



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 15th October 2021



Dear Parents:

Galatians 5:22-23: "God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways."

I really enjoyed watching the children from Spruce deliver their class assembly this week. As you know, we have a whole-school focus on writing this year and have introduced a new way of teaching writing to the children, so it was lovely to listen to some of the children's fantastic stories.

The children at Horsell Junior School behave well and we are very proud of their excellent attitudes to learning. Visitors frequently comment on the politeness of our children when they come into school. We did feel, however, that the previous Behaviour Policy did not adequately reflect our school values. Our Behaviour Policy has therefore been rewritten and ratified by our governing body to reflect our school values, and has been attached to this newsletter for all parents to read. It is also on our school website. The new policy is based on the research and work by educationalist Paul Dix.

To fully explain the rationale behind this new policy, and how it will benefit all members of our school community, Mrs Brinicombe and I will be delivering a short presentation, via zoom, on 3rd November at 6 00pm. I would urge parents to attend this meeting so that you listen to why we have made the changes that we have and how you can support us in our approach.

I hope that you enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wand

### Zoom meeting details:

3rd November 2021, 06:00 PM

Join on: <https://zoom.us/j/95050321213?pwd=L3lEWEVUdDhtYXBrNWwhVS2ZlNGN4dz09>

Meeting ID: 950 5032 1213; Passcode: iWQ7Qt

### NEW LUNCH MENU!

We have a new lunch menu from 1st November. This is now available to book on Scopay. Please do take a look at the options with your children and book any meals required after half term at least 8 days in advance.



### ACTION REQUIRED

We would like to remind parents of **all children who have a special diet**—ethical (vegetarian/vegan/pescatarian), religious (e.g. halal, kosher, no beef) or medical (allergies and intolerances) — **must** complete an online form **today**, Friday 15th October to continue receiving meals from 1st November 2021.

For any queries, please direct this via the Twelve15 Contact Us section of their website.

**The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for September 2022, is 31st October 2021.**

**For information about applying, please click here.**

## DATES FOR 18TH OCTOBER — 6TH NOVEMBER 2021

Friday 15th November	Deadline to register any ethical, religious or medical diets. Please click <a href="#">here</a> .
Tuesday 19th November	Deadline to order food for the PTA firework evening
Thursday 21st October	<b>School finishes for half term</b> , children finish at the usual time of 15:10
<b>Friday 22nd October</b>	<b>School closed.</b> Additional holiday in lieu of the extra Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday. <b>PTA Firework Evening</b> , Horsell Cricket Club, 17:30—19:00
Sunday 24th October	<b>Deadline for ordering school lunches for week commencing 1st November</b>
Sunday 31st October	<b>Closing date for secondary school applications</b> for students starting year 7 in September 2022. Click <a href="#">here</a> to apply.
Monday 1st November	<b>Pupils and staff return to school</b> , normal arrival time (8:30-8:40am)  <b>Primary school applications open</b> for children starting in reception or year 3 in September 2022. Click <a href="#">here</a> to apply.
Wednesday 3rd November	<b>Open morning</b> for parents of prospective Year 3 pupils for Sept. 2022, 10:00—12:00  <b>Parent Zoom meeting re new behaviour policy</b> , 18:00. <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95050321213?pwd=L3lEWEVUdDhtYXBrNWWhVS2ZlNGN4dz09">https://zoom.us/j/95050321213?pwd=L3lEWEVUdDhtYXBrNWWhVS2ZlNGN4dz09</a> Meeting ID: 950 5032 1213, Passcode: iWQ7Qt
Thursday 4th November	<b>Diwali</b>  <b>Flu vaccine</b> —deadline for registering for the flu vaccine to be administered in school
Saturday 6th November	<b>PTA Good As New Sale</b>

### MEDICAL POLICIES

#### Colds and coughs

As is normal for this time of year, many of our children have colds. If your child is absent with a cold, please let us know whether this includes a cough. Even without a cough, we recommend taking a lateral flow test.

Anyone with a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours - **MUST** [book a PCR test](#) (not a rapid home test) and self isolate until a negative result is received\*.

Any children in school displaying symptoms of a cough **will** be sent home and requested to have PCR test.

#### Temperatures / fevers

Anyone with a temperature over 38 degrees celcius must also [book a PCR test](#) and self isolate until a negative result is received\*.

\*This is in line with government guidance. Even if the symptoms are mild or you believe they are caused by something other than COVID, you must arrange a PCR test and self isolate the person showing symptoms.

#### Vomiting and / or diarrhoea

Children should remain off school for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

### NEW CLUB SIGN UP

New sign ups for next half term's clubs will shortly be sent out.

Please discuss with your children which clubs they may wish to attend.

As usual, sign up is via Scopay. If the club you wish to book does not appear, this means it is fully subscribed. In this case, please register for a place on the waiting list which will be available on Scopay from Thursday 21st October.

### INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

We are now recycling ink cartridges in school from printers. However, they cannot be toners or from laser printers. There is a box in the entrance hall for children to deposit them. Not only does this help the environment but also helps raise money for our school and another charity, to be confirmed.

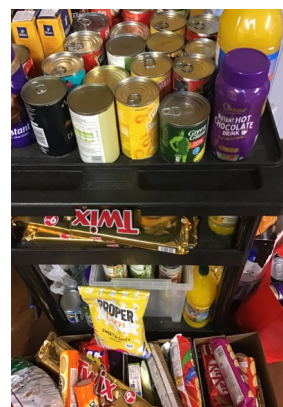


## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Last Thursday, year 5 lead a service of harvest celebration at St. Mary's church for parents and year 6.

Harvest refers to the time during autumn when farmers traditionally brought in the crops that supplied their community through the year. Although our food today is more likely to come from the supermarket, Christians believe it is still important to remember God as creator and thank Him for the good things He provides. In the service, we looked at the letters of harvest, reflecting on harvest, autumn, reaping, vegetables, earth, sharing and thanksgiving. We sang a number of songs and were also joined by the school choir.

As part of the harvest service, the school has collected items of food to donate to the York road project. Thank you to all who made a contribution to share with others in need. We would also like to thank members of St Marys' who gave up their time to help with the service.



## CHARITY SWIMATHON



There was a problem with the link in last week's newsletter to sponsor our swimmers at the Rotary Club of Woking's swimathon last Sunday.

If you would like to sponsor them and raise money for Surrey Search & Rescue, Woking & Sam Beare Hospice, SERV (Blood Runners) & other local charities, please visit <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=18296>

## ECO-COMMITTEE COMPETITION! DESIGN A BEE HOTEL (5-STAR!)

The Institute of Education want us to be 'busy bees' and help them get their Bee Meadow ready for the spring at the London Road Campus. We would like to invite all children to take part in a competition to design a Bee Hotel (5-star) to go in the meadow. Submissions of designs can be received between 25th October to 3rd December 2021.

Please see the link below for more details. We look forward to seeing your creative designs!



# 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](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell)



Booking essential by 15th October  
via [children@stmarys-horsell.org.uk](mailto:children@stmarys-horsell.org.uk)

Please include a contact telephone number  
and the size of your family group

**Please bring your own tea**