



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 18th September 2020

Please book lunches for week commencing 28th September by Sunday 20th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all managing to enjoy the weather. It has been lovely to walk around the school and see our children happy and engaged with their learning again.

Our Heads of Year have now all put together 'Meet the Teacher' presentations. They have been posted onto the Year group areas of the website. Please watch these if you have not already done so as they contain important information about the year ahead.

Many of our Year 5 children now have walking home passes and they are all excited about walking home alone. Please could I ask parents to remind their child about road safety. We will also be talking to the children about it in the classroom.

Our teachers met last week to agree on various additional in-school interventions and after-school learning clubs, and a letter will be going out to relevant families early next week. If your child has been selected for an after-school learning club, please ensure that they do attend, as attendance will help our children with some of the learning that they missed over lockdown. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's class teacher by email. Teachers respond to emails within two working days.

We are all having to adapt and we are all working hard to support each other. I am reminded of a quote from Ecclesiastes, 'Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up.'

Thank you for all of your support and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

Mrs Wand

Parking at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please remember to park considerately and safely during drop off and pick up.

Some of the residents on nearby roads have reported experiencing difficulty getting in and out of their driveways, as well as cars stopping on double yellow lines, reducing visibility for residents and students crossing the road.

Your help in maintaining good relations with our neighbours is appreciated.



Good As New Uniform Sale

10am—12noon

Saturday, 19th September 2020

Horsell Junior School

All payments by card only.

Uniform cannot be tried on at the sale.

Please wear facemasks to the sale and apply hand sanitiser on arrival. There will be a one way system—please help us by maintaining social distancing guidelines. Where possible we ask only one person per household comes to the sale.

Applying for Secondary School Places 2021-2022

Children in Year 6 should apply for Secondary School places by 31st October 2020.

For more information, visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Composer of the Month

Each month, at our school, we learn about a different classical composer. We listen and appreciate their music. We will work chronologically through the genres of classical music, starting with the Renaissance period.



Guillaume Dufay

Guillaume Dufay was a leading composer in the mid-15th century Europe at the beginning of the Renaissance period. During this time, chanting dominated the Medieval era when Catholic monks began to standardize sacred music throughout the church. Instruments from this period include early versions of the flute and the violin. The invention of printed music and a variety of instruments facilitated rapid growth in classical music and the Renaissance period turned out several notable composers.

Why not listen to one of his pieces, [Ave Maris Stella](#)?

Coronavirus E-mail

Please note the dedicated e-mail, corona@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk is only checked on weekends, and should only be used to report positive COVID test results. At all other times, positive test results and any other coronavirus related e-mails should be sent to the school office at

office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk



Mobile Phones at School

Please be reminded that children bringing mobile phones to school must submit a signed permission form, which can be found on the school website, [here](#). Phones should be handed to the class teacher on arrival at school.



Families Online Surrey West

Please click [here](#) for the September/ October online edition of the Families Online magazine, which you may find of interest.



Throughout lockdown children were able to continue with their learning remotely. We used Seesaw to enable teachers to set activities that the children completed at home.

As we move in to a new phase of learning, we will continue to make use of Seesaw for distance learning. If a child has to self-isolate because of a suspected Covid-19 case in the family, then they will be able to carry on with their school work through Seesaw. Each year group will upload the English and Maths learning for the week on to Seesaw. This will ensure that when the child returns to school, they will not have missed out on their learning. These activities will be clearly identified on Seesaw as COVID work and only need to be completed if your child is self-isolating.

We will also use Seesaw to set one piece of English homework a week. This activity will be clearly identified as homework and the expectation is that this is completed by everyone.

Multi Sports Clubs

This week our Multi Sports clubs started before school. Children taking part have had the opportunity to develop their sporting skills and experience new sports.

"Yesterday, I did Multi-Sports with Mr Coles. The sport we did was Lacrosse, we played a mini game on the field. It was very fun and there were lots of goals scored, although Mr Coles said it was unusual to have this many goals. Overall it was great fun and a brilliant start to my day" - Luke, Rowan Class'



READTHEORY

Last week we showed most of our children the website ReadTheory as a way to complete reading homework online. The children have been engaging with this well and are enjoying using it to help develop their reading skills.

ReadTheory is a free site for us to use, but in order for it to remain free, ReadTheory sustain their site through a combination of advertising and the sale of print materials from ReadTheoryworkbooks.com. ReadTheory have stated that all of the ads that appear on their site are child-friendly or all-age appropriate. If ever you see anything on the site that you deem questionable, please immediately reach out to them and let the office know by email. Screenshots as well as the exact URL of the link are the best ways to ensure they can track down the ad and remove it as quickly as possible. They have a dedicated staff member in charge of the ad experience at ReadTheory, so it is a very rare event that even mildly questionable ads ever appear on their site. Please let them know right away if you or your children see anything you think is concerning. As a parent please check your firewall and cookie settings to ensure the children can safely access ReadTheory and continue their learning.