



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 5th March 2021



Dear Parents:

*'The old has gone, the new is here!'* 2 Corinthians 5:17

One of our school values is hope and I am filled with hope for the future as I write to you today. At long last, the current period of partial school closure is over and our gates will once again be open to all of our children on Monday. I hope – and pray – that this is the last time we will have to 'lockdown' education for our children.

The pandemic has shown that schools are much more than places of academic learning. Schools are important for children's socialising, play, self-expression, mental wellbeing, physical health, and much more. The pandemic has also reinforced the importance of the relationship between parents and teachers, and I believe that this relationship has become stronger over the past few months. Once again I would like to thank all of you for the great effort you have made to help your children with their schoolwork. It has not been easy.

Our school vision statement talks about our school family, and a sense of family has never been more important as we go through these times together. Please let teachers know if you have any concerns about your child as, whilst most will be excited about the return to school, others may be anxious and worried about returning to the classroom after spending so much time at home. There is no 'normal' response to the easing of lockdown and we will adapt our approach as much as we can when re-integrating the children into the classroom.

We all look forward to welcoming you back to Horsell Junior on Monday.

Best wishes ,  
Celia Wand

### Lateral Flow Tests for parents

If you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a school pupil, college student or of a staff member, you can get twice-weekly symptom-free tests. Taking these tests is optional, however by taking part you could help identify early signs or asymptomatic cases of COVID and potentially help avoid school bubbles bursting.

The symptom-free tests for households are **not available from schools or colleges**. Households can use any testing offered by their employer, or **book** an appointment online at a [symptom-free testing site](#), or **collect** a home-testing kit from a [designated collection point](#), or if unable to travel to a site, **order** a kit online. You can find out more [here](#).

**If your child or a household or bubble member develop COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free testing. Book a free test at [Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK](#) ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) or call 119.**

### Snapshot Reports and Parent Consultations

School reports were e-mailed today ahead of next week's parent consultations.

If you have not already done so, please book your consultation by visiting <https://horsellcofejunior.schoolcloud.co.uk>.

Please note that appointments will close on **Sunday 7th March at 9pm**. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office. For further details please refer to our e-mail sent on 2nd March 2021.

### Arriving at School

Time	Main entrance	Bungalow Entrance
8 30am	Year 3	Year 6
8 40am	Year 4	Year 5



To avoid children crossing bubbles, please note that the bike shelter is closed and we cannot therefore store any bikes or scooters.

**Lunch bookings for next week are now closed. Please book lunches for 15th—19th March by Sunday 7th March.**

### PE Kits on Skills Days

We have changed our timetables this term to best support our children at Horsell Junior School. This means that all children will need to wear their PE kit on the day that they have skills as all children will be doing PE at some point during the day. Those doing forest school should still bring in their forest school clothes ready to change into.

The following days will be when the children need to wear PE kits:

Monday - Year 4

Tuesday - Year 3

Thursday - Year 5

Friday - Year 6

There will be additional PE sessions during the term where children will have an hour session with Mr Coles. This will be on a rotation across the classes. For these sessions the children will get changed in school and will therefore be expected to have their PE kit in school everyday.

### Pay It Forward

During this time of Lent, we recognise and teach the value of service. We would therefore like to draw your attention to an opportunity for giving back to the school community.

We are all acutely aware the pandemic has had a detrimental effect on many families in our community with jobs being lost or parents on furlough.

However, we also know that not every family has been affected in this way. For those who are able and willing to, we have created the opportunity to 'Pay it Forward' through Scopay.

Pay it Forward is a way of donating towards school meals for a Horsell child who may need them that week. There is now a button on Scopay which can be clicked to donate an amount of your choosing. Your donation will remain anonymous in order to maintain discretion and the funds will be allocated by the school to any children who the school knows are in need at that time. **All transactions will remain completely confidential.**

### Multisports Clubs

We will be resuming our morning multi-sports clubs from Monday 15th March. Bookings for this half term are now available on a first come first serve basis via Scopay. Further updates on clubs after Easter will follow in due course.



### Separation Anxiety

We appreciate that most of our children are really excited about returning to school on Monday, although we are aware that for some children, this may not be the case. If your child is feeling anxious about the return on Monday please let their teacher know.

We have attached a separate document with some strategies provided by the NHS which you might find helpful.

### School Lunches

The Twelve15 team in our kitchen are excited to welcome back all our students. Please click [here](#) to read their "Welcome Back" newsletter.

