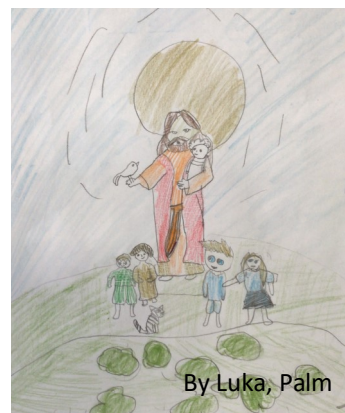
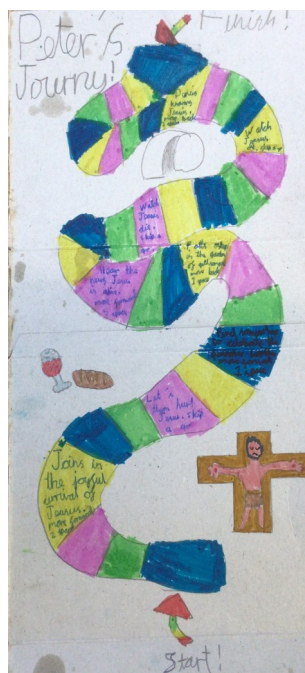
Easter Service

Since returning to school, Year 4 has been busy learning lines and singing songs outside to present our Year 4 Parents and Carers with a virtual Easter Service.

Miss Freed wrote the script to ensure they could learn their lines inside the classroom within their class bubble. Palm class have retold the Easter story, Pine Class discussed key dates in the Easter calendar as well as sharing references to the Bible, and finally Acer class discussed how Easter is celebrated around the world.

The Year 4 team have been busy putting this together, with Miss Faulkner and Yusuf recording and editing the Service to ensure this will be ready for the children to watch in school on the last day of term. The link to watch the Service will be shared with Year 4 parents/carers.

Well done to everyone in Year 4, staff and children, for putting this altogether in a short period of time!



Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan begins in April. This is a special time for our Muslim children and families, as prayer and deeper reflection become central to daily life. We know that some of our older Muslim children will be thinking about fasting. Please let your child's class teacher know if there are any changes to your child's eating patterns over this time that we should be aware of.

A Ramadan Poem by Donna Sibasi

The holy month of Ramadan
For all Muslims has begun.
Praising Allah through the day,
From dawn to dusk we fast and pray.
We pay zakah (charity) for those in need,
Trying hard to do good deeds.

When the sun has set, and day is done-
I'll break this chain, but only one.
By the end of Ramadan, this whole chain will be all gone!
It's time for Eid and lots of fun!!!



Year 6 Upcycling

After learning about climate change in geography, Year 6 all completed a DT project this week. They each created clothing or accessories by up-cycling waste materials. They were very creative in their ideas.



Isia's upcycled fabric hat



Eloise's Crisp Packet Skirt



Grace's carrier bag petticoat

School Uniform requirements (Summer)

All of our uniform can be purchased online at Valentinos. The PTA also have a [Facebook page](#) for second hand uniform and will be holding a Good As New Sale on Saturday 24th April at the Horsell Village School.

With shops reopening on 12th April, we ask that children have the correct footwear after the Easter holidays.

Shoes should be black, laces, slip-on, Velcro or buckle fastening are acceptable. Lightweight shoes are acceptable for the summer months. No sandals, open toed shoes, boots or trainers.

Now that the weather is better, children should not come to school in hoodies or non-regulation jumpers. If the weather is cooler, coats should be worn.

Girls:

- Dress (no two piece outfits) - royal blue and white gingham (check);
- Skirt - grey or boys shorts (optional);
- Shirt - white, short sleeve open neck (summer only);
- Sun hat



Boys:

- Short sleeve white shirt to be worn with school tie.
- Shorts - mid-grey (not black)
- Sunhat



Our full uniform policy can be found on the school website [here](#).

Job Vacancy: School Business Manager

Our bursar, Janet Benton, will be retiring at the end of this academic year after 28 years of service at Horsell Junior School.

We are therefore recruiting for a new School Business Manager to join the team in July, to provide effective financial, personnel, administrative and facility management.

Full details of the role, requirements and how to apply can be found on our [website](#).

All applications should be submitted by 9am, 20th April 2021.

The Big Horsell PTA



Good Friday 2nd April to Saturday 10th April

Cost £1 per child

Pay at <http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/horsellpta>

Please select friend / family and put **EASTER** in the note.
We will email you the trail map the following day*

Prizes can be collected from The Horsell Kitchen



The Horsell Kitchen Opening Hours:
Saturday 3rd April 9-1
Wednesday 7th 9-3
Thursday 8th 9-3
Friday 9th 9-3
Saturday 10th 9-2



* maps will be sent the day after PayPal payment, or by Good Friday AM if paid before the start of the event.



PTA Sunflower Challenge

Seeds ordered were delivered to the children in school on Tuesday.

