



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 8th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers:

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

It was wonderful to visit St Mary's Church on Thursday to celebrate Harvest Festival. The Year 5 children did a fantastic job in leading our reflections and thanks. The church was full and I think I speak for many of us when I say it felt quite emotional to be doing something that we took for granted a couple of years ago.

Parents were again with us on Friday as Willow class shared their learning with us in their class assembly. The children reflected on our school values and were already demonstrating what great role models they will be over the coming year. The Year 3 children also really enjoyed watching some of their buddies, and I enjoyed listening to their lovely singing.

I hope that you have a restful weekend and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

DATES FOR 10TH—15TH OCTOBER 2021

Saturday 10th October	Rotary Club of Woking Swimathon. A team of year 5 and 6 swimmers will take part.
Monday 11th October	PTA Christmas Card Orders. Extended and final deadline for returning forms.
Wednesday 13th October	Year 3 visit from Chertsey Museum
Friday 15th October	<p>08:50: Spruce Class Assembly. Please note the assembly starts at 8:50am prompt. We ask that only one parent/carer attends per child. Please wear a face covering and do not bring hot drinks into the school. Photography is not permitted.</p> <p>13:00: Year 6 Boys Football Team— St. Peter's Tournament</p> <p>15:10: PTA Treat Sale. The PTA will be selling doughnuts at pick up, £1 each. Please bring exact money.</p>

SPECIAL DIETS—action required

A reminder that parents of all children who have a special diet (ethical, religious or medical) **must** complete an [online form](#) by 15th October to continue receiving meals from 1st November 2021.

CLOTHING FOR OUTDOOR LESSONS & PLAY

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure children bring appropriate clothing. Please provide a cagoule in their PE kits. Skins under shorts or navy trackpants can be worn for PE, and we recommend sending wellies for forest school.



The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022, is 31st October 2021. For information about applying, please click [here](#).



CHARITY SWIMATHON

This Sunday, a group of swimmers from years 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Rotary Club of Woking's swimathon, to raise money for local charitable causes. This year's charities are: Surrey Search & Rescue, Woking & Sam Beare Hospice, SERV (Blood Runners) & other local charities supported by Rotary Club of Woking.

The teams of swimmers have lots of fun trying to swim as many lengths as possible whilst raising as much sponsorship as they can.

To sponsor our swimmers, please click [here](#).

HANDBELL CLUB

The team from St Mary's Church have recently started the handbell club again, which gives them much delight. The new lower school group are already starting to read music and are playing their first tunes together. The upper school group, comprising children who played before lock-down, are picking up where they left off and even requesting to play their favourite tunes again!

Put a date in your diary as they are hoping to play at the Christmas Tree Festival in church on Saturday 4th December!



SUDS PLANTER

This week, we had a SUDS water planter installed at the back of our school. The planter is designed to manage rainwater run-off from roofs. It reduces the risk of flooding and improves water quality to our streams and rivers, creating a healthier, more sustainable environment for everyone to enjoy.



Together with Music

On Friday 1st October, Oak class shared a Zoom meeting with the "Together with Music" team. They are a registered charity who create links between generations through music.

Oak class sang two harvest songs in class which were listened to by eleven care homes in the south east. The children enjoyed sharing their voices and waving to their audiences in the care homes.

"Together with Music" is enabling us to make stronger connections with our community and we are hoping that we will be able to facilitate face to face meetings with some of our older residents later in the academic year.



TEN PIECES: JOSEPH BOLOGNE, CHEVALIER DE SAINT-GEORGES

We continue exploring music through BBC's Ten Pieces. This month, our children will be learning about and listening to the music of Saint-Georges.

Saint-Georges was a champion fencer, virtuoso violinist, composer and conductor. He is also the first recognised classical composer of African ancestry. The son of a wealthy plantation owner and a slave, little is known about his musical training. He went on to be a successful performer, leading a great Parisian orchestra to success and writing two symphonies, several concertos, 6 operas and much chamber music.

This month we will be listening to his [Symphony No 1 in G Major—Allegro](#).

CLUB PICK UP REMINDER

We would like to remind parents of the club pick up times. Pick up is from the gates by the front door.

Monday: Lions Rugby and Dance Woking—16:15

Tuesday: French Club—15:55
Tag Rugby—16:16

Wednesday: Homework Club Year 3&5—16:00
Girls Football, School Orchestra—16:15

Thursday: Choir, Homework Club Y4&6 —16:00
Football Y5—16:15

Friday: Football Y6, Netball & Basketball —16:15



We are delighted that the Open the Book team from St Mary's Church are back in school every Wednesday morning dramatizing a Bible story in the school assembly. So far, we have enjoyed the following stories:

- How Moses received the 10 commandments, where all the children were invited to join in with some actions.
- The story of Creation, told in rhyme, with a reminder about how precious God's world is and how we need to take care of it.
- How Eve was tempted by the serpent and how their lives changed after that.
- How Noah built his ark. Again the children joined in actions before God gave his promise to never flood the world again with the rainbow. Some of the year 6 children were excellent and helped as members of Noah's family.
- Most recently we saw how Abraham heard from God and then his wife Sarah – although very old – had a baby boy called Isaac, which means laughter. Some of the delightful year 5 children joined in, too.

Do encourage your child to share what they have learnt from the assemblies with you.



Horsell Family Fireworks

Friday 22nd October

5.30- 7pm (display at 6.30pm)
Woking & Horsell Cricket Club,
Brewery Road GU21 4TA

£5 per ticket (pre schoolers & 5th family ticket are free)

Tickets can be booked in advance or pay on arrival

Pre-ordered food only, available (chilli and hot dogs)

Please order by Tuesday 19th Oct

www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell

Sweets, and glowing items available and the cricket club bar will be open



PTA CHRISTMAS CARD— FINAL DEADLINE

Thank you to everyone who has ordered Christmas cards online and returned their forms to us. The PTA have extended the deadline to Monday 11th October for any last minute orders. Please ask your child to hand them to their teacher.



The PTA are looking for a team to take over running the Junior School discos. There are 2 or 3 a year, they are super fun, they raise money for our schools, and they are fairly quick to organise. If you are interested as an individual or a group do get in touch with us on horsellschoolspta@gmail.com