



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 5th May 2021



Dear Parents:

Jeremiah 31:3 *I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

As you know, our school value this half term is love and we continue to talk to the children how to show love to one another. Next week the children will watch an online production – organised by Mrs Cumberbeach, our mental health lead - to support their mental wellbeing. This is a tangible way that the school is supporting the children to thrive in these challenging times.

It has been another busy week at Horsell Junior. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities including an Evacuation Day for Year 6 on Thursday which was part of a World War II topic.

Preparation for the Year 6 trip continues apace and we are looking forward to having our zoom meeting with Year 6 parents on Monday. We are starting to do more and more activities in school and things are feeling like they are returning to normal, but we still remain vigilant around the risks of COVID. Thank you very much to all of our parents who continue to wear facemasks on the premises, and to those of you sending in additional hand sanitiser for your children, which is really helpful.

We will be having a short zoom meeting for all parents on 18th June about some important plans for the next academic year. Details will be sent out nearer the time – but please reserve the date in your diaries.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

Online Gaming Behaviour

The latest issue of the online safety newsletter (attached separately) has some really useful information about how to monitor online gaming and help ensure it is a safe and enjoyable experience for children.

Monitoring gaming behaviour also helps to reduce any incidents of unkindness or silliness between children, which can cause upset both at home and in school.

Thank you for your support with this.



Bringing toys to school

We have noticed an increase in children bringing push pop / bubble sensory and other toys into school.

Toys and trading cards should not be brought into school.

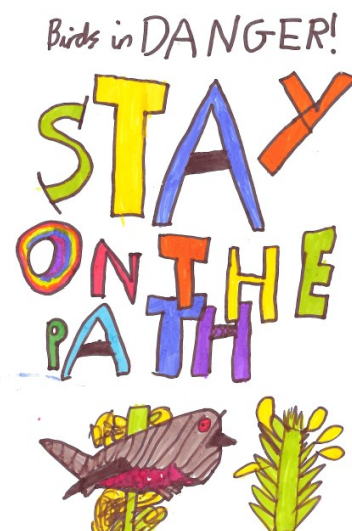
Thank you.



Posters for the Common

Our children have been finding out more about the rare nesting birds that are present on Horsell Common and ways we can protect them. This has been lead by the Eco-Committee who felt through our value of 'Service' we could help by informing people using the common of the issues the birds are facing. All children in the school have designed posters to help with this cause and some will be chosen to be displayed on the common.

More examples of our children's creative posters can be found on pages 4 and 5.



PE Kits

Please could children arrive at school wearing their PE kits on the following days:

Year 4—Mondays

Year 3—Tuesdays

Year 5—Thursdays

Year 6—Fridays

If they have swimming, forest school or DT on these days, they will also need to bring the relevant kit to change into.

Children should bring their PE kit and keep it in school on all other days.

Skills Changes

Please note that some classes change skills from the week commencing **17th May**.

Day	DT/Forest School*	PE	Swimming
Mondays	Pine	Acer	Palm
Tuesdays	Ash	Oak	Elm
Thursdays	Cedar	Rowan	Beech
Fridays	Spruce	Cherry	Willow

*An email will be sent next week to confirm whether children will have DT (Design & Technology) or Forest School.



Year 3: Dance Club

One of our local community partners 'Dance Woking' are going

to deliver a fun dance club exclusively for Year 3.

We have been working with Dance Woking for over ten years and they always deliver excellent sessions through their professional choreographers.

This will be a ten week program starting on May 17th, costing £20 for the full course. The club will take place outside between 15:25 and 16:15.

Sign up will be via Scopay and further details will be e-mailed this afternoon.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

The deadline for ordering your Leavers' Hoodies is Monday 10th May. Hoodies can be ordered online at <https://www.dmhoodies.com/horsell-c-of-e-1>.



We are very excited to announce that every pupil in our school is entering a National Art Competition, 'Heroes Royal Mail Stamp competition', honouring the key worker and volunteer heroes of the coronavirus pandemic on stamps.

It is a national competition which will see the winning designs turned into stamps, alongside prizes for the winners and their schools. All of our pupils will design and complete their stamp design in school over the next few weeks and we look forward to sharing some of the entries in our newsletter at the end of May.

Every single entry will then be sent off for official judging by The Royal Mail. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

Good Luck to all of our talented artists from Mrs Brogden.

House Point Update

The house captains have counted the house points, and they now stand as follows:

Hatchlands—3,879

Loseley—3,340 Clandon—2,867 Polesden—

Edibles Information for Parents

You may be aware through articles in the press and social media that a small number of children have had adverse reactions after eating cannabis infused sweets.

We have attached some information from Surrey County Council separately.

Edibles Packaging Examples





Evacuation Day in Year 6

On Thursday, Year 6 went back in time to 6th May 1940 to see what it would have been like to be an evacuee during World War 2. Before we came into class, we were given the different 'families' that we would have gone to and the places we would have lived, such as farms, cottages, and even a manor house!

During the day, one of the many activities that we did was learning the basics of the swing dance - a popular dance to celebrate the end of the war. We were also given several traditional games to play at break like: hide and seek, kick the can, red light/green light, and button, button, who's got the button?

After lunch, there were two activities we could choose to do, either a propaganda poster or a gas mask box. Propaganda posters were used to persuade mothers to keep their children at the countryside or for families to take evacuees in. Gas mask boxes obviously contained the task masks, and also included a set of instructions of how to use them. Did you know that the government had sent out over 38 million masks, but very few were used?



