



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 19th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

'Let the music of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts'. Colossians 3:16

Music and the Arts are certainly flourishing at Horsell Junior! Some of our children performed in 'Dance Working' on Monday, and our choir were professionally recorded on Thursday evening for BBC Radio Surrey. You can listen to the broadcast on Monday morning between 7:40am and 7:45am. Some of our violinists performed in our remote assembly on Tuesday and our school orchestra is busy rehearsing for their end of term performance next week. Mrs Brogden is also busy working with our Art Ambassadors on some up and coming art projects for Christmas, including a installation for the cathedral and a Christmas tree for St Mary's. Watch this space!

We now have over 50 children learning a musical instrument at Horsell Junior and I am continually impressed by the standard of their playing and their commitment to learning. Do let the office know if your child takes a music or dance exam so that we can add this information to our Horsell Heroes newsletter at the end of each half term.

Work on the school fencing has now started. The work is proceeding quickly and we are hopeful that the work on the field will be finished soon.

As you know, we have had to put in additional measures at school as we have some cases of coronavirus. The overall percentage of cases across the school is still low but we may still have to make some changes to planned whole-school events over the coming weeks and in the run-up to Christmas. We are continually reviewing the situation, in consultation with the local authority, and I will inform parents as soon as I can if we do have to make any changes.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards
Mrs Wand

DATES FOR 19TH—26TH NOVEMBER 2021

Friday 19th November	School snapshot reports sent home ahead of parent consultations
Wednesday 24th November	Parent consultations
Thursday 25th November	Parent consultations
Friday 26th November	<p>Mufti Day and Christmas Fair Donations</p> <p>Children may wear full mufti (no football shirts please). This includes year 3, who should bring any kit required for their skills in a separate bag.</p> <p>Cherry Class Assembly,</p> <p>We ask that only one parent/carers attends per child. Socially distanced seating will be provided, and only Cherry class children will be present. Please wear a face covering and do not bring hot drinks into the school. Photography is not permitted.</p>

Please note: Due to parents evenings, all clubs run by teachers other than Mr Coles are cancelled next week. This includes homework clubs and choir.

Year 5 Brooklands Museum Trip

Brooklands was an amazing place; we learnt about friction and how aeroplanes were made. I enjoyed making some metal aeroplanes and the bus museum was great. I can't believe that three of the buses were in Mary Poppins!



There were lots of cars and some even went 210mph. It was awesome seeing some of the cars and there was one that was the only one in the world. I recommend going!

In science, we are testing parachutes to look at air resistance and using the plane that crashed on Loch Ness lake as inspiration for our experiment. 9 men survived because of the parachutes. We stood right under the plane when we there!

Sebastian, Cedar

Reading Wishlist

Thank you so much to you all for purchasing books from our Amazon Wish list! It has been wonderful having so many new books arrive and watching the children enjoy reading them. We have another wish list for books that supports an independent book shop. It's called 'A New Chapter' and it has a wide range of book categories including a great range of diverse and inclusive children's books. They stock books that cover an array of relevant topics including autism, ADHD, emotions and disabilities. You can also enjoy stories that feature a number of strong female protagonists.

To access this please click [here](#).

As much as Amazon is a great place to shop for books, we would love to support independent stores while continuing to develop the children's love of reading!



Year 3 Road Safety Day

On Tuesday 14th November, the whole of Year 3 took part in a Road Safety Day. They learnt all about the principles of **Stop, Look, Listen, Think** and found out all the ways they can be safe near the roadside.

Each class went out into the village and practised crossing the road outside the school and on the High St at the Pelican and Zebra crossings. The children were great ambassadors for the school. We would like to thank all the parents who helped on the day.



Our Precious Planet Performance

On Monday 15th November, eleven children from years 3 and 4 gathered at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre to perform a dance as part of the Dance Woking Young Dancemaker's program.

After practising for eight weeks with a qualified dance choreographer from Dance Woking, they took the stage with great confidence. They performed a three minute dance that highlighted the impact of climate change by deforestation. There was a fantastic atmosphere in the theatre and it there was brilliant camaraderie amongst all the performers from a wide range of age groups.

The children were fantastic and rightly very proud of their dance. Ayaan in Year 4 said 'It was one of the best thing's I've ever done!'.



POPPY APPEAL



On behalf of the Poppy Appeal, than you to everyone who bought a poppy or other items from the Poppy Appeal. Together you raised a magnificent £310.07.



CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

The PTA are now also collecting outgrown Christmas jumpers and Nativity costumes on Friday 26th November. These will be available to buy at the Christmas Fair.

Year 3: Party bags

Fill the empty bags provided with small party bag presents, wrapped sweets and stickers, etc, and close with the tags.

Year 4: Chocolate or sweets

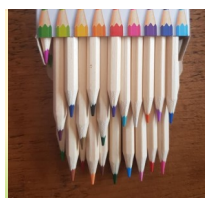
Please donate bars of chocolate – any size – or sweets in wrappers that we can use as prizes.

Year 5: Edible Tombola

Please donate tasty treats for the tombola (biscuits, crackers, chutney, cakes, etc). and with a Best Before Date later than 4th December!

Year 6: Festive Tombola

Please donate festive items such as candles, crackers, decorations, small dress up items (e.g. silly glasses, Santa hats) or cards. If it's fun and festive, it's perfect for this stall!



PERSONALISED COLOURING PENCILS

Looking for stocking filler or gift ideas? These lovely, personalised colouring pencils come in sets of 12 or 24, and are also available as HB pencils.

Please order at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell> by 30th November for delivery before Christmas.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

16TH DECEMBER



PLEASE BOOK VIA SCOPAY

Come and sing along with our School Choir at

Carol Concert

in aid of Woking & Sam Beare
Hospice and Wellbeing Care

Wednesday 8th
December 1.30pm

Christ Church,
Jubilee Square, Woking



Book your tickets today by scanning the QR code
or email info@seymourslettings.co.uk
Adult £10.00 Children £5.00 Under 2's Free

Enjoy live
musical
performances from
the West End cast of
'Les Miserables'



Sing along to your favourite
Christmas carols with The Salvation Army
brass band, Hoe Bridge school and
Horsell Church of England school.



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A huge shout out to Alicia in Cedar class! She is performing in [Jack and the beanstalk on ice](#) | [Guildford Spectrum](#) on the 9th—12th December.

She has been working incredibly hard rehearsing and getting ready for the show.

Please click on the link above if you would like to book tickets.