



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 26th November 2021



Dear Parents:

'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' Joshua 1:9

I hope that you managed to catch our choir performing on BBC Radio Surrey on Monday morning. It was lovely to listen to the children and find out about an important community project that we have been involved with.

Today all headteachers were sent further guidance from Rachel Wardell, SCC Executive of Children, Families and Lifelong Learning, and Ruth Hutchinson, Director of Public Health. All headteachers have been asked to share the following information with their local community:

"Covid rates are rising fast in Surrey and it is important that we do everything we can to get the rates down and protect ourselves and others from the virus. Therefore, with immediate effect, the Surrey County Council Director of Public Health strongly recommends that face coverings should be worn in communal areas (excluding classrooms) for primary school staff and visitors, and secondary school pupils, staff and visitors, unless they are exempt or have a reasonable excuse. This is applicable to all Surrey schools, education settings and further education settings for the remainder of the Autumn term.

There are a number of other ways parents/carers can help to prevent the spread of the virus:

- Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms, so it is vital that parents/carers get their child a PCR test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- Please encourage your secondary school children to lateral flow test twice a week, to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus.

Anyone over the age of 12 is now eligible for their coronavirus vaccination. A full list of all places offering the vaccination across the South East, whether that be first or second doses, or the Covid-19 booster, visit Find a walk-in coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination site - NHS (www.nhs.uk). To book an appointment – visit Book or manage your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk). People that can't go online can book by phoning 119.'

Positive cases of COVID-19 are increasing in Surrey and remain high. Headteachers have been further advised to fully risk assess and put in contingency plans for managing or cancelling large events. As I have said before, we will continue to review our plans for up and coming events and may have to make some last-minute changes. We currently plan to continue with our school nativity, but have made some changes to maintain a sensible level of social distancing. There is more information about this in the newsletter. We will also be relocating the PTA Christmas Fair to the Junior School so that we can space out stalls more effectively. The PTA will be updating parents accordingly.

I would also ask that all parents on the school site, including at pick up time on the playground, wear facemasks.

I am sure that I speak for all of you when I say we are all feeling somewhat 'battle weary' with COVID and how much we all want a normal Christmas. The quote from Joshua helps remind us that sometimes we have to trust in something larger than ourselves, and I am sure that we will continue to enjoy the forthcoming period of Advent.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Wand

DATES FOR 19TH—26TH NOVEMBER 2021

Monday 29th November	Year 6 height and weight check with Surrey nursing team
Wednesday 1st December	Reverse Advent Calendar collection starts—further information overleaf
Saturday 4th December	PTA Christmas Fair, 12noon—3pm NEW VENUE! Horsell Junior School

School Choir on BBC Radio Surrey

Our school choir was recorded last week for BBC Radio Surrey. Our school have been working on a Music for Wellbeing project and helped write a song. If you missed them on Monday morning, you can listen to the recording again by clicking on the following link. Their section is at around 1hr 40 minutes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0b1szwn>

Christmas Cards

Children wishing to send friends cards can do so via the school Christmas Post. A letterbox will be available in reception.



Please ensure the name and class of the recipient is written clearly. The last posting date will be **Monday 13th December**.

Swimmer of the Week

Ethan, Cedar Class

For excellent listening and paying attention really well. Well done!

Year 3 Nativity Performances—AMENDMENT

We have reviewed our arrangements for the Year 3 nativity in line with updated advice from Surrey county council. There will now be two performances, and children may invite ONE adult to each:

Thursday 16th December at 6pm

Friday 17th December at 9:45am

Please note that we are not able to accommodate siblings, except for babies under 1 years old.

Please register your attendance via Scopay.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

16TH DECEMBER



PLEASE BOOK VIA SCOPAY

Horsell Schools' PTA Christmas Fair

Saturday 4th December 2021

12pm – 3pm

Horsell C of E Junior School



Reverse Advent Calendar - 12 days of giving

Love and service are two of our school values, and as part of this we encourage our children to think of others. Horsell Junior School has a tradition of supporting the [York Road Project](#), and this year we will again have a reverse advent calendar, where we ask children to bring in a donation. Children can bring in one of the suggested donation on any day between 1st and 16th December. A collection box will be available at the gate each day.

Day 1 Multi-pack crisps & snacks	Day 2 Jars of Coffee & Hot chocolate	Day 3 Cordials & Bottled water	Day 4 Individually wrapped bis- cuits/ sweets	Day 5 Mens boxer shorts (new)	Day 6 Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
Day 7 Bodywash	Day 8 Shampoo/ Conditioner	Day 9 Tangle Teezers	Day 10 Deodorant/ Body spray	Day 11 Puzzles (complete sets only)	Day 12 Art and craft items*

*Art and craft items include colouring pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, rulers, adult colouring books, paper, etc.



York Road Project



Guildford's Cathedral—Everyone's Welcome

29th November 2021—6th January 2022

Our entry for Guildford's Cathedral's display this year was inspired by the theme "Everyone's Welcome".

The art ambassadors thought carefully about how to represent this and decided that a table offering foods reflected this theme. "John replied, if you have two shirts give one to the poor, if you have food share it with those who are hungry". John 3:11

If you would like to see the exhibit please visit www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/art for further information.