Please remember to book or amend your lunches 8 days in advance. If a lunch has not been booked by this time, a packed lunch must be provided.



### Zoom with Kettlewell Hill

Children in Year 3 enjoyed talking and sharing poems over zoom with residents of Kettlewell Hill today. It was lovely to share experiences with our community.



This year we will be taking part in Red Nose Day at Horsell Junior School.

Further details will follow next week, however you may notice a donation button has been set up on Scopay to enable easy, contactless, donations.

## Term Dates for 2021-2022

Please find below an overview of our term dates for the next academic year.

<b>INSET Days</b> <b>(Children not in School)</b> <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021</b> <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021</b> <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b> <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</b> <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022</b>			
<b>Term</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Days</b>
<b>AUTUMN 2021</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021	36
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 25 October 2021</i>	<i>Friday 29 October 2021</i>	
	Monday 01 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021	35
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>Monday 20 December 2021</i>	<i>Monday 03 January 2022</i>	
<b>SPRING 2022</b>	Tuesday 04 January 2022	Friday 11 February 2022	29
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 14 February 2022</i>	<i>Friday 18 February 2022</i>	
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Friday 01 April 2022	28
<i>Easter</i>	<i>Monday 04 April 2022</i>	<i>Monday 18 April 2022</i>	
<b>SUMMER 2022</b>	Tuesday 19 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022 (plus Bank Holiday on 02 May)	28
<i>Half term</i>	<i>Monday 30 May 2022</i>	<i>Friday 03 June 2022</i> <i>(incl Bank Holiday on 30 May)</i>	
	Monday 06 June 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	34
			<b>190</b>

### TikTok

It has come to our attention that there have been some issues with the use of TikTok. May we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that TikTok has an age rating of 12+ , and therefore should not be used by pupils of Horsell Junior School. If you have older children in your family, there are safety measures that you can implement to ensure that your child is not exposed to any inappropriate content.

#### -Use privacy settings

You can safeguard your account by making it private. Within the settings of the app, ensure this setting is ticked. This keeps the account secure from strangers.

#### -Enable restrictions

In the digital wellbeing section there is a restricted mode that you can enable, using a PIN system. This filters out any age appropriate content. This setting isn't 100% fool proof, so care and vigilance is still needed in monitoring any usage of TikTok.

#### -Reporting inappropriate content

If you do come across any inappropriate content, TikTok has a feature that allows you to flag and report it. You are also able to block any users you do not wish to see content from

Further information can be found on this website:

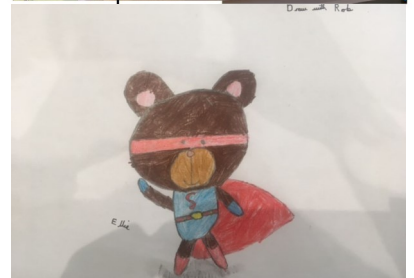
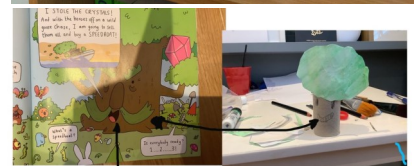
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

We also wish to remind children the importance of not sharing any identifiable information with people that they do not know. As well as not sharing personal details such as name and address, children should be careful not to post photos or videos whilst wearing school uniform, as they can be identified by this.



## World Book Day

On Thursday our children celebrated World Book Day at school and at home. The children engaged in a range of exciting activities celebrating books and a love of reading. The children spoke about books, created reading dens and characters and had a go at being an author and illustrator. We listened to many stories and shared our love of books. Our biggest success was the We're Going on a Horsell Book Hunt, with over 30 households taking part! We loved having a community event and the children loved spotting the books.



## How many books can you read in March?

In honour of World Book Day, Horsell Junior School is having another reading challenge!

**Starting Monday 1st March 2021,** we would love to see how many books you can read this month. This can be:

- Library books
- Books from home
- Books from Get Epic
- Online books (e-books, kindles, videos)
- Newspapers
- Articles and other Non-Fiction texts

**The competition will end Wednesday 31st March with all entries in by Friday 2nd April.**

To enter you need to send us a photo with you and all your books. You could build a book tower, screen shot front covers and paste them onto a picture from the computer or send us your reading log on Get Epic.

This can be uploaded to Seesaw or emailed to Miss Chadburn:

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