



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 16th July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week here at Horsell Junior and I feel extremely blessed that, unlike many schools in the area, we have managed to keep all of our bubbles open.

I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organised a fantastic outdoor disco for our children this week. They all had a great time and it was lovely to see them relaxing and having fun with their friends. It was also wonderful to hold Award Ceremonies on Wednesday and Thursday for all of our children and I was incredibly proud of all of their efforts and achievements.

Reports were sent out yesterday and I hope that they gave you a good insight to how your child has done at school over this very strange year. We will continue to build on the learning that we have done this year and keep you informed of your child's progress through snap shot reports and parents' evenings. Do also visit the year group area of the website at the start of every half term as we post up knowledge organisers for every topic so that you know what your child will be learning.

As this will be the last newsletter of the term, I would like to wish you a wonderful summer break and I thank you all very much for your continued support over the past 12 months.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Best wishes

Mrs Wand

Dates for Monday 19th—24th July

Monday 19th July	Year 6 Fete—year 6 children only
Tuesday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 9am All children finish at 13:45
Saturday 25th July	Horsell Village Fair, Horsell Junior School, 13:30—17:00 Do come along and visit the PTA stalls!

Eid

We know a number of families in our school community will be celebrating Eid ul-Adha on 20th July. We kindly ask that you let the school know if your children will not be in school on that day by completing the absence form which can be found on our website [here](#).

Medication in School

If your child is leaving the school at the end of this term, or you require the medication over the holidays, please collect this from the office on Tuesday 20th July. **Please note we cannot send this home with the children.**

Mix up of the classes

I would like to thank those parents who have given us positive feedback about the decision to mix up the classes next year. The children have now met their new teachers. As I said in my previous newsletter, we will not be altering the lists and I would ask that parents do not email class teachers with requests for changes, as we will not be making any alterations. This is the first time that we have made this change and I would like to reassure all parents that children will settle very quickly into their new classes.

Mrs Wand

Horsell Junior School Annual Awards

Although we were unable to host our Awards Ceremony for the whole school as we usually do, each year had a ceremony to celebrate the children who received a reward and the parents of the year 6 children receiving an award and the Bedser Cup winner were able to attend an outdoor prize giving. Academic prizes are to reward progress rather than overall attainment. We have also introduced two new awards – the 'Values' award, which reflects a child in the year group who has consistently demonstrated our school values and ethos; and a 'Dove' award, which is for a child who has shown particular resilience and fortitude over the pandemic. This year's awards go to:



The Bedser Cup
Stirling, Year 5



Head Teacher's Award

Naba, Year 6



Governors' Award

Sydney, Year 6



Reading Award

Millie B

Year 6 Awards

Science Award

Ethan



Swimming Award

Mason

Writing Award

William B

RE Award

Kloe

Values Award

Keelan

Maths Award

Zara

PE Award

Annika

Dove Award

George



Reading Award
Teagan

RE Award
Ellie

Writing Award
Tamsin

PE Award
Florence

Maths Award
Anya

Swimming Award
Robert

Science Award
Arjun

Values Award
Jhanzaib

Dove Award

Sophie

Reading Award
Reuben

RE Award
Imaan

Writing Award
Eloise

PE Award
Edie

Maths Award
Safi

Swimming Award
Kristian

Science Award
Olivia

Values Award
Keeley

Dove Award
Esme



Reading Award
Connie

RE Award
Heitor

Writing Award
Ahana

PE Award
Nathan

Maths Award
Ria

Swimming Award
Lily Mae

Science Award
Oscar

Values Award
Evan

Dove Award
Josephine



Sports Day House Results

It was brilliant to see everyone enjoying themselves on Sports Day. All the children should be extremely proud for their achievements. The results are:



1st - Polesdon

2nd - Hatchlands

3rd - Loseley

4th - Clandon

Annual House Points Results



Well done to all children for all the House Points they have earnt this year and a huge well done to the House Captains for collecting the house points each week.

