



Horsell School - Junior Informer

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'Everyone Matters – Everyone Learns'

Please note that the closing date for Surrey Secondary applications is 31st October 2017.

HALF TERM

23rd October to 27th October

Dates for Autumn Term (Second Half):

- 30th October Children return to school
- 31st October Year 5, Cherry and Spruce Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 2nd November Years 3, 4 and Willow Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 3rd November Palm Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 6th November Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability all week
- 7th November Years 3 and 4 Parent Consultations 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- 8th November Years 5 and 6 Parent Consultations 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- 9th November PTA Alternative Fireworks Night, starting at 5.30pm
- 13th November Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability all week
- 24th November PTA School Disco, Years 3 and 4, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Years 5 and 6, 7.45pm to 9.00pm
- 24th November Cherry Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 29th November Year 4 go to Sea City and will return to school at 4pm.
- 1st December Willow Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 13th December Christmas Dinner for children (those children who have packed lunch can have Christmas Dinner on this day – a letter will come home nearer the time)
- 16th December PTA Christmas Fair at Horsell Village School. Details to follow from the PTA
- 18th December Combined School Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm
- 19th December Christmas Pause Day – A day to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas
- 20th December Year 3 performs a nativity story for Year 3 parents. At St Mary's Church at 6.30pm
- 21st December Nativity performed to whole school at St Mary's Church at 10.00am
- 21st December School closes for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

Inset days for 2017 – 2018

- 19th February
- 29th June
- 23rd July

General Information

Pupils walking home alone

- If you wish your child in Years 5 or 6 to walk home without an adult, you will need to give written permission. A form can be obtained from the school office. When this is completed, your child will be issued with a 'walking home' pass which they have to produce when leaving at the end of the day. Please make an appointment to speak to the Head of Year regarding permission for younger children.

School Lunch cost increase

- Please note that the cost of school lunches have increased from £2.20 per meal to £2.25 per meal. This took place on Wednesday 6th September 2017, the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year.

Leave of absence

- Please note that any unauthorised absence of five days or more may incur a statutory penalty notice of £60. For exceptional circumstances, please ask at the school office for a Leave of Absence form or visit the school website.

M&S Community Fund Award

- Horsell Junior School has been short-listed for possible funding from the Marks and Spencer Community Fund Award. This funding will replace our strip lights with LED lights. These are energy saving, so will help the planet and our budget! In order to receive the funding, we need all our parents to vote for our school on the following website. The closing date is the 20th October 2017.
- <https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/horsell-junior-school>

Weekly Welcome

At Horsell Junior, we encourage parents to pop into their child's class and look at their books and the wonderful work on display. We invite Year 3 and Year 5 parents in on Thursdays, 3.10pm-3.30pm, and Year 4 and Year 6 on Fridays, 3.10pm-3.30pm. Classrooms are open on these days except for the first week and last week of each term. This is a great opportunity to share your child's learning with them and discuss the work and projects they are covering in class. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning

At the beginning of October 2017, both staff and parents contributed to the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity whose vision is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer and to inspire millions of others to do the same.

The Horsell Junior Teaching Assistants organised an excellent Coffee Morning for the staff and raised a total of £88.

Mrs Wright, one of our parents held a cake sale in the school and raised £87.77. This, added to her previous coffee morning raised a total of £392.77.

Thank you to all the parents and Horsell Junior staff who contributed to the Mcmillan Charity.

An easy way to buy Christmas Presents!

Anytime you want to buy something online, visit Easyraising first. Search for the shop or site you want and the website will take you there. When you check out, you'll collect a free donation. It does not cost you anything but helps your school.

Visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/horselljunior>

Prefects for 2017 – 2018

Cherry

Daniel Bootle-Wilbraham
Paige Dickie
Daniel Grainger
Daisy Miller

Spruce

Rihanna Blows
Isabelle Garbett
Peter Heeny
Matthew Killer

Willow

Marcie Bulman
Milana Oziunaite
Jake Terry
Ben Warren

House Captains

Hatchlands	Daniel Freeland
Hatchlands	Hannah George
Clandon	Zoe Griffin
Clandon	Thomas Henderson
Polesdon	Evan Huntley-Robertson
Polesdon	Lilian Robson
Loseley	James Khan
Loseley	Lara Milligan

Sports Captains

Girls Football – Marcie Bulman

Boys Football – Daniel Grainger

Netball – Sadie Wilson

Hatchlands

Captain Zac Silverton

Captain Laura Kersley

Vice Captain Ben Warren

Vice Captain Carys Egan

Clandon

Captain Cerys Soper

Captain Edward Robinson

Vice Captain Gemma Allen

Polesdon

Captain Morgan White

Captain Grace Timblich

Vice Captain Mahnoor Malik

Vice Captain Rhys Conlon

Loseley

Captain Alice Green

Captain Luke Kelly

Vice Captain Freya Underhill

Vice Captain Emma Morton

Horsell vs Pirbright Year 6 Boys Football

By Daniel Grainger

On 27th September, the Year 6 boys' team had their first match at home to Pirbright. We started strongly and soon went ahead with an 18 yard header by Joseph who met the opposition's goal kick before the keeper could do anything about it.

Following this we were inspired and attacked at every opportunity. Within a few minutes we had added two goals from Lewis and another from Joseph to go four nil up.

Not long after this Oli and Ed each scored a goal to put us six nil up as half time approached. We were perhaps getting overconfident and not taking care of our defence. Pirbright had a break away that needed a great save from Evan to take us into half time with a clean sheet.

In the second half Pirbright were more committed and confident on the ball. They kept their positions and made it a lot harder for us.

The second half looked like it would have no goals until just before the end when Pirbright lobbed Evan. The full-time whistle blew with a 6-1 victory for Horsell, continuing our unbeaten run from last year.

Team: Evan, Daniel G, Jack P, Henry, Morgan, Edward, Oli J, Jack R, Joseph, Lewis.

The Learning Dome

By Aditya Damle

On the last day of September 2017, Year 5 was visited by a mobile Planetarium. The year group were surprised to find a large inflatable marshmallow-looking object in the middle of the hall. We had to take our shoes off and climb through a dark tunnel to get inside. Once in the dome, we learnt about how the Earth rotates around the sun which creates the seasons. Then the scientist who ran the dome turned on the star projector and showed us some of the constellations. It was very exciting and we learnt a lot of new facts about the Solar System.

Handbell Group visit St Mary's Church Tower

By Mrs Haynes

One wet and soggy Friday, early in September 2017, 4 youngsters from Horsell Junior School set off on foot to make their way to St Mary's Church. The children were from the St Mary's Handbell group and explored the tower as part of the annual Heritage Weekend held at St Mary's Church. We were met by the Tower Captain – Helen Fox, who was very generous with her time and knowledge and gave the children a tremendous taste of what it is like to ring the huge bells.

Firstly, we went up some winding steps to the ringing chamber, where Helen shared some amazing facts with us.

We found out that there are 6 bells. The smallest is called the treble and weighs about as much as a fridge and the largest is the tenor and weighs as much as a Mini.

One of the most exciting parts was that each of us had a go at ringing one of the bells. Some of the smaller ones had to stand on a special box to reach! And one of them was lifted off the floor!

Helen answered lots of questions from the children and showed them how to tie the rope when it is not in use.

We then walked up some more steps to see the bells themselves. We were amazed at how large they are – especially compared to the handbells we are used to. We also wondered how they had got there originally as they were much bigger than the doorway we came through.

We then went up the remaining steps and stood out on the roof as it had stopped raining. We had an excellent view of Horsell, Woking and beyond. Some of us tried to spot our own homes and one of the children commented, "Look at all the countryside!"

Then it was back to school. We had enjoyed a super afternoon and are very grateful to Helen for her time and expertise.

Handbell pictures



Dance Woking – Silent Disco experience

By Anoushka Srivastava

On Tuesday 10th October 2017, 9 Year 5 children took part in an immersive Silent Disco dance experience. The children walked to the HG Wells Centre after school and participated in the event with children from other Woking Schools. Children wore headphones through which music and instructions were relayed. There were smoke machines and different coloured lights which made the setting exciting. It was embarrassing at first but it was fun to follow strange instructions such as 'look into some ones eyes' or to 'make shapes on the floor with others' without speaking. It was a very unique experience.

