



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 2nd October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

We have been thinking about Harvest Festival with the children this week and our Year 5 children put together a lovely virtual celebration, which was shared with the Year Group via SeeSaw. To mark Harvest Festival this year we will be collecting food and toiletries to donate to the York Road Project. I hope that you will be able to support us in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

This evening we are sending home a [Survey Monkey](#) for all parents. This survey is very important as it is around whether or not you give consent for your child's image to be used by the school. During the pandemic, we are using a variety of media much more frequently to communicate what we are doing and it is very important that our records are up-to-date. Please complete this Survey Monkey as soon as possible and contact the office if you have any questions. The deadline for completed surveys is 9th October.

Many of our children are now attending additional booster sessions, either during the school day or after school. Our teachers and TAs are enjoying doing this smaller group work and we are confident that it will have a positive impact on the many children who are participating in these sessions. Our Nurture Room is now being used for ELSA sessions and we have ordered sofas, toys and other pieces of furniture to make the room more welcoming and inviting. We will post up photos of the room when it is completed.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

Drop Off Times

Please ensure children are dropped off at their allocated time unless arriving with a sibling. Please do not arrive before 8:30am when our gates open.

Willow Class Assembly

Please note that the class assembly scheduled for Friday 9th October will be virtual and made available on Seesaw.



Mobile Phones

We kindly ask that you put any mobile phones away when coming onto school premises. Thank you.

Coats in school

As part of our Risk Assessment, classrooms have to be kept well ventilated so windows will be open during the cooler months. Children are therefore allowed to wear their coat in the classroom should they wish to do so.

Parent Governor Elections

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor. **Please note that nominations close at 12 noon on 9th October 2020.** Further details can be found on the [Governors](#) section on our School website.

School uniform is a very visual way of maintaining a sense of belonging and school identity. This is particularly important at the minute because we cannot gather together as a whole school in the usual way. It has come to my attention that children are wearing hoodies over their school jumper, rather than putting on a coat if they are cold. Hoodies are not appropriate dress for school and children wearing hoodies will be asked to remove them.

Forest School



As the weather is turning colder, please ensure children bring appropriate, warm, clothing as we will be out in all weather.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Children in Year 6 should apply for Secondary School places by 31st October 2020. Please visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Harvest Giving

This week Year 5 presented an interesting and informative assembly about harvest. They looked at harvest around the world and thanked God for his creation and provision. We always like to think of others in need at this time. Our local charity, the York Road Project, are continuing to support rough-sleepers in our area by providing accommodation, food and other support. To support them at Harvest time, we will be collecting food and financial donations. There is a video 'Harvest 2020' on our website about this project if you want to know more (see news and events).

There will be a box for each year group outside school each morning from Monday 5th –Friday 9th October. Please place your donations in these.

Thank you in advance for your support. www.yorkroadproject.org.uk



The current list of items required by York Road Project.

- Rice
- Tinned food from soups to baked beans
- Cereals, cereal bars and individually wrapped crisps and snacks
- Long life milk and juices including cordial
- Toiletries such as shaving foam and deodorants
- Hygiene products & PPE items such as gloves and masks



If you would like to donate financially to York Road Project, they have just launched a special Text to Donate service:

- Simply decide how much you'd like to donate through your phone bill or credit.
- Compose the message: YRPHARVEST + The amount in pounds (e.g. YRPHARVEST 5)
- Send it to: 70470*
- Please remember that if you are a UK tax payer, click on the gift-aid link you are sent after you have made your donation. With Gift aid, we will receive an additional 25p to every pound that you have donated.

Thank you from your PTA

The PTA would like to thank everyone who volunteered or came to purchase uniform at our Good As New Sale. Over £800 was raised.

The PTA would also like to thank Maxine Small Photography and Kim Blondell Photography, who created socially distanced class photos for our leavers last year donated part of their profits to our PTA.

