



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

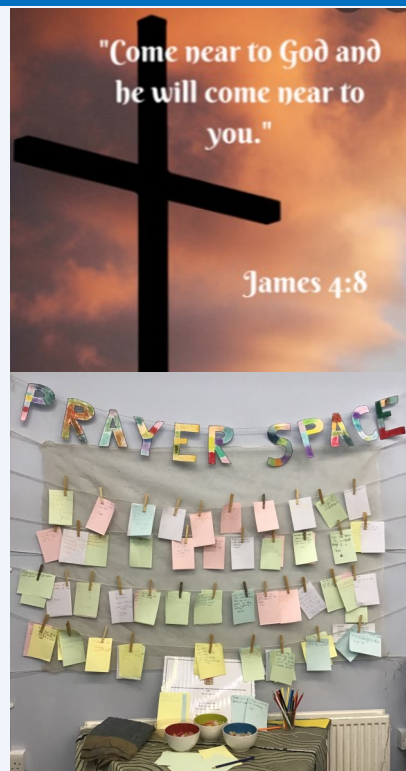
The children have had a lovely, and busy, week in school. As you know, we have been celebrating book week. It was great fun to see all of the children come to school in their book themed costumes on Thursday and to see them sharing additional story time in the library.

This has also been the start of Lent. We have set up a new Prayer Space in the library and children have used the space to write some thoughtful and moving prayers to God. Many of our children have been thinking about the conflict in Ukraine and used the wall to express their worries and wishes for peace.

On Tuesday, members of School Council helped to set up the cages for our gerbils and hamsters, which will be arriving in school next week. A big thanks to Pets Corner in Horsell, who have sourced the animals and given us guidance on how to look after them!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday.

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## DATES FOR 6TH—11TH MARCH 2022

<b>Sunday 6th March</b>	St Mary's Bring and Buy Cake Sale, in aid of Ukraine
<b>Tuesday 8th March</b>	<p><b>Year 3: Guest speaker to talk about Judaism</b></p> <p><b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Cross Country event</b>, by invitation, 15:00—17:00</p> <p><b>Ethyl Smyth—year 5 singers perform</b> celebrating her life as suffragette and composer. Woking Town Centre, 16:30.</p>
<b>Thursday 10th March</b>	Netball Horsell v Sytrhwood, 15:30—16:30

## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Emma Hooper is our new Parent Governor. Mrs Hooper has a child in Year 5 and is looking forward to contributing to work of the Governing Body.



## TERM DATES, 2022/23

The term dates and inset dates for 2022/23 is now on our website, [here](#).

**Please remember to book lunches a week in advance. After this date, if lunches have not been ordered a packed lunch should be provided.**

**Thank you.**



### SWIMMING SKILLS—REMINDER

Children taking part in swimming lessons should bring the following to each lesson, in a waterproof and labelled bag:

- swimming costume or trunks (Bermuda shorts and bikinis are not suitable)
- towel
- a swimming hat. (Swimming hats can be purchased on Scopay, please e-mail [office@horsesll-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@horsesll-junior.surrey.sch.uk) after ordering so that we can deliver it promptly to your child.
- Swimming goggles are optional

**PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS**

### Drop Off For Donations for the Ukrainian Refugees

St. Mary's Church porch will be open Monday-Friday 10am-5pm (starting Thursday 3rd March) for your donations. If you have boxes we would be delighted to have these too so we can box the donations up into different categories ready for collection.

The most needed items are:-

**Medical Supplies-** bandages, plasters, blister plasters, antiseptic wipes, antihistamines, calpol tablets or sachets and above all painkillers (paracetamol, ibuprofen) - the Ukraine is out of painkillers so even the smallest quantity will be most gratefully received;

**Toiletries-** baby wipes, sanitiser wipes, shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream;

**Food-**energy bars, instant noodles, soup powders, pot noodles, tea/coffee; hot chocolate and canned foods (only those with ring pulls please!)

### 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:

[Teaching Assistant](#)

[Administrative Assistance](#)

### CONGRATULATIONS!

All of our staff participate in regular professional development. Congratulations to Mr Dunsford and Miss Freed who have recently achieved the National Qualification in Senior Leadership. (NPQSL)



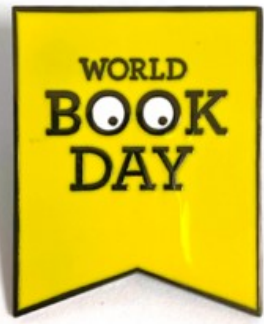
Thank you for your donations of children's newspapers and topical magazines so far. We will continue to welcome donations to the library of recent editions once you have finished reading them at home.

### LIONS CLUB AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL



Children can help raise funds for the Lions' air ambulance appeal and win this large Easter egg (approx. 25cm tall) and cuddly lion by trying to guess their name. There are 100 names to choose from. Children wishing to take part should bring £1 to the school office and select a name.

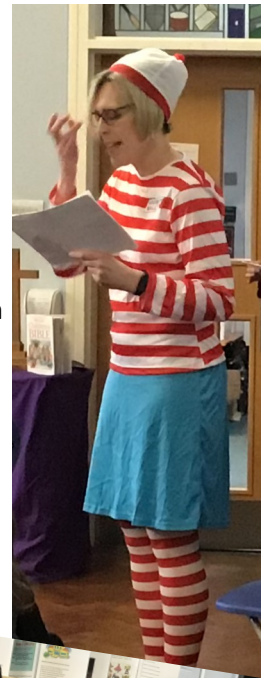




We have had an amazing book week this week!

The children have been exploring the “Little Leaders” and “Little People, Big dreams” collections and thinking about how they can be brave, bold and courageous. In Guided Reading, we have been discussing these texts and thinking about how these people have impacted the world. In English, we have been reflecting on ourselves as leaders and thinking about what we can do for the future. Each class has published their own Little Leader books. We will be sharing some next week!

Book Day was also a great success. The day started with the play Cinderella - starring our very own teachers! The children then completed a range of activities celebrating books and enjoying stories being told in the library. Some wrote book reviews so keep an eye out for their recommendations next week. Each child became an author and illustrator this week and should feel very proud!



### LIBRARY WISH LIST

Thank you so much to everyone who has purchased books from our Amazon Wish list and helped us explore so many great books. 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 inspirational children's books. This has been the focus of our Book Week. We would love to have more of these books in our school.

To access this please click on this link <https://www.anewchapterbooks.com/>

Then select 'Wishlist' at the top. Next. select 'view store' and on the left-hand side, find and select Horsell Junior School.