



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 20th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it has been wonderful to see many of our children enjoying the online tutoring that we have set up. Selected children have been chosen for an hour of additional online maths tutoring and we are using a number of different tutoring services. It has been lovely to see the children chatting away, using headsets and microphones, to trained tutors and teachers from across the country!

I met with School Council this week and we discussed different floor designs for the playground. These designs are being sent out to the children to vote on and school council will report back to me next week.

This week also saw the first session of remote Collective Worship put together by our Year 6 Assembly Ambassadors. They have enjoyed the responsibility and we are looking forward to more of our children leading our collective worship in the future.

Thank you to all of you who have donated second hand books for the playground. We are also looking for any second hand 'small world' toys, such as cars or figures, for children to play with. Please send any donations in with your child or drop at the main door. All donations are 'quarantined' and remain within year group bubbles, in line with COVID restrictions.

As you know, our school value this half term is hope. I am greatly encouraged by all of the fantastic things happening in school and the adaptability of all of us in trying to make life at school as normal as possible for our children. One of my favourite quotes from the bible is from Isaiah, and I sign off today hoping that it gives you all encouragement during this period of national uncertainty:

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

With very best wishes,
Mrs Wand

Dates for 23rd—27th November 2020

Saturday 21st November	10am zoom meeting for parents of children applying for year 3 places starting September 2021 Meeting ID: 998 4154 8164, password: pw6BvT
Wednesday 25th November	Deadline for returning school photo orders
Friday 27th November	Cherry Class Assembly—the assembly will be available for Cherry class on Seesaw



School Lunch Survey

.As part of their food development and menu planning, Twelve15— the catering company for our school lunches—would really like to gain feedback from our pupils regarding the current menu offer. Please click on [Twelve15 School Lunch Survey](#).

**Please note that this survey closes today,
Friday 20th November.**



Turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations

If you are among the many people shopping a little more online in the run up to Christmas and Black Friday, why not raise some funds for our school at no cost to yourself? Thousands of retailers have joined up! Simply start your online shopping at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say “thank you”.

To find out more and register, please click [here](#).



Anti-bullying Week

We started anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks to school to celebrate that we are all different. We shared a virtual assembly with schools around the country, thinking about what bullying is and how we can stop it. We also thought about ways to support people who may experience bullying behaviour. Across all year groups, children agreed that **bullying is not welcome in our school** and are clear about what they can do if they come across it.

Lunch Bookings and Christmas Lunches

Please book your school lunches for **30th November—4th December** by Sunday 22nd November.

We are also delighted to share with you the Christmas Lunch menu for Year 3 and 5 on 15th December, and Year 4 and 6 on 17th December:

**Roast British Chicken
with mini Cumberland sausage**

Or

Quorn Sausage Christmas Cracker
served with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and gravy.

Orange Shortbread

Or **Apple & Cinnamon Festive Muffin**

On these days, children not having Christmas lunch in the hall may select the following to be served in their classroom:

Mediterranean Pasta Bake (v)
Yoghurt

Do you have any spare paving slabs?

We would be grateful for any donations of 2ft x 2ft paving slabs which the school would use to lay under our new cricket shed. If you have any spare slabs, please contact us by email on office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Horsell Prepared

Please find attached separately a leaflet from Horsell Prepared about supporting the community during COVID-19.

NEW- Amazon Wish List!



Following the refurbishment of our library, generously funded by you via the PTA, Horsell Junior School would like to build on our bank of high quality children's books.

We have recently set up an Amazon Wish List where families who wish and are able to, can purchase a book to be donated to the library.

The list can and will be regularly updated by staff and is an easy and safe way to support our school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education.

To view our wishlist, please click [here](#).

Items can be delivered directly to the school by selecting Mrs Brinicombe's Gift Registry Address. Donations are anonymous, however you can add a message by clicking on gift options, and we will add this in the book. E.g. "Donated by the ___ Family"

We can't thank you enough for all your kind support and donations over the years, and in particular this year as we recognise many families, like the school, have been affected financially by the pandemic.

Illness and Absence Reminders:

- **Please advise the school office by 9am if your child will be late or absent from school.** Absences can be reported by email to office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk or by phone on 01483 761531.
- If emailing details of absences to your class teacher, please copy in the office as teachers may not check these before lessons start.
- When reporting an illness, please state clearly their illness or symptoms as we are required to record this. If your child is displaying COVID symptoms, please confirm that you will be booking a test.
- **Please note that if anyone in your family is displaying symptoms, your whole family must self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is received.** This includes:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste



Elmo the Cat Competition

Please find attached separately details of a competition your children may like to enter.

All they have to do, is tell the author about an imaginary cat, or a real one, maybe your own cat?

This should include its name, colour of its fur, the funny things it does and where it likes to sleep! If their cat is picked as the winner it will be featured in the next book! The winner's name will also appear in the book and they will receive a signed copy once it is published.