It's not too late if you still want to take part - we have some spare seed packets which are available from The Horsell Kitchen. It's £1 for a pack of 5 seeds.



Bag2School, Friday 23rd April
The Crown Pub Car Park
8am—9am ONLY

The bags were sent home with the children this week. Details of what can be collected is printed on the bags. Should you have more to donate, you can use black bin bags or similar.

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Overflow with joy and colour

Plant a pot or hanging basket in the front garden.

Bring smiles to you and all the passers by.

What to plant?

Sunflowers (tall and small!), nasturtiums, busy Lizzy, pansy, bright red pelargonium and blue lobelia, pink petunia, begonia, dahlia.

Year 3 made some interesting observations following our science experiment on the conditions that a seed needs to grow. Can you guess what each plant was deprived of?



Answer left to right: Nothing, Water, Sunlight.

Make a Pop Up Flying Honey Bee

Surrey History Centre would usually welcome families to make crafts for Easter but this year we have gone virtual.

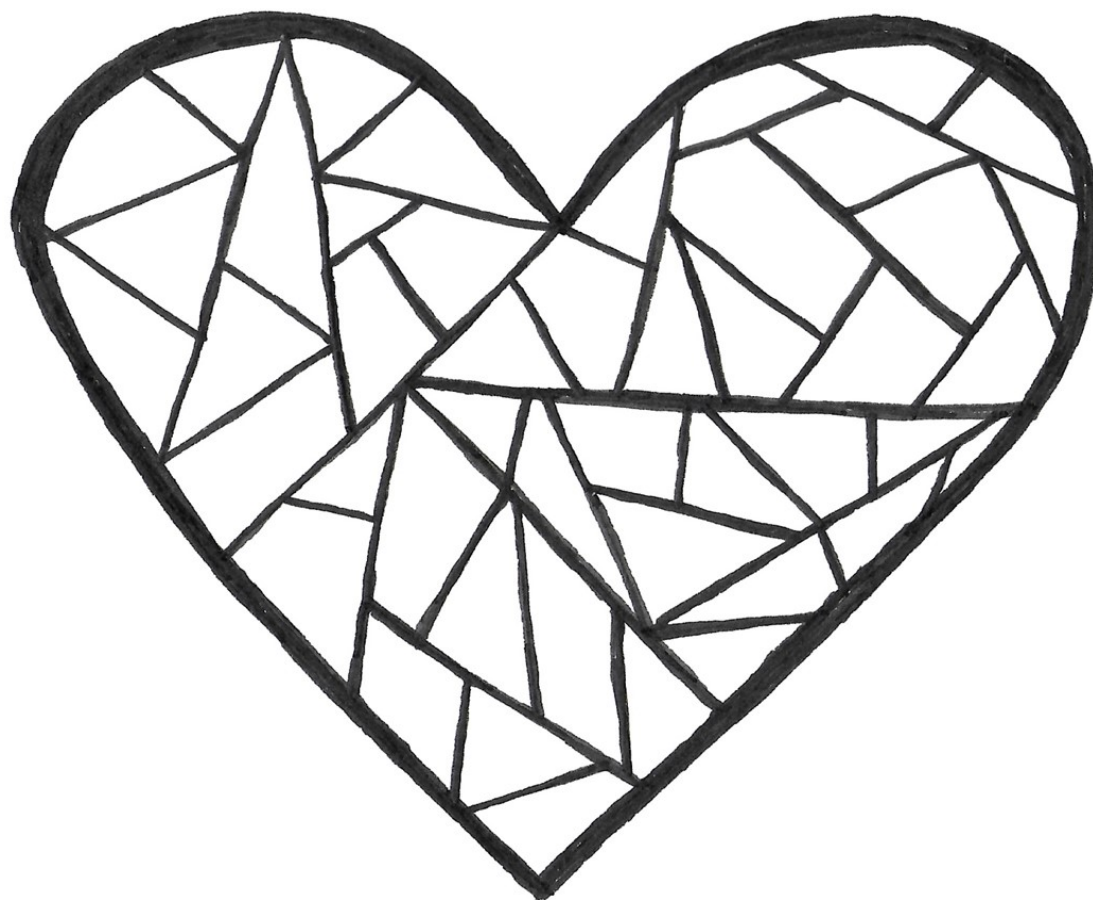
The video explains how to make a pop up honey bee.

[Make a pop up flying honey bee with Surrey Heritage - YouTube](#)



St Mary's Church

Cut out and colour in the heart. Share your beautiful heart with others by displaying it in your window. Let it be a reminder to show kindness and care for each other.



Easter Story Trail

Can you find the 10 eggs?

Scan the QR code on the posters to follow the story

Follow the trail from the gate on Wilson Way through the Churchyard to see our Easter scenes in St Andrew's Room

28th March - 9th April

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell

Easter Family Zoom Celebrations

7th & 14th April
11 - 11.45am
Join us for

Stories Songs
Crafts Quizzes

To join us see link on Church website
<https://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk/youngpeopleandfamilies.htm>

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