



Horsell School - Junior Informer

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'Everyone Matters – Everyone Learns'

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018 – 2019

Inset Days

- 3rd September 2018, 4th January 2019, 25th February 2019, 28th June 2019, 24th July 2019

Bank Holidays

- 6th May 2019, 27th May 2019

Dates for Autumn Term (First Half):

- 4th September 2018 – 19th October 2018
- 4th September 2018 – Year 3 start at 10.00am
- Half-term – 22nd October – 26th October 2018

Dates for Autumn Term (Second Half):

- 29th October 2018 – 19th December 2018

Dates for Spring Term (First Half):

- 7th January 2019 – 15th February 2019
- Half-term – 18th February 2019 – 22nd February 2019

Dates for Spring Term (Second Half):

- 25th February 2019 – 5th April 2019
- Easter – 8th April 2019 – 22nd April 2019

Dates for Summer Term (First Half):

- Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – 24th May 2019

Dates for Summer Term (Second Half):

- 3rd June 2019 – 24th July 2019



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 healthy alternatives 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.

Easy Fundraising

Anytime you are about to buy something online, please visit Easy fundraising first. Search for the shop or site you want and the Easy fundraising website will take you there. When you check out, you will collect a free donation. It does not cost you anything but helps your school.

Visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/horselljunior>

Phone calls home

Please note that the school office no longer make calls regarding forgotten kit. This includes PE kit, swimming kit and Forest School kit. Please ensure your children bring the correct equipment for school.

Staff appointments

Our teachers are happy to meet with parents. However, please note that appointments need to be made in advance as various staff roles are often performed on specific days. Our office staff can arrange meetings for you. If you need to change the date or time, please give as much notice as possible.

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.

Class Assembly

Please note that our class 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.

The class do need to have plenty of time to set up the hall for the assembly so we ask that you please remain outside until 8.45am.

StageCoach

Stagecoach Woking has two great fun workshops planned for this summer. They will run from 30th July to 3rd August. The workshops are designed for children aged 6-18 years. To register, please go to www.stagecoach.co.uk/woking or email woking@stagecoach.co.uk. Or you can call 01483 235216 / 07957 825641. No Stagecoach experience is necessary.

Class teachers

Year 3

Ash – Mrs Bett
Elm – Mrs Collier
Oak – Miss Shoberu

Year 4

Acer – Mrs Christie and Mrs Cumberbeach
Palm – Mr Penstone and Mrs Cumberbeach
Pine – Miss Faulkner and Mrs Cumberbeach

Year 5

Beech – Mrs Westgate and Mrs Torbett
Cedar – Mrs Collett and Mrs Brodgen
Rowan – Mr Dunsford

Year 6

Cherry – Miss Jones
Spruce – Mrs Bayliss and Mrs Jones
Willow – Miss Freed

Goodbye and Welcome

We are saying a sad good bye and all the best to two members of staff. Miss Bowhill is expanding her gardening business but we will see her occasionally when she does supply work for us. Mrs Tighe is leaving to grow her life coaching business, 'Happy Heart Coaching'.

Welcome to Miss Faulkner who will be teaching Pine class, Year 4. Miss Faulkner is an NQT and is looking forward to working here.

We are also welcoming Mrs Brodgen, an experienced teacher who will be working with Mrs Collett in Year 5.

School Lunch Cost increase

Please note that the cost of school lunches will increase from £2.25 per meal to £2.30 per meal. The cost of a week will be £11.50. This will take effect on Tuesday 4th September 2018, the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year. The price for the first half-term will be listed on the website at the end of the summer term.

Surrey CC requires all meals to be paid for in advance. As a school we cannot allow a debt to accumulate.

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.

GDPR

Since 25th May, we have updated our privacy notice regarding GDPR. Forms were sent out for parents to advise the school on how images of their children can be used. Unfortunately, not all parents have returned these forms, so any pictures containing their child cannot be used.

If you are subsequently sent a second GDPR form to fill in, please do so and send back to the school so your privacy information can be updated.

Copperbox Netball Tournament

On Saturday 23rd June, our County Champion netball team had the privilege of competing at the Olympic Copperbox venue, Queen Elizabeth Park in Stratford, East London. The team qualified for the event in the spring, by reaching the final of the 'Road to the Copperbox' tournament organised by Surrey Storm Netball.

The team travelled up on the train together, singing songs and trying to contain their excitement. They arrived at the Olympic Park at 10am and after a ten minute walk reached the doors of the Copperbox arena. It was a real thrill to walk into a real Olympic venue and see the colourful seats reaching to the upper levels of the arena. After a short warm up, Horsell played their first game. Sadie, the team captain, who had unfortunately broken her collar bone only weeks before, proudly lead the team out onto the court. The teamwork that has developed over years of excellent Cardinals and Mr Coles training was evident from the start and the team won their first match 5-2. This was thanks to some excellent shooting from Alice and Carys.

The second and third group's matches were very tight but ended in defeat. Freya U performed so well in these matches that she was nominated both times as best player by the opposition. Following a short break the team faced a Plate Semi Final. Due to some excellent defensive work from Aleysha, Laura and Maja, the scores were level at half time. In the second period, Marcie and Scarlett stepped up their passing and Horsell progressed to the Plate Final 4-2. The Plate Final was another close contest but Horsell lost to a very strong team from Kent.

