



Horsell School - Junior Informer

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'Everyone Matters – Everyone Learns'

Inset Days

19th February 2018, 29th June 2018, 23rd July 2018

Dates for Spring Term (Second Half):

- 26th February 2018 Years 3 & 4 Parent Consultations, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 27th February 2018 Years 5 & 6 Parent Consultations, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 2nd March 2018 Acer Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 7th March 2018 Years 5 & 6 Parent Consultations, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- 8th March 2018 Years 3 & 4 Parent Consultations, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- 9th March 2018 Class Photos (Full school uniform, including tie)
- 12th – 14th March 2018 Year 5, Bikeability
- 14th March 2018 Voice in a Million – Choir only
- 16th March 2018 Rowan Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 22nd March 2018 Performing Arts. Start time – 7pm
- 23rd March 2018 Sports Relief. Pupil's to come to school in sporty mufti.
- 27th March 2018 Year 6 SAT's Parent's Meeting
- 28th March 2018 Easter Pause Day
- 29th March 2018 Easter Service. School finishes at 2pm

- **30th March – 16th April 2018** **Easter holidays**

Dates for Summer Term (First Half):

- 20th April 2018 Ash Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 25th April 2018 Year 4 to Marwell Zoo
- 30th April 2018 Mock SAT's all week
- 4th May 2018 Elm Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 11th May 2018 Oak Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 14th – 17th May 2018 SATS week
- 24th May 2018 Year 3 to Bucks County Museum (Roald Dahl Children's Gallery)

- **28th May – 1st June 2018** **Half-term**

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.

Leave of absence

- Please note that any unauthorised absence of five days (not necessarily consecutive days) or more may incur a statutory penalty notice of £60 from the Local Authority. For exceptional circumstances, please ask at the school office for a Leave of Absence form or visit the school website.

Healthy Snacks

- Children in the UK are consuming nearly three times their daily recommended sugar. Horsell Junior School would like to encourage parents to provide snacks like fruit and vegetables, fruited malt loaf, fromage frais, popcorn, hummus or rice cakes as part of their child's lunch. We promote this ethos by only allowing fruit or vegetables as a morning snack. You can obtain money-off vouchers for healthy snacks when you sign up to the Change4Life website and will be given a 'snack pack' guide to healthier eating.

Going Cashless!

Horsell Junior School went cashless on the 4th January 2018. We no longer accept cash or cheque for school dinners, trips or any activities. Payments have to be made on WisePay. If you have either lost your log-in details or have never used WisePay, please contact the school office and we will be happy to provide a new password or show you how to use the system. This will make your life much easier and all payments can be done from the comfort of home.

If you have your log-in details but have not yet used Wise-Pay, please visit our website on www.horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk. If you follow the 'Parent' tab, then 'Online Payment' this provides you with the link straight to WisePay.

Inventory

Horsell Junior School has recently installed a new method of security. When visiting the school, as a visitor, parent helper or signing your child in or out due to an appointment you will now have to use the new monitor next to the school office.

This new system also speeds up the progress of visitors, parents and children through reception and allows the office staff to deal with any queries. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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.

Assembly

Please note that our assembly times are from 8.55am to 9.10am. Parents are welcome a few minutes early to be seated but if you arrive after 8.55am the assembly is disrupted and you will have to stand at the back. Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time.

Horsell vs Hermitage Netball 15th January 2018

Written by Sadie W

On Monday 15th January, the Netball Team (Sadie, Alice, Laura, Freya, Marcie, Scarlett and Carys) played a League match against Hermitage. In the first quarter, we got off to a great start. Sadie and Alice scored seven goals while Laura and Scarlett's defence stopped Hermitage from scoring any goals. After a short team talk, the second quarter was on with Freya and Marcie shooting. Hermitage stepped up the defence and we scored two goals, with Hermitage still on zero. At half-time, the score was 9-0 to us.

In the third quarter both teams stepped up and we had some great shooting from Carys. Hermitage scored one goal, while we were on fifteen. In the final quarter, Hermitage tried to pull an amazing finish, scoring another goal. Meanwhile we had fired up again and finished with twenty-three goals. The final score was 23-2 to us but both teams played really well.

Thank you to everyone who helped and organised the match and for the drinks and biscuits at the end. We all had a great time.



