



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 23rd April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

'Ramadan is the month in which was sent down the Quran.' The Quran 02:185

The holy month of Ramadan is now with us and I would like to extend my very best wishes to all of our Muslim families as they fast and reflect during this special time.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school today. The children enjoyed having their whole class photos taken on Thursday and they are enjoying playing on the field during PE lessons and at lunchtimes. Following on from a request from School Council, the children also enjoyed a live, zoom celebration assembly on Wednesday afternoon where we celebrated the achievements of different pupils. It was lovely to have the school all together again!

As you may be aware, the majority of our teachers 'lead' different subjects. As part of their role, teachers are expected to produce an annual subject report. These are now posted onto the website and are available for parents to read. They can be found in the 'Horsell Curriculum' area.

I hope you have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand



Good As New Uniform Sale

Saturday 24th April 2020
10am—12noon

The Horsell Village School Car Park

Please note the following has been put in place to make our sale Covid secure:

- Please minimise the number of people from your household coming to the sale
- Please wear a mask unless exempt
- Sanitise hands on arrival. Hand sanitiser will be available at the gate.
- A one way system will be in place
- Uniform cannot be tried on
- **Card payments only**

Thank you for your support.

March Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the March Reading Challenge. There was a great collection of books, and it was lovely to see so many of you reading and enjoying all these books.

Keep reading!



The outcome for Junior school applications were announced on Friday 16th April.

Parents with children starting year 3 in September 2021, please remember to accept or decline your place by 30th April 2021.

Please remember to book any school lunches for week commencing 4th May by Monday 26th April.

Composer of the Month: Rachmaninoff



Sergei Rachmaninoff was one of the most important composers in Russia in the early 20th century. He was a wonderful pianist, and some of his most important compositions were written for that instrument. He studied first at the school of a very difficult taskmaster, Nikolai Zverev, who made his students work for 16 hours each day. He then went to the Moscow Conservatory, where he won the Great Gold Medal in 1892.

Despite this fine training, and encouragement from Tchaikovsky, who was Russia's most famous composer at the time, Rachmaninoff's career moved slowly. When his first symphony was performed, absolutely nobody liked it. He lost confidence and found himself unable to compose. He finally went to a hypnotist, who repeated over and over to him, "You will write your Concerto - You will write your Concerto." He did, producing his famous Piano Concerto in C Minor, which is his most popular work. He went on to compose several other concertos plus symphonies, piano works and songs. Another well-known work is the Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini.

You can listen to his Prelude in C Sharp Minor (Op. 3 No. 2) [here](#).



Year 6: Bikeability—Level 2

Bikeability will be running one week courses for year 6 pupils on weeks commencing 17th and 24th May.

Training will be run in groups of 6, with a total of 54 places available.

Full details, including prices, equipment needed and how to book, has been communicated in a separate email to year 6 parents/carers.



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Year 6 children can now order a Leaver's Hoodie on

<https://www.dmhoodies.com/horsell-c-of-e-1>

Orders must be placed by **Monday 10th May** in order to receive the hoodies in time for Swanage.

We would like all children who wish to have a hoodie to receive one. If you are unable to order one due to financial hardship please contact Ms Ash at Horsell Junior School.

For any other queries, please contact Cherry parents Helene & Laura via your class representative.



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

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

Happy St. George's Day!

The team in our kitchen marked England's national day with St. George's Cross biscuits served after a traditional meal of fish and chips today.



Did you know:

- St George is also the Patron Saint of Scouting and on the Sunday nearest to 23 April Scouts and Guides usually have a parade and remind themselves of the Promise and of the Scout/Guide Law.
- Other countries that celebrate St George's Day include Canada, Croatia, Portugal, Cyprus, Greece, Georgia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Republic of Macedonia.
- The date of 23 April was also the date of the death of the English playwright William Shakespeare. UNESCO marked this historic date by declaring it the International Day of the Book and it is also traditionally when Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated.