1st - Loseley - 4,931

2nd - Hatchlands - 4,688

3rd - Clandon - 4,019

4th - Polesdon - 3,982

Chair of Governors

Pauline Stanmore, our Chair of Governors, will be leaving our school at the end of this academic after over eight years of service to our school. Governance carries great responsibility and is an unpaid role. Pauline has worked tirelessly on behalf of our children and staff and has provided strategic leadership and guidance over the past 8 years. Although she has not been able to come into school and speak to the children over the pandemic, she has remained very much part of the school, meeting with staff remotely, and she was able to present the governors' prize on Thursday morning at the Year 6 Prize winners morning. Pauline has been a knowledgeable sounding board to the leadership of our school, and she will be greatly missed.

Our new Chair of Governors will be Anne Smith, who takes over on 1st September. Anne is a previous mayor of Woking and has been our Vice Chair of Governors this year.

Litter Competition Results

All year groups have been working hard to keep their outside areas tidy and litter free. We have been awarding scores each week and we are pleased to announce that Year 3 are the overall winners with a score of 37 points. (Year 4 achieved 28 points, Year 5 achieved 33 points and Year 6 achieved 35 points).

A well done to Year 3 who have been awarded the 'Dustpan and Brush' trophy.



Photographing of School Events

We have been asked by a number of parents why we are no longer allowing parents to take photographs of children at whole school events.

We are in the process of publishing our revised policy on photographs at school events, which will be issued in September. The reason for the change is that there are children at our school whose image must not be on any social media platform or whose parents do not wish for their son or daughter's image to be used under any circumstances. In the world of social media, images of children can easily get out into the public domain, which is why we say that parents can no longer film or take photographs during an event. We understand that this can be frustrating for many parents but is a necessary step in the modern age.

Golden Boot Competition



We have been logging the ways our children come to school each day to encourage them to consider using 'greener' types of

transport. Congratulations go to Ash Class who showed most improvement when travelling to school using 'greener' ways of travel.



Learner swimmers needed!

Julie's Swim School is running a teacher training course in July at Goldsworth school and need swimmers for the trainee teachers to teach. The cost is only £2.50 per lesson and it runs for 4 days from Tuesday 27th July to Friday 30th July.

Lessons are in half hour slots from 2-4pm. The course is for non swimmers, beginners and early improvers.

Please e-mail info@juliesswimschool.com



Year 6 Go for Gold!

Today, the red carpet was rolled out and our year 6 parents and other years joined us virtually to watch the year 6 stars arrive for the premiere of "Go for Gold". Everyone then watched the film

simultaneously, and I am sure they will all join us in congratulating all of year 6 on a wonderful performance. Year 3 children showed their appreciation by walking round to cheer outside the year 6 classrooms!

Thank you must also go to the Year 6 teachers, Mr Penstone, Mrs Collier, Miss Jones and Mrs Page who have worked hard to rehearse the children, produce the film and edit the final cut.

Well done everyone, we give it ★★★★★

Free Concert

Featuring our violin teacher Mrs Lawrence!

Roll Up! Roll Up!

The amazing Improvising Baroque Orchestra comes to Woking!

Gasp as they play entire pieces with no safety net!

Feel your jaw drop as you hear familiar pieces

- by Purcell, Monteverdi, J. S. Bach and others -

take on a new spin!

Bask in the skill and daring

of this collection of outstanding musicians,

the cream of London's baroque orchestras.

Be the first to experience this brand-new project, based on new research and the spirit of derring-do.

Friday 23 July, 6pm

St. Mary Of Bethany Church,
Mount Hermon Rd, Woking GU22 7UH

Tickets are free, but please order from violin@joannalawrence.co.uk so we can comply with covid restrictions.



Crime and Punishment Workshop

"On Friday 2nd July, year 5 had a visit from Rob the Executioner, who taught us all about crime and punishment through the ages. We learnt about crimes such as theft and selling rotten food and punishments such as branding and pillory. In the afternoon, we took part in drama workshops and had wonderful shows performed in the Roman Era and the Tudor Era, ranging from witchcraft and gossiping about the emperor. Best of all was handling some gruesome artefacts such as a scold's bridle and a flintlock pistol."

by Ben, Rowan

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their gruesome visit, which included a whistle-stop tour through history, learning how the punishments have changed over the years. It really brought their learning alive!