



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 5th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

‘Diwali ki Shubhkamnayein’

I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break, and it was super to see so many parents at the PTA fireworks display on Friday evening.

On the 4th November many families in our community will have celebrated Diwali. Our new half term value this year is hope, and this is beautifully represented in the lights and fireworks at this special time of year.

Thank you to all of those parents who attended our zoom presentation on behaviour on Wednesday evening. As I said in the meeting, the relationship between school and home is important if our children are to flourish, and our new behaviour policy puts relationships between children, staff and parents at its core. Please do take the time to read the policy if you have not already done so.

As many of you are aware, we have three assessment weeks during the school year and the children have been taking assessments in maths, reading and SPAG this week. We are also carefully assessing their written work. This is helping us to work out how your child is doing and what their targets are. You will receive feedback about their assessments in the snapshot reports that come home in a few weeks’ time.

May the lights of Diwali make you and your loved ones’ lives brighter and happier.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Wand



DATES FOR 6TH—14TH NOVEMBER 2021

Saturday 6th November	PTA Good As New Uniform Sale , 10am—12noon, Horsell Village School
Monday 8th November	Year 3/4 football team , off-site tournament, St. Andrew’s School, 13:15—16:00
Wednesday 10th November	Open Afternoon for prospective parents for Year 3 entry 2022 , 14:00—15:00
Thursday 11th November	<p>Armistice Day</p> <p>Children who are part of the Girlguiding or Scouts Association may wear their uniform to school on this day.</p> <p>Flu Vaccines given to children whose parents have provided prior consent</p>
Friday 12th November	<p>Palm Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt.</p> <p>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>Bags2School Collection, 8:30—9am</p> <p>Year 5 school trip to Brooklands Museum</p> <p>PTA School Discos: please see further details overleaf</p>
Saturday 13th November	Open Morning for prospective parents for Year 3 entry 2022 , 10am—12noon



HORSELL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021

Once again St Mary's invite you to put your minds into creative mode and produce imaginative Christmas Trees for our two day festival. All the information you need is on [the entry form](#). You have until 19th November to get your forms in (don't miss out). Please help to make this event a really warm, welcoming time looking towards our Christmas festivities.



Remembrance Day Thursday 11th November



We will be marking Armistice Day next Thursday. Those children who are in Girlguiding or the Scouts Association may wear their uniform in place of school uniform on this day (Year 6 should bring PE / forest school / swimming kits to get changed into in the afternoon).



Please note we have now sold out of poppies and other Poppy Appeal items.

SQUID GAME, RATED 15+

Squid Game is a TV series on Netflix. Released mid-September it became an overnight success. The series centres around hundreds of players, all of whom are in debt, to play a series of 6 games, all of which have deadly consequences: you fail, you die. It is a 15-rated TV series and profiles can be set within Netflix to age-restrict content.

Given the popularity, it's no surprise to see the challenges being acted out by many young people: TikTok memes and challenges, Roblox games etc. Even if children aren't watching the series on Netflix, they will have heard about it from others or online. Further information about setting safety restrictions can be found in our Online Safety Newsletter.

If you have any wider concerns related to Squid Game or online safety, please do contact your child's teacher.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

MEADWAY DRIVE, 8—10TH NOVEMBER 2021

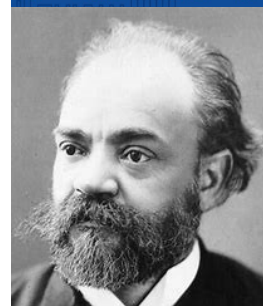
We have been notified by Surrey County Council that a section of Meadway Drive (from the High Street, past Horsell Junior to Hammond Drive) will be closed on the above dates for resurfacing work. The road will be closed from 9:30am until 2:30pm, however on-street parking may be restricted beyond these hours.

If you normally drive to school, please allow additional time on these days to find nearby parking.

A copy of the full information provided by Surrey CC was e-mailed to all parents on Thursday 4th November.

This month we are learning about Antonin Dvořák (1841—1904) and listening to his [Symphony No. 9 in E minor, 'From the New World' – Largo \(2nd mvmt\)](#).

TEN PIECES



Dvořák was a Czech musician and composer, often inspired by the folk music of his native country. Struggling initially to make a living from his music, he rose to fame after being spotted by the already established composer Brahms. Dvořák moved to America for a few years, and this is where he composed some of his most memorable music. This includes the Symphony we are focusing on this month, which was inspired in part by African-American spiritual music as well as the poem "The Song of Hiawatha".

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is due to start primary, infant or junior school in September 2022, you can now apply for a place online at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

The closing date for on-time applications is 15th January 2022.



PTA School Discos

Friday 12th November 2021

Years 3 and 4: 18:30—19:30

Years 5 and 6: 19:45—21:00

Tickets £5, on the door or pre-book on <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell>