



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 28th January 2022



Dear Parents and Carers:

*'Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.'* Psalm 106:3 NIV

I know that the Year 5 children are looking forward to their residential trip next week. We have everything crossed that as many children as possible can attend, and that the teaching team stays well!

As we come out of many of the national COVID restrictions, we are continuing to contend with the impact of COVID in school, whilst striving to keep things as normal as possible. Staff are therefore still wearing masks in communal areas and we ask that all visitors to the school continue to do so. We would also appreciate mask wearing at drop off and pick up time. We are also continuing to have our Collective Worship via teams, and occasionally year groups are being asked to eat their lunch in the class room if the numbers of cases in a year group increases. In taking these measures, we are hoping to keep transmission levels down as much as we can.

Children are continuing to work hard across the school and I have enjoyed popping into classes this week to talk to them about their learning. They are showing great resilience and perseverance with their studies.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

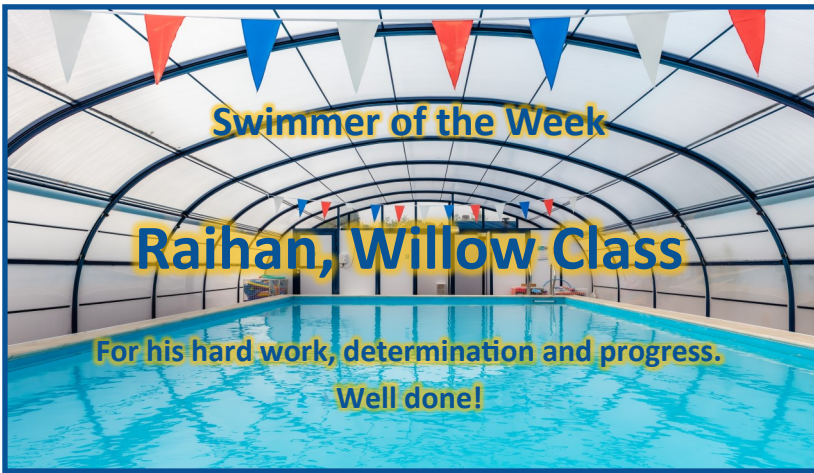
### DATES FOR 31ST JANUARY—4TH FEBRUARY 2022

<b>Monday 31st January</b>	<b>Year 5 depart on residential trip.</b> Please drop off children and luggage at the school hall via the school car park entrance between 8:30—8:40am. Coaches depart at 9:15am.
<b>Tuesday 1st February</b>	<b>Year 3 Skills afternoon</b> —Ash and Elm should wear PE kit.
<b>Wednesday 2nd February</b>	<b>Year 5 return from residential trip.</b> Pick up from the school hall via the school car park entrance at 15:10.  <b>Year 6 Boys Football</b> , Sythwood, 15:10—16:20  <b>Dance lessons, Pine class</b> (due to year 5 trip), Acer, Palm and Year 6. Please wear PE kit.
<b>Thursday 3rd February</b>	<b>Dance lessons</b> return to Thursdays: Year 3, <b>Beech</b> , Cedar and Rowan. Please wear PE kit.
<b>Friday 4th February</b>	<b>Year 5 skills afternoon</b> —please wear PE kit.  Year 3 will not have skills and should wear school uniform.

### CHANGE TO SKILLS AND DANCE SCHEDULE:

Due to the Year 5 residential trip, we have changed the skills afternoons for year 3 and 5 for next week ONLY. **Year 3** will have skills on Tuesday and **Year 5** on Friday. Please wear PE kit and bring kit as per the usual skills days.

We have also changed the dance class for **Pine** to Wednesday, and **Beech** will have their class on Thursday. Please wear PE kit on the day of your dance class.



## MRS RAHEEM

Sadly, Mrs Raheem will be leaving us on 8th February. Mrs Raheem has worked at the school for several years and has supported children through our ELSA provision. I know that she will miss the school and the children very much. We are all very sad to see her leave us and wish her well for her future endeavours.

Mrs Cole is also trained in the ELSA programme, and she will continue the excellent work that Mrs Raheem has done with our children. We are also running nurture groups, play therapy and Lego therapy for children who need additional support with their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Horsell Junior School also operates a 'key adult' scheme. Children name an adult who they feel close to and this is the person in school who they should go to if they have any minor worries or concerns. In the majority of cases, a child's key adult is their class teacher, but it could be a teaching assistant, the SENCO or Mr Coles. If your child has any minor worries at school, please do remind them to discuss things with their key adult.

## DONATIONS



Thank you to all parents for donating small world toys to the school; the children will certainly enjoy playing with them.

## YEAR GROUP PETS

We are about to get Year Group pets for the children. The PTA has kindly donated the money for us to have pet gerbils and hamsters in each group. The animals will be joining us after half term.

We ask that parents complete a google form for each child regarding our new school pets. On the form you can indicate if your child has any allergies, and whether or not you are comfortable with them handling the animals. Please click [here](#) to complete the form; we ask that all forms are completed by 4th February 2022.

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Our safeguarding team meets every week to discuss the wellbeing of children in the school, and we now have some new members of the team.

- Mrs Wand (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs Brinicombe (Deputy DSL)
- Mr Coles (Deputy DSL)
- Mrs Wiseman (Deputy DSL)
- Mr Penstone
- Mrs Cumberbeach (Deputy DSL)

Mr Coles monitors the children's online activity whilst at school and reports any concerns to the team. Mrs Cumberbeach is our mental health lead and is also responsible for our PSHE programme. Mrs Wiseman ensures that safeguarding records of new arrivals are up to date, and Mr Penstone is responsible for teaching the children about online safety as part of the computing curriculum.

If parents have any concerns about the welfare of a child, they should contact a member of the team.

### CHILDREN BEING COLLECTED BY OLDER SIBLINGS

If your child is being collected by an older sibling at High School, as a one off or regularly, please let their teacher or the office know so we can make a note on our system they have your permission. We also ask that siblings come onto school premises by themselves; friends should wait outside, away from the main school gates.

Children in year 3 and 4 who walk home with older siblings in year 5 and 6 need a walking home pass. The walking home pass will state they can only leave with their sibling.

### VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for a full time Teaching Assistant and a temporary part-time Admin Assistant to cover maternity leave. Please see details on our eTeach site:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1204698>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/administrative-assistant-maternity-cover-1204783>

### CORONAVIRUS REMINDER

Please note that anyone who develops one of the three main COVID-19 **symptoms** should stay at home, self-isolate and take a **PCR test** even if they have a negative lateral flow test. Lateral flow tests are taken by people who **do not** have COVID-19 symptoms.

As cases are high and there have been a number of changes in guidance over the last few weeks, please kindly ask that everyone familiarises themselves with the latest advice, which can be found on our website [here](#).

### BIKEABILITY VACANCY

Want to work locally?

Like to be outdoors?

Interested in enthusing groups of young learners?

Surrey County Council are recruiting for a cycle instructor for their bike ability courses.

For further details please visit [Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)