Woking FA Danone Tournament

Year 6 Girls Football

By Keira Bentley & Marcie Bulman

On Friday 6th October 2017, the Year 6 Girls Football Team competed in the Woking Round of the FA's National Primary Danone Cup. The group stage of the tournament started very well with a 5-0 win over New Monument and a 3-0 win over Broadmere. This was followed by a tight defeat to St Hugh due to some lax defending. Fortunately, we had done enough to progress to the quarter finals. We played St Lawrence in the quarter final and despite a controversial refereeing decision, triumphed 2-1. This meant a semi-final against our arch rivals Beaufort. Despite taking an early lead, Beaufort fought back with two quality goals from their star player. This meant we were eliminated. Despite not making the final, we were extremely proud of how far we progressed and the fact that we gave Beaufort, the eventual winners, a real fright. Mr Coles was extremely impressed by the skill, teamwork and spirit in the team.

Team:

Frankie Sage, Freya Underhill, Laura Kersley, Hannah George, Tara Cooper, Keira Bentley, Phoebe Langley, Marcie Bulman, Grace Timblich



Sports Crew Training

By Jonnie Summerfield

On Thursday 6th October 2017, ten Year 5 children went to Woking College with Mr Coles to train as part of a Sports Crew. The children learnt how to run team building activities by working with children from other schools. The team from Horsell worked really well and bonded together. We have been given very cool blue tee-shirts to wear and a series of tasks to complete to show sporting values. We are hoping to run a Cross Country event for children in Year 4 and want to begin running Physifun Clubs for children in Year 3 very soon.

Boys Inter-House Football

On Monday 9th October 2017, over 75 boys from all year groups competed for their houses in a Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 football tournament. The quality of play was extremely high and all the games were played in a great spirit. The Years 5 and 6 tournament was even settled by a penalty shoot-out! Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the teams. Results were as follows.

Years 3 and 4

- 1st – Polesden
- 2nd Loseley
- 3rd Clandon
- 4th Hatchlands

Years 5 and 6

- 1st Clandon,
- 2nd Polesden,
- 3rd Loseley,
- 4th Hatchlands

Mrs Steele's welcome

Welcome to the end of the first half term, time certainly seems to be flying. The children have settled quickly into the new school year and are working very hard at their learning.

The refurbishment, throughout the school, has had a positive impact on the learning environment. There is better lighting in the refurbished classrooms and the acoustics have improved. We are attempting to win a Marks and Spencer Energy Fund bid, in order to replicate the improved lighting in other areas of the school. If we were to win the public vote, we could be granted £12,000 for replacement lights. This would help us replace lighting in all Year 3, the remaining Year 5 classes plus other areas throughout the school. Replacing our existing lights with LED's will also help the school annually save money as these lights are far cheaper to run. This would be good news for the school budget. We are up against a London School so it will be a challenge to win the bid, but we have some fantastic support and many people have voted. Thank you to all who have already voted on our behalf. If you are yet to vote please do so by the 20th October. The website to cast your vote is: <https://www.mandseenergyfund.com/projects/horsell-junior-school-lets-save>

The school has been focusing on supporting the children in developing a positive mind-set. A message we often share with the children is that making mistakes is all part of the learning process. This is an important message as it helps children to develop the confidence to have a go and take a risk with their learning. This is supported with a 'no put down' policy; where children and adults are actively discouraged from laughing or making derogatory comments about others if mistakes are made. In such an environment everyone's learning thrives. The Year 5 Harvest Festival on 13th October 2017 reflected the school's mindfulness approach and was fantastic to watch.

We also rephrase children's negative comments about their own ability. If a child says, 'I cannot do this,' we encourage them to rephrase it by adding the word 'yet' at the end. This is referred to as the power of 'yet'. This helps to develop a growth mind-set, where children are encouraged to believe in themselves and that with resilience they can improve in any area. We hope that you will be able to support these messages at home with your children.

Have a great half term.

Mrs Steele

Horsell Junior's Current Lighting



Surrey County Council – Cycling Instructor's

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council is currently recruiting for Cycling Instructor's. This is a rewarding role so if you are interested please take a look. The link to follow is:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs>

Please search for 'Cycling Instructor' when you are on the site.