



Horsell School - Junior Informer

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'Everyone Matters – Everyone Learns'

Inset Days

29th June 2018, 23rd July 2018

- **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)
- 24th, 25th, 26th April 2018 Book Fair, 3.10pm – 4.00pm
- 25th April 2018 Year 4 to Marwell Zoo. Return at 4.00pm
- 2nd May 2018 Writing Workshop, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- 4th May 2018 Elm Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 7th May 2018 May Bank Holiday
- 10th May 2018 Year 5 to Woking Mosque
- 11th May 2018 Oak Class Assembly at 8.55am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 14th – 17th May 2018 SAT's week
- 18th May 2018 School Disco
- 21st, 23rd, 25th May 2018 Year 4 Bikeability
- 24th May 2018 Year 3 to Bucks County Museum (Roald Dahl Gallery). Return at 4.00pm

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

Dates for Summer Term (Second Half):

- 5th June 2018 Year 6 to British Museum
- 9th June 2018 PTA Summer Fair
- 15th June 2018 Sports Day
- 18th – 20th June 2018 Year 5 Victorian Village
- 25th June 2018 Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral, 12.30pm – 2.00pm
- 28th June 2018 Exhibition Evening
- 29th June 2018 Inset Day
- 6th July 2018 Year 3 Camp
- 12th July 2018 Year 6 Performance of Macbeth, 7pm in the school hall
- 17th July 2018 Prize-giving ceremony, 9.30am
- 18th July 2018 Parent Helper's Thank You Tea, 2.00pm
- 19th July 2018 Year 6 Leavers Fete, 10.00am
- 20th July 2018 Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9.30am (Parents are welcome to attend)
- 23rd July 2018 Inset Day

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.

World Book Day (rescheduled)

On 16th March, Horsell Junior School celebrated World Book Day. This initiative is a charity event which is financed by contributing publishers. Its aim is to celebrate books and promote a love of reading. Thousands of bookshops, supermarkets and schools participated all over the country. Horsell Junior School children were encouraged to come to school wearing costumes from book characters. As can be seen, there was some fantastic dressing up. The children delighted in taking part and explained who they were and which book the character was from.



Year 6 – Junior Citizen

On 13th March, Year 6 went to Woking Football Club for the Junior Citizen scheme.

This is organised by the Safer Woking Partnership and is supported by community organisations, including Woking Borough Council, Surrey Fire and Rescue, Surrey Police, Woking Football Club, UK Power Networks, British Transport Police and Freedom Leisure.

The event provided a safe and fun way for children to learn about safety issues and what to do if they were ever faced with a dangerous situation. A new workshop has been created this year to give the children the opportunity to practice making an emergency 999 call. Other sessions Year 6 participated in were on railway, electrical, water and fire safety and stranger danger.



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 park your car when bringing your children into school. There have been a couple of near misses where parents have stopped their car on the crossing and let their children out. This causes a problem as other drivers overtake because they think the car is parked.

Goodbye and Welcome

Please join us in saying goodbye and all the best to Mr Bernard Whitfield. We have enjoyed his time with us and wish him all the best in the future.

We are excited to welcome Miss Emma Hampshire who will be teaching Cedar class, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 16th April 2018.

Voice in a million

By Caitlin Tighe

What is VIAM?

VIAM is a school event where every participating school in the UK comes and sings songs in Wembley Arena. VIAM is really loud as there are lots of speakers hanging around the place. It makes your ears go a bit deaf after a while. VIAM sponsors Adoption UK.

VIAM, (short for Voice in a million) was amazing. Everyone loved all the songs, which the choir practise beforehand. It was really exciting. Mrs Bayliss made us all work hard so we got the songs right. I mostly love them all.

Who goes to VIAM?

VIAM is great. You have the stage choir, the dancers that help you with the moves and the one and only Jo Garofalo who runs VIAM. Some famous people or groups perform. This year there was HARVEY, Road Trippers, who were there in 2017; Little T and Ricardo from the Voice-Kids also came on stage.

Where was Voice in a Million?

VIAM is based in London. We travelled to Wembley Arena by coach. Once we got there, Mrs Bayliss checked again that we were all there. Then we got our tickets and our VIAM t-shirts. This year Mrs Steele, Mr Burns and Mrs Bayliss came. Mrs Bayliss comes every year as she teaches us the songs at school.

Performing Arts

On 22nd March, Horsell Junior School held their annual Performing Arts evening. Rehearsals resonated throughout the school for weeks before the event. Talented singers and dancers showcased their skills and a program was built for parents to come and see the participating children.

The show would not have been able to go on however without the children and adults working in the background.. Thank you to our two Comperes, to the backstage crew, lighting assistants and the sound manager. Working backstage is just as important as being on the stage and all the children worked well together and produced a fantastic show.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the event. We raised an amazing £101.18.



