



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 7th February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy week at school this week!

On Tuesday our Eco Committee delivered an important assembly about how we can do more to become more environmentally aware as a school. We are working hard at saving energy and we will be measuring our energy consumption over the coming months. The children stressed that the environment is everyone's responsibility and their efforts and commitment were an inspiration to all of our school family.

Year 5 had a science day on Wednesday and the Year 4 children have spent a couple of nights away from home as they enjoyed their school trip to Sayers Croft. It was wonderful to see them developing their independence skills when I joined them on Friday.

You may have noticed that we have a new sandpit on the year 3 playground. This is to give the children more varied play opportunities at lunchtime and they are all enjoying playing with it!

Best wishes, Mrs Wand

### Dates for 10th—14th February 2020

Tuesday 11th February	Interhouse Handball Tournament, 15:30
Wednesday 12th February	Year 6 Indoor Cricket at Hoe Valley, 13:30—15:00 Developing Positive Friendship, talk for parents, 13:45—15:00 in the hall
Thursday 13th February	Year 5&6 Girls Indoor Football County Championship Finals, Dorking FC, 8:30-12:00 Informal music evening, school hall, 18:00—19:00. All welcome, no tickets required.
Friday 14th February	Rowan Class Assembly. Parents welcome, starts 8:55am promptly. Interhouse Dodgeball Tournament, 15:30

Dear Parents:

During recent e-safety lessons, it has come to our attention that several of our children are watching films, games and videos that have an age restriction of 18. This is a safeguarding issue and we would ask all parents to monitor carefully what their children are watching.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

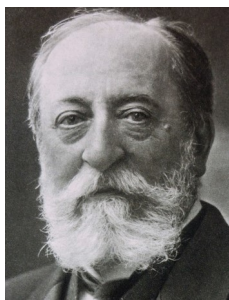
The Safeguarding Team

### Developing Positive Friendships Talk

We are very fortunate to have Lucy Cray, an experienced Home-School Link Worker from Holy Trinity School in Guildford, coming to talk to parents about how to help children develop positive friendships. The talk will be in the school hall at 1.45pm on Wednesday, 12th February and should last for approximately an hour and a quarter. We are sure it will be useful to parents in understanding how to help their child to deal with friendship issues both in school and at home.

### Composer of the Month - Saint-Saëns

Saint-Saëns was a French composer from the Romantic Era. He was also an organist, conductor and pianist. His best-known works include Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, the Second Piano Concerto, the First Cello Concerto, Danse Macabre, the opera Samson and Delilah, the Third



Violin Concerto, the Third Symphony and The Carnival of the Animals. His piece the 'Organ Symphony' was commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society in the UK, and Saint-Saëns travelled across the Channel to conduct its premiere at the old St. James's Hall, now the site of Le Meridien Hotel in Picadilly.

### Calling All Scientists!

We are celebrating Science Week (commencing 9th March) and as part of this week we would like some members of our community to come in and talk with the children about their career in the area of Science and Technology.

This could either be in the form of a whole school assembly, a class talk or just being available for children to come along and ask you questions about your role. This would greatly enhance our science week whilst raising the profile of science as a valued and exciting career.

If you are able to help please contact our school office.



### Year 6 Family Learning

On Wednesday afternoon an interactive Family learning spelling session took place in year 6. Children demonstrated and shared a variety of spelling games with visiting parents and grandparents; they particularly enjoyed testing the adults' spelling skills.

### Year 5 Boys Football Tournament

On Wednesday this week, nine Year 5 boys went to Sythwood School to play in a mini tournament with four other schools. The competition was designed for those boys who have yet to have the opportunity to play for their school.

They all played with great heart and determination and their teamwork improved throughout the afternoon. They were great ambassadors for the school.



### Year 5 Sciences Experiments

Year 5 have had an exciting week of scientific studies.

On Monday, the Year 5 classes visited Woking High School to undertake experiments, looking for reactive changes. They put a nail into some copper sulphate, they dropped a piece of magnesium into hydrochloric acid and used a flame to create a squeaky pop test for hydrogen.

On Thursday, Year 5 classes enjoyed a scientific day at school. Classes rotated across the year group. Exploding foam elephant toothpaste, gas filled balloons and dissolving salts were some of the highlights of the day.

*"I found it interesting to see how a balloon could blow itself up by itself using gas from vinegar and baking soda."* Daniel G.

*"I enjoyed watching how the ivory soap expanded 6 times its size in the microwave due to the air expanding inside the soap".* Amelia B.

**Please book school dinners for 26th—28th February by Tuesday 11th February 2020**