Year 3 Chertsey Museum Stone Age Visit

Written by Freddie R

On Monday 29th January, I jumped up and down with excitement because it was 'Stone Age' day at school. After the register and Maths it was time for the session. The person who told us about the Stone Age was called Heidi. I liked it when she dressed Joshua like a cave man, he looked very funny. Then she showed us some precious artefacts she had brought from the museum. Then we did some activities, the first one was to sort out rocks.

Heidi told us about Stonehenge and said it was over 6,000 years old. Then she said that one of the artefacts had been soaked in wee!

Heidi told us that there were three parts of the Stone Age, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. Palaeolithic was 100,000 years ago, Mesolithic was 11,500 years ago and Neolithic was 6,000 years ago.



Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours and do not park over their drive-ways. This is a residential neighbourhood and as a community we need to work together.

Please also note that the layby outside the school does not belong to the school and can be used for parking by anyone.

Year 5 Chertsey Museum Anglo-Saxon Visit

On 11th January, Chertsey Museum visited Year 5 to talk about Anglo-Saxons. This involved an object-based talk which used original items and replicas to find out about everyday life. The children also dressed up in tunics and played an Anglo-Saxon style game.

The children were fascinated and enjoyed dressing up in the clothes worn at that time and learning their games. In particular, they enjoyed seeing the mixture of artefacts. These were separated onto two different tables, authentic ones and replicas. At the end of the day, they knew how to write their name in Runes, which are letters in an alphabet used to write various Germanic languages before the introduction of Latin.



Guildford Cathedral

Guildford Cathedral has recently gone through a period of refurbishment. An 'Angel Day' was held to celebrate its re-opening and the Cathedral asked the local Church schools to each create an angel. They were on display until Monday 8th January, after which they were returned to the schools.

Horsell Junior School's angel is now in the school and resides in the reception area.



Year 6 Girl's Football vs Goldsworth

By Marcie B

On Thursday 1st February we played Goldsworth School at football. We played really well and won 7-1. We even had Mr Justice – WHS P.E teacher watching from the side-line. Our goals scored were by Phoebe O (2), Freya U (1), Hannah G (1) and Marcie B with a hat-trick.

Goldsworth did score one good goal as their striker received a long pass and sprinted towards the goal with only one defender in the way.

We all played our best and were out of breath when the game was over. Thank you to Mr Coles for being a great coach, giving us lots of support throughout the game and telling us what to improve on at half-time.

Team: Marcie B, Freya U, Grace T, Laura K, Kamilikka G, Hannah G, Phoebe O, Isabelle G, Emma M, Tara C, Keira B

Year 5 – Rocket launch

By Nick S

On Thursday 1st February, Mallard Space Science Station Laboratory came in to our school and taught us about forces. Later on in the afternoon the whole of Year 5 went outside to watch the rockets fly up into the air to see which rocket went the highest. There were three rockets, one to represent each class. In Cedar, Mr. Whitfield chose two children, Mason and Amber to go up to the rocket and press the button that would launch it into the air. We all started to count down from ten to one. Then they pressed the button and the rocket went whizzing up into the air and made a screeching sound.

By Matti T

On the 1st February Year 5 launched a miniature rocket. It made a screeching sound as it went up. Then as it started coming down, the parachute opened and it floated slowly onto the school's roof. We have a photo of the tail of the rocket. Cedar, Rowan and Beech all had a great time doing this science experiment.



Year 4 - Sayers Croft

By Amy C

Year 4 went to Sayer's Croft from 31st January to 2nd February for two nights. I enjoyed every single part. Every meal was delicious and the activities were amazing. I wish I could go back. One of my favourite activities was the carving. Written on a notice in front of it, it said that you had to be 6 and that you could have a party there. We had to wear a helmet with a torch and we crawled around a plastic cave with different tunnels. It felt like a real cave.

On our second day, we did the low ropes. It was so much fun. We had a harness which was attached to a clip and a long orange rope. We had to go along a course made out of rope and there was a part where we had to swing. I felt like Tarzan! We swung from a rope into a net and felt like we were flying. On our final day, we built shelter buildings and we had a helmet like a builder's helmet. We built a shelter out of sticks.

By Dylan F

On our first day at Sayer's Croft, we did the Adventure Playground then the Challenge Course. We stood on stools and tried to get the key to unlock the rest of the course. The second day was the best. We did shelter building, orienteering, low ropes and climbing. My favourite were the low ropes. We were attached to a harness and had to go around obstacles.