Sports Relief Day

On 23rd March, Horsell Junior School celebrated Sports Relief Day. Children were encouraged to come to school wearing sports mufti in order to support a great cause. Sports Relief is a charity that believes people have the right to live healthier, happier and safer lives. The money that is raised by our school and organisations across the country is used to tackle critical issues affecting people in the UK and around the world. Examples of the areas in which people have been helped are mental health in the UK, treating people in Africa with anti-malarial drugs and also providing maternal, neonatal and child health funding in Africa.

Our school raised £372.48 for Sports Relief. Combined with the Performing Arts evening, this is an amazing £473.66.



Year 4 Greenfield Tournament

On 7th March, Greenfield invited a number of schools to play in a girl's football tournament at the Leisure Centre. Our first matches were against Sythwood and St Dunstan's. We beat Sythwood with a great score of 5-1 to us. Then we played St Dunstan's. We played our best, but they had one player who scored all the goals for them. The result was 3-2 to them. Unfortunately that meant we had not made it to the play off for first place but we did make it to play off for second place. We played Hermitage then Brookwood, had two really good matches and we beat both teams 6-0. That meant we won a nice shiny trophy for second place!

Team: Marcie B, Freya U, Laura K, Grace T, Kiera B, Frankie S



Year 4 WASPS Tag Rugby Tournament

By Mr Coles

On 22nd March, the Year 4 Tag Rugby team played in the annual Tag Rugby Tournament at Chobham Rugby Club. Twelve teams attended on the day and were split into four groups for the round robin stages. Horsell were drawn against West Byfleet and Goldsworth's second team.

The first game was against West Byfleet. Despite a nervous start, the Horsell team grew in confidence and dominated the closing stages of the match, ending up comfortable winners. The second group match was an all action game from the Horsell team, dominating against Goldsworth and winning the game with some great tries. Horsell were then through to the Semi-finals against Goldsworth's 'A' team. The Horsell team battled hard against a strong Goldsworth team and showed superb team spirit and determination and came away with the win. This put them through to the final! St Dunstan's now stood in the way of Horsell winning the Cup Competition for the second year in a row. An incredibly tense and exciting game saw end to end action with both teams scoring tries. Horsell refused to give in and scored the winning try with only seconds remaining to clinch the final, 7-6.

Mr Coles is incredibly proud of the effort, teamwork and determination the team showed throughout the tournament. The whole team were amazing. Mr Coles would also like to thank all the parents for helping with transport and supporting the team so enthusiastically.

Team: Freya G, Phoebe Langley, Charlie U, Charlie O, Luke M, Taylor G, Alfie M.



WASP's Netball Rally report

Written by Sadie W

On 19th March both Netball teams travelled to St John the Baptist school for the District Netball Tournament. Everyone was very excited as it was the most important event in the season so far. Many players had been to last year's event so knew what to expect. The standards were expected to be good so everyone had practised hard. We were all a bit nervous!

Both teams were sorted into their groups and everyone was ready to go even though it was freezing. The League Team was in the C group and the B Team in the D group. The League Team realised that their rivals, St Hugh, were in their group so would have to play them soon. Both teams got off to a great start, working together in their teams. In our group, the other teams were Bisley, St Hugh and New Haw. We stormed ahead winning the first couple of matches. Meanwhile, the B Team were playing really well, winning two matches. The League Team won all their matches in their group even though St Hugh put up a great fight. The B Team played some really hard, close games. Eventually the quarter final places were announced. Unfortunately the B Team did not get through but the League Team were placed in the quarter finals against West Byfleet.

The quarter finals started just as the temperature dropped so everyone's fingers were frozen. We had played West Byfleet before in the League so we knew how they played. Our team got off to a great start and soon we were ahead. West Byfleet put up a good fight but we won. Then the semi-finals were drawn. We would be playing St Hugh's next. We knew that we needed to treat this like a final because of the tough competition. It was a very close match but we came out on top.

Next we learnt that St Lawrence, a team we hadn't played before, had won their Semi-final so we were to play them in the final. Horsell were told they were a very good team and could shoot well. We got off to a good start but so did St Lawrence. As soon as St Lawrence got the ball in the shooting circle, they got a goal. We stepped up both our defence and shooting. Our team was amazing and won 9-2.

Everyone played amazingly. The B Team also played well. Well done to them. Everyone had a great time and lots of fun. A huge thank you to Cardinals who ran the whole event. Also to Mr Coles and Miss Freed who organised and supported us. We couldn't have done it without them!

B Team: Gemma A, Cerys S, Isabelle G, Daisy M, Alyshea L, Phoebe O, Lilian R and Madeleine O.

League Team: Sadie W, Laura K, Alice G, Freya U, Marcie B, Carys E and Scarlett D.