Last year, the PTA funded the refurbishment of our school library, and this year they have made a significant donation to our new Nurture Room. With our main fundraisers cancelled this year, every contribution helps us to continue funding valuable projects within the school.

Reading Is Magic Festival

This Week we celebrated the Reading is Magic Festival. The children enjoyed having live sessions with a range of authors and illustrators exploring the magical side to reading. A Year 3 pupil said "I really enjoyed listening to authors, especially on Tuesday where we listened to Anna Wilson. She reminded me of the flower gate I saw on holiday and I thought about all the stories I could write from it." Another class said they enjoyed drawing with Chris Riddell and exploring Alice in Wonderland. The children loved seeing the magic behind writing and enjoyed spending the week reading a range of texts.



Wooden Pallets

Mrs Brogden is looking for 3 wooden pallets to create a bug hotel with our year 3 and 4 pupils for their Design and Technology project. If you have any spare pallets, please email office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

CREATE & GROW



Paint a Pebble

Squires are offering children the opportunity to paint a pebble to look like a vegetable, then receive a FREE pack of seeds from Squire's. Full details can be found overleaf.

Please book lunches for 12th—16th October via Scopay, by Sunday 5th October 2020. Thank you.

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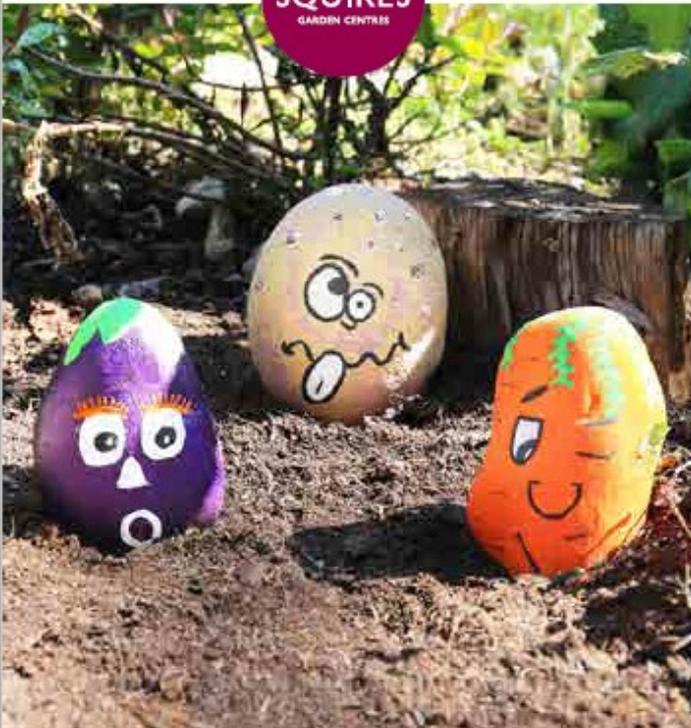
Receive a free pack of seeds

Thu 1 Oct – Sun 8 Nov

Free home craft
& gardening activity

Excludes Chertsey

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GARDEN CENTRES



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Turn Pebbles into Seeds

Paint a vegetable inspired pebble

Pick up a free pebble from one of our centres. You are welcome to use your own smooth pebble or rustic stone. Paint your favourite vegetable at home*. Why not give it a little face too!



Receive a free pack of seeds

Once you've painted your pebble, bring it back to us. Visit the information desk to hand in your entry and receive a free pack of seeds in exchange*. Your pebble will take pride of place in our display!



Grow your seeds

Take your seeds home and nurture them well.



Share your growing seeds with us on social media @SquiresGC and use the hashtags #PebblesToSeeds #LoveSquires

Seeds provided by Fothergills and Thompson & Morgan.

*Paint not included.

**Seeds subject to availability. While stocks last.

**Under 16's only. One pebble and pack of seeds per child.

Please varnish your pebble for outside display. Pebbles cannot be returned.

Max. pebble size: 12cm square.

Visit: squiresgardencentres.co.uk