STOP!

and spend a minute to read this.



Usually people would think of birds nesting in trees, but the majority of birds in the UK actually nest on the ground. These sort of birds like to nest in heather and gorse bushes. Due to them living on the ground, their nests are put in danger.

When people go on walks, they have no clue that they could be right next to a living nest. This can lead to the nests being deserted, destroyed or invaded.



To keep these birds safe, you must keep your dog on a lead or next to you when walking through their habitat. You can also help by staying on the paths so you don't step on their nests!

Please pass the message on!

Ground Nesting Portford Warbler

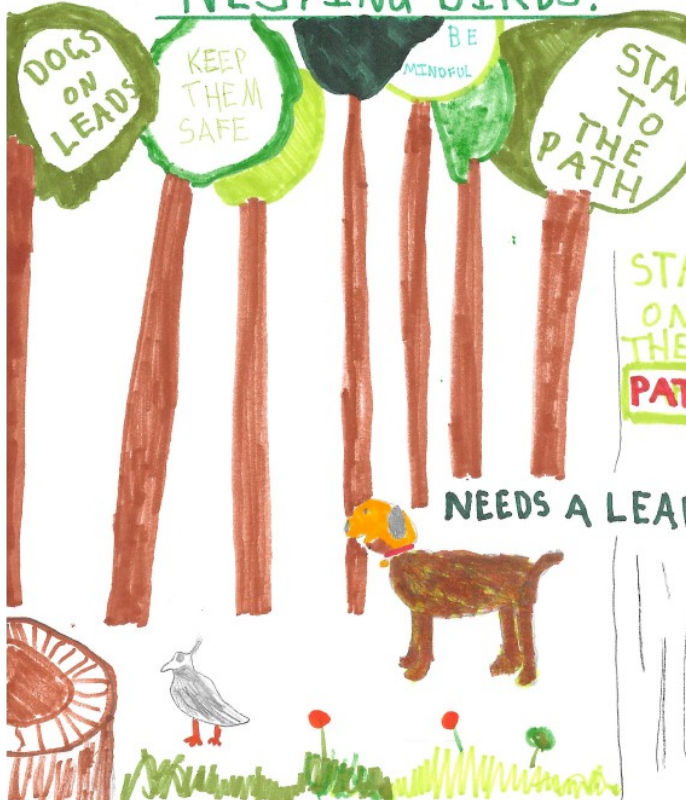


KEEP DOGS ON LEADS

STAY ON THE PATH

PROTECT MY BABYS

SAVE OUR GROUND NESTING BIRDS!



STAY AWAY BIRDS NESTING



Keep Your pets on short leads, as they may damage the eggs.

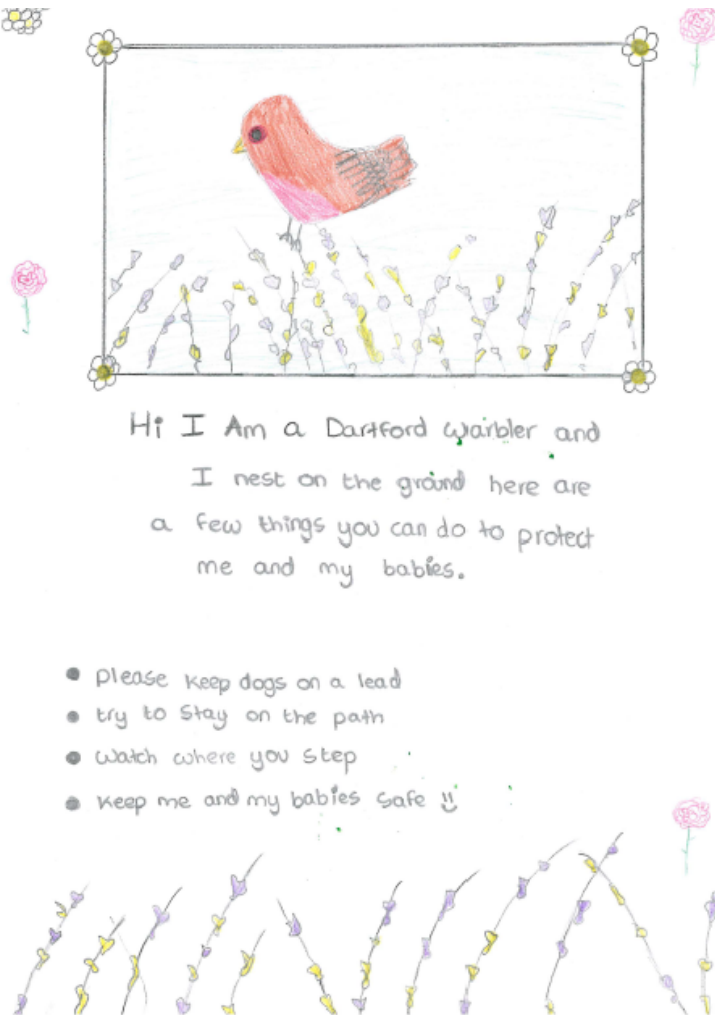


Stay on the path, otherwise you'll do some damage!

So, let's recap.

- ☺ Keep your pets on short leads.
- ☺ Stay on the path.
- ☺ If you see any nests, leave them alone.

...and keep the birds safe!



LIFE FOR BIRDS = DOGS ON LEADS