Following this, there were presentations and the team enjoyed a well-deserved dinner in Westfield where some of the team were lucky enough to bump into the real Surrey Storm team and get autographs. The team then returned to the Copperbox to watch Storm play Loughbrough and had a great time cheering on their heroes. It was a real privilege and a thrill to play in such a famous venue and the support the team received from parents and staff made the atmosphere very special. The team would like to thank Mr Coles and Cardinals for the fantastic support and coaching they have received in the last few years.

Team: Sadie, Maja, Freya U, Laura K, Alice, Carys, Scarlett, Aleysha and Marcie.

Copperbox Netball Team



Netball – Staff v Y6

On Thursday 5th July, the staff took on the all-conquering County Champion Y5/6 Netball team in an after school match. The Y5/6 team made an explosive start and their movement and shooting were too much initially for a shell-shocked staff team. By the end of the first quarter, the staff were 4-1 down. After some substitutions, the game settled down slightly. The lack of shooting accuracy from the staff team meant that they struggled to close the gap. The outstanding team play that Y5/6 has developed over their years of training with Cardinals meant that possession for the staff was hard to come by. By the end of the 3rd quarter, the score was 8-4. In a frantic last period, the staff launched a comeback but could only close the gap to a final score of 9-7 to the Y5/6 team. This was a fitting end for a team that not only won the Primary County tournament but had also competed with schools from all over the South East at the Copperbox the week before. Thanks to all the parents who came to support and help with refreshments.



Celebration of Sporting Success Assembly

On Thursday 5th of July, Horsell Junior School held a special assembly to celebrate the remarkable sporting success they have achieved in the 2017/2018 academic year. Since last September, teams from various year groups have won Woking District Inter-School tournaments in Tag-Rugby, Girls Football, Boys Football, Girls Cricket, Netball and Athletics. Several teams have competed at county level, culminating in the Netball team being crowned county champions for a remarkable second year running. All the trophies and medals were presented to the teams by the guest of honour, Harlequins and England Rugby International Leanne Riley. Overall, fourteen trophies were handed out including a special award for Sports Coach Mr Coles, who has worked tirelessly this year to make sure that all the teams were prepared for their events. The ceremony also took the opportunity to celebrate the children who have competed in Inter-School competitions this year and the many children who have taken on sporting leadership roles within the school. The assembly culminated in the award of the House Athletics Cup to Hatchlands team for winning the school sports day. The assembly was truly a fitting way to end an incredible year of sporting achievement for Horsell Junior School.

Year 6 Cricket Team



Tag Rugby Team



Year 6 Boys Football Team



Netball Team



Year 3 Camp

On 6th July, Year 3 held their camp. This was a very successful event that the children thoroughly enjoyed. They participated in fun activities such as football and rounder's, a scavenger hunt and cricket.

Come dinner time, the great team of adult helpers made the meal and atmosphere a success by preparing hot dogs and pizza followed by stories.

The weather could not have been better and both children and adults enjoyed sleeping outdoors. Keen to begin the next day, the children began waking up at 4.30am!

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents, staff and staff family members who helped with all aspects of the camp. We had many offers of help and tents were being pitched from early evening. A record 78 children attended this year, were well looked after and made some lovely memories.

Dance Woking Encounters

On Saturday 30th June, 8 children from Years 4, 5 & 6 took part in the annual Dance Woking Encounters festival in Woking Town Centre. The children had been practising their routine over six weeks at school and on Saturday performed their own routine in front of family, friends and members of the public on Commercial Way. Following this, they then performed a flash-mob dance with a hundred other children from around the community in Jubilee Square. It was great fun and all the children went home with their Dance Woking T-Shirt and Hat.

Year 6 – Macbeth Performance

By Zac S and Anusha K

On Thursday 12th July, Year 6 performed their end of year musical to the school and parents. Macbeth is a story written by William Shakespeare. Macbeth finds the three weird sisters who predict that he will become the King of Scotland. Lady Macbeth, his wife urges him on to do terrible things. He kills King Duncan and his friend Banquo in order to become King. He is consumed by greediness and Lady Macbeth kills herself from her guilt. In the end Macduff, a thane of Scotland kills Macbeth and Malcom (Duncan's son) becomes King.

Our version of Macbeth differs from the original as it is a musical and has more modern language. It does however include the famous speech 'tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow' and other well-known extracts.



Good bye to Year 6

The time has come to say a fond good-bye to Year 6 and wish them all the best as they progress to secondary school. This year has seen them mature into well-rounded children with a fine future in front of them. We hope they move on with fond memories behind them.

This last term has been one of excellence. The Macbeth performance showcased their theatrical talents with every child having a role, be it on the stage or performing a vital role behind the scenes. Well done to both the children, the Year 6 teachers and Mrs Paige for working tirelessly.

Year 6 also had the experience of visiting Guildford Cathedral for their Leaver's Service on 25th June. Whilst there, they took part in reflective prayer activities, enjoyed a service and enjoyed a picnic lunch in the grounds.

On 17th July, our whole school gathered for the annual Prize-giving. This was a chance for those that have worked especially hard to be rewarded for all their efforts. Subjects that had prizes included spelling, reading, writing, maths, art, science and swimming. Please see photos of this occasion below and on the school website.

Year 6 now have to look forward to the Leaver's Festival on 19th July. This is a celebration of their year and is hosted by the PTA. It is an evening of food and fun. Music will be provided by Mr Dunsford and the children will enjoy pizza and ice-cream. This is a fun end to a fantastic year.

