



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 3rd July 2020



Dear Parents and Carers:

As you know, the Government released detailed guidance yesterday regarding the opening of schools in September.

We are now working through all of the practicalities. Once everything is finalised, parents will be informed and our new risk assessment will be posted on the website.

Thank you to all of those parents who have completed the Survey Monkey about a possible change to our start time. This will now go to the Governing Body. In the short term, it is likely to have very little impact as we will probably have to operate a staggered start and finish time to the school day, but I will let you know of the Governors' decision once it has been made.

At the end of next week, you will be receiving your child's end of year report. The marks that teachers have awarded reflect the last set of assessments that were completed by your child back in March. Teachers' comments are mostly based on your child in the classroom but some reports also contain comments about your child's commitment to home learning. I hope you find the reports helpful and look through the targets that can be worked on at home. When the reports are issued, you will also find out the name of your child's new teacher and their class.

I have enjoyed looking through some of your remote sports day clips on Seesaw and I am delighted that so many of you have joined in with this activity. Mr Penstone has also recorded our Year 6 children performing a socially distanced 'Horsell's Got Talent' and we will put this on the website for everyone to watch.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

Crowdfunding for a Nurture Space

Lockdown has had a huge impact on our country. Our children have had to be adaptable, positive and resilient. For some children life can already be challenging.

At Horsell Junior, we have been teaching the children of key workers throughout lockdown. We recently welcomed back year 6 children then also the children of year 5. There are many children who value routine and have missed the relationships and support they experience in school. We know when they return they will need greater emotional support. Some children already received support through weekly therapy dog sessions, seeing a school counsellor or taking part in small nurture groups. We envisage that there will be more of our children requiring support and we want to be able to meet this need.

Our nurture space was previously a music storage room and is now tired and in need of refurbishment. Our vision is to create a bright and cheerful outside 'wrapping' of the room which will create a warm welcome to those attending the provision. We would like the inside to have resources which are ideal for therapy sessions such as a sandpit, small world toys and comfortable seating where children can relax. Our aim is for staff to receive high quality training through Nurture UK enabling us to provide a high level support to our most vulnerable children. There will be a small area for preparation of snacks and drinks, making this an ideal meeting room for outside specialists and professionals to meet children and parents.

We are asking the community for your help, to support our children, for their future. Thank you!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/horsellcofe-junior-school>



Please help us raise funds for our school when shopping online by registering with

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/horselljunior/?q=horsell&cat=cause-autosuggest>

Horsell Junior School Annual Awards

Although we were unable to host our Awards Ceremony for the whole school as we usually do, children in Year 6 were presented with their awards today. Children in Year 3, 4 and 5 had their certificates posted to them and we hope that you will join us in congratulating them on their achievements. This year's awards go to:

Year 3

Reading Award

Rodrigo B

Writing Award

Isabel L-S

Spelling Award

Eloise C

Handwriting & Presentation

Tom B

Maths Award

Max N

Science Award

Connor M

Art Award

Ava P

Year 4

Reading Award

Ben J

Writing Award

Imogen F

Spelling Award

Joshua T

Handwriting & Presentation

Cohen B

Maths Award

Anoushka K

Science Award

Luke B

Art Award

Emilia B

Year 5

Reading Award

Tia C-H

Writing Award

Nicky B-W

Spelling Award

Grace E

Handwriting & Presentation

Millie H

Maths Award

Caitlin L

Science Award

Vini V

Art Award

George C

The Bedser Cup

Alice G

Year 6 Award Winners

Reading Award

Amy S

Writing Award

Amy C

Outstanding Sportsperson of the Year

Luke M

Governors Citizenship Award

Isabella H-Z

Spelling Award

Frankie C

Handwriting & Presentation

Emma W

Maths Award

Jessica P

Science Award

Erin G

Art Award

Rory C

Governors Endeavour Award

George H

Head Teacher Award

Isobel J