



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 27th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, we are now looking forward to Advent. Advent is actually the start of the Christian calendar and is a time of hope – and waiting! Horsell Junior will be celebrating Advent in lots of different ways. Every class will have their own candle and will be taking time, every day, to reflect on this important season. Looking ahead, we have our pause day, the reverse advent calendar, Christmas lunch, the Year 3 Nativity (filmed by our very own Mr Dunsford!) and much more.

I enjoyed 'meeting' some prospective parents via Zoom on Saturday morning. I am always proud to talk about all of the different opportunities that we offer our children and I am looking forward to the time when our prefects can show people around once again!

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

Lunch Bookings: early deadline!

Please book meals for 7th—17th December by Sunday 29th November

Please note that lunch bookings for the last week before Christmas will close a week early to allow our caterers to prepare for our special Christmas lunches. Please book your meals on Scopay by Sunday 29th November.

Please be advised also that Christmas lunches are non-refundable once the booking deadline has passed.

Polite Request!

We are very fortunate to have been one of the few schools around to have had no cases of COVID. We are doing all we can to keep it that way! We want to keep every class open and teach our children right up to Christmas.

We have noticed that there is an increased traffic of parents coming to the office to drop things off for children. Many schools have closed reception areas completely but I am reluctant to do this. I would ask you all to try your best to encourage your child to remember all of their items at the start of the day so that we can reduce the number of people on site.

Thank you for your understanding.

For any queries, please contact the office by telephone or e-mail:

Telephone: (01483) 761531

Email: office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk *

*** Please do not email horsellcofejun@scopay.com. This is a no-reply address.**

Christmas Cards



We want our children to enjoy sending and receiving cards, despite COVID restrictions. If children would like to send cards, they should bring them into school between the dates of 30th November and 11th December. They will be kept in a class post box and quarantined and will be opened at the end of the last week of term. Children can only send cards to children and teachers within their year group bubble.

Cards dropped off after 11th December will, unfortunately, have to be returned home, so please make a note of the date!

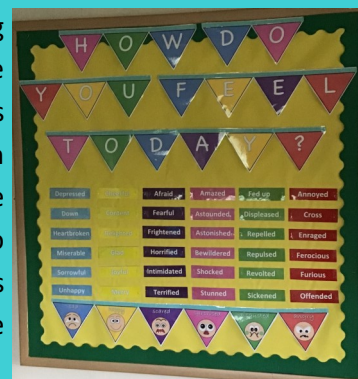


Turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our school. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Nurture Space Update



The nurture room is now a warm and comforting space that children can use. With many thanks to the PTA and those that supported the crowdfunder, this inviting room is now in use every day with children benefiting from ELSA* sessions and play therapy. We aim for this room to be used by as many children who need emotional support as possible. Future plans include drop-in sessions during break and lunchtime for children and the completion of the outside area.



*To find out more about ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) please visit our [website](#).



Maths No Problem Presentation

On our website there is now an informative presentation about our new maths scheme that we are teaching in Years 3, 4 and 5 called Maths No Problem. The presentation is delivered by our Maths Lead Miss Freed. There are also some useful clips on there which explain to you the different methods we use. You can find this information on our [website](#).

PE Challenges

This term we are taking part in a virtual competition with other schools in the area. Each week there are two challenges that you can take part in. If you complete the challenge please let your class teacher know your score and they will be able to pass them onto Miss Faulkner. This week's challenges are:

Challenge 1: Speed Bounce

How many times can a child bounce from side to side, two feet to two feet, in one minute?



Challenge 2: Wall Squat warrior

With legs apart, squat against a wall and place a toilet roll (or any other object) upright on one of the legs. The aim is to squat as long as possible before the object falls off!

You could even see if you can beat your parents!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already purchased a book from the [Amazon Wish List](#)! We have had so many arrive this week which means the children can already start enjoying them. As always, we are very grateful for all your support and donations.

Key Adult

As part of our new approach to children's wellbeing every child has a 'key adult' – someone they feel they can talk to if they have any worries. This is helping our children to share any concerns that they may have whilst they are at school.

Parents should not contact these adults directly, but should continue to contact their child's class teacher if they wish to discuss any aspects of their child's pastoral care. This is to ensure that the class teacher has a full overview of the wellbeing of every child in their class, and that issues are responded to in a timely manner. They will, of course, speak to the child's key adult should that be necessary.

