



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 13th March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been good to welcome you all into school for parents' evening this week. I hope that you found the parent consultations useful and were able to ask any questions that you may have.

The situation regarding the coronavirus is changing rapidly. We continue to remind the children to wash their hands and maintain good personal hygiene. Please rest assured that we are following government guidelines at all times and we will only close the school if told to do so by the government. We have, however, contingency plans in place should we be required to close so that children are able to continue with their learning outside of school. Full details of our contingency plan are attached to this newsletter.

Kind regards  
Mrs Wand

### Dates for 16th—20th March 2020

Tuesday 17th March	Year 3 trip to Bucks County Museum Years 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Tournament, 4-6pm, Chobham Rugby Club
Thursday 19th March	NSPCC Assembly District Netball Rally
Friday 20th March	Year 5 & 6 Lacrosse, 12:15-15:00, Royal Holloway University

### RSE and PSHE Policy

In September, PSHE will become statutory in all schools. In preparation for this, we have updated our RSE and PSHE policy and it is now on the school website.

The policy outlines our ethos and aims for the subject and gives details about the curriculum we will follow in order to teach children how they can be healthy and safe. We welcome any feedback that you have about the policy.

### Mobile Phones

Children at Horsell Junior School are allowed to bring phones into school but they must be kept in the school office for the duration of the school day. Children must not use their mobile phones on the school site under any circumstances. This includes the time after school clubs.

We would be grateful for parental support in this matter.



### Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday this week, our Tag Rugby club played in the annual tournament at Chobham Rugby Club. Our three teams performed superbly, producing some of the best rugby our teams have ever played. The effort, encouragement and teamwork on display was truly outstanding. Over the 9 games we played, our teams ran in an incredible 52 tries, a remarkable achievement in just over 60 minutes of game time! Unfortunately there were no finals on the night, but our teams would certainly have progressed if there had been.

Mr Coles would like to thank all the parents who helped transport the teams to Chobham and for their fabulous support on the side-lines. Thank you to Chobham Rugby Club for hosting and a special thanks also to Miss Freed, Miss Faulkner and Mr Counsell for all their help at the event.



### Anti Bullying Production

We were very lucky to be visited by Firehorse Productions theatre company on Thursday morning. The production was all about bullying. Children learnt about the different types of bullying and that bullying is something that happens 'Several Times On Purpose' (STOP). We reminded all of the children that if they are worried about bullying they should speak to an adult. In school, Mrs Bayliss Hare is our Behaviour Lead and Mrs Cumberbeach is available to talk to children about any worries that they may have about on-line bullying. We have also revised our behaviour policy, which is now on our website. Please take the time to read this document and ask if you have any questions.

The actors performing asked the children about different types of bullying and from this it became apparent that our children are worried about cyberbullying. 90% of young people do not tell adults about online bullying issues and girls are twice as likely to experience cyberbullying than boys. We should all, therefore, be vigilant of this issue. Please contact Mrs Cumberbeach if you have any concerns about what your child is doing or seeing on-line.

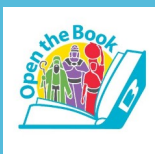
### Anti-Bullying Theatre Performance—a student perspective

This week, A.B.C. (Anti Bullying Club) came into our school to talk to us all about bullying, what to do if you are being bullied and what to do if you are involved in bullying or see it happening. They wanted us to know how to deal with bullying. They also explained different types of bullying.

They wanted us to be interested and involved in the talk/play so they asked a couple of people from the audience (including myself) to help with acting such as: a role as a head teacher, a role as a friend, two roles as part of drama club and two roles as interviewers (me).

Laurie said "I feel very lucky to take part as one of the actors. I thought I wouldn't but I did". George said "Bullying is a very strong subject and we need to take action now" and Sophie said "I think it will and has spread a huge message to the world".

By Beth S



### Open The Book

This Wednesday, we performed "Jonah the Groaner". This story is often remembered for the whale or big fish; but of course Jonah is the main character.

At first, Jonah didn't want to do what God was asking of him and he moaned about it. Eventually, though, he realised that God was right, he obeyed God and stopped moaning.

### Science Week

We started Science Week off with an assembly given by Mrs Pollard, who teaches science at Woking High School. She looked at what the children imagined a scientist would look like and what job they would do, challenged their perceptions and talked to them about the many and varied jobs there are within science.

**Year 3** had a really enjoyable Science Week. During the week we have studied plant life cycles, planted a variety of seeds to see how they grow (cress, mustard and radish). We also looked at modern farm methods and attempted to



design some new technology that might help farmers be more efficient. Later in the week, we explored our school environment for insects.

We then made our own bug hotels which you might spot around the school. Finally we looked at the human skeleton and began to learn the names of some of the bones in our bodies.

**Year 4** have had fun this week being scientists. We explored which material made the best thermal insulators. We wrapped the material around ice cubes (in the shape of the Titanic!) and measured how long it took them to melt.

We also made bouncy eggs by soaking them in vinegar, and explored how the human body digests food using digestive biscuits, orange juice and tights. It was very messy!

**Year 5** drew the human body, looking at what makes us the same and what makes us different.

**Year 6** became fingerprint experts when we looked at the different types of fingerprints you can have. We found out that most of our class had 'arch' and 'loop' patterns. It is amazing to know that no two people can have the same fingerprints!



We had some exciting detective work to do when we had to find out who the intruder was in our classroom. It was an active afternoon of learning!

Year 6 also investigated their taste buds on their tongues to find out whether they were: non-tasters, tasters or super tasters. It was great fun and surprising to find out that the amount of fungiform papillae (the bumps that contain the taste buds) varies from person to person.