Wellbeing Week

Earlier this month, the school had a Wellbeing week linking with Children in Need. Throughout the week the children learnt how to look after their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing, completing activities that they can further use throughout the year. It was great to see the children get involved in looking after themselves. We also had two fun activities through the week.



"Guess the Number of Jelly Beans"

- Congratulations to Holly in Willow who guessed 698, very close to the actual amount which was 693.

"Name the Bear"

- Congratulations to Ruby in Elm Class who named the bear Horsella.

We finished off the week with a mufti day which raised an amazing £403.02 for Children in Need!



The Horsell Schools' PTA present... The 12 Days of Christmas



	Tuesday 1st Order your Christmas Balloons at: Pta-events.co.uk/horsell And join us for the AGM 7.30pm on Zoom	Wednesday 2nd Buy your virtual raffle tickets at: Pta-events.co.uk/horsell	Thursday 3rd Please send us a donation pta-events.co.uk/horsell	Friday 4th Horsell Bake Off Send pictures of your festive bakes to our Horsell School PTA facebook page. The winner will receive a prize - free to enter. Deadline for entries Friday 11th Dec	Saturday 5th Walk to the North Pole! We are joining with the SWAN schools to walk to the North Pole, Horsell needs to walk 675miles over the weekend!	Sunday 6th Christmas Kahoot Quiz on zoom 4pm
Monday 7th Order your Horsell Christmas pudding at: Pta-events.co.uk/horsell	Tuesday 8th Name the reindeer Send us 50p on paypal put the name in the reference.	Wednesday 9th Book your 2021 family photo shoot with Kim at: pta-events.co.uk/horsell Price £15	Thursday 10th Guess the number of sweets in the jar. Send us 50p on paypal put your guess in the reference. Winner announced 12th Dec	Friday 11th MUFTI DAY! Please bring £1 with you to school and wear festive non-uniform	Saturday 12th Collect your pre-ordered balloon models, puddings and prizes from The Horsell Village School 1-3pm	

Horsell Junior Reverse Advent Calendar

Advent, a period of hope for Christians as they anticipate Christ's birth, starts on the 1st December. At Horsell Junior School, we will be running a Reverse Advent Calendar where children can bring a donation for Woking Foodbank and York Road Homeless Project.

Each class will have a box for children to put donations into from Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 16th December. After quarantine, these items will be delivered to Woking Foodbank and York Road Homeless Project. The donations can be brought in on any day during this time.

During these 12 Days of Advent, the children will also be invited and encouraged to carry out other acts of kindness. On Monday 14th December, the children will be thinking more deeply about Advent as this will be the theme of this year's Christmas Pause Day.

1 Jam 	2 Shower Gel 	3 Fray Bentos Meat Pie 	4 Crisps
5 Deodorant 	6 Long Life Puddings 	7 Pot Noodles/Snack Pots 	8 Sachets of coffee
9 Small UHT Milk Pots 	10 Individually Wrapped Biscuits / snack bars 	11 New men's underwear (small or medium) 	12 Shampoo



Cuddle up with a good book this Christmas!

This year we are having a Christmas Reading Inter House Challenge.

To enter you need to:

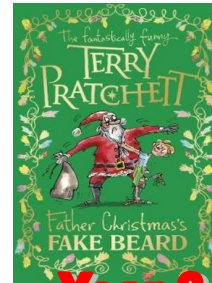
1. Take a picture of yourself cuddled up with a book.
2. Hand the picture to your class teacher and they will give them to Miss Chadburn.

On the back of the picture please write:

- Your name
- Your class
- Your house

Everyone who enters will get 1 house point and your picture will create a reading display outside the library. There will be one winner from each year group and you will win these Christmas books!

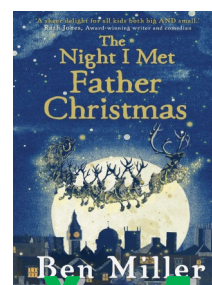
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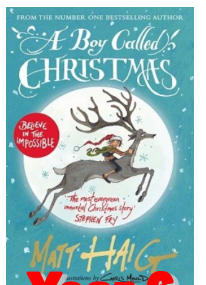
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6