



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents:

'For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land' Song of Solomon .2: 11 – 12

As we head towards the Easter break, it really does feel as if Spring is finally here. The lovely flowers that the children in Year 3 have planted are giving some colour to the playground, and it has been great see the children enjoying playing with the tyres and mud kitchen in the sunshine at lunchtimes.

It has been a busy week for the arts at Horsell Junior as our choir participated in Voice in a Million on Wednesday evening and our Dance Club performed in Woking on Thursday. Again, many thanks to those parents who volunteered their time and helped out at these events.

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents to the Year 4 Harvest Festival at St Mary's next Friday morning. Please also note that school finishes at 1:30pm on the last day of term.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wand

DATES FOR 28TH MARCH—1ST APRIL 2022

Tuesday 29th March	<p>Pyjama Day—children invited to wear PJs to school.</p> <p>WASPS Netball Tournament, SJB, by invitation</p> <p>Year 6 Design and Technology Day: Upcycling fashion from old materials</p>
Wednesday 30th March	<p>Easter Pause Day</p> <p>Art Ambassadors visit Lightbox with other children by invitation</p>
Thursday 31st March	<p>Easter Pause Day</p> <p>Year 4 Easter Service to school, St. Mary's Church, 9:15am (children only)</p> <p>Year 3: Bug hotel building (further details overleaf)</p>
Friday 1st April	<p>Year 4 Easter Service for parents and carers, 9:15am, St. Mary's Church. Please note there will be a collection, all donations will go to Souds4Good to fund the transportation of items collected at St Mary's and locally to the Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees.</p> <p>Snapshot reports to be sent to parents.</p> <p>Early finish—13:30. Please note there will be no skills on this day.</p>



Children are invited to come to school on 29th March wearing their pyjamas, in aid of the RSPCA. This event and charity was selected by the children. Please bring in a donation on the day.

CLUBS

Please note that most clubs—school run and external—finished this week, with the exception of hockey and Lions Ruby which will still go ahead next week. Homework clubs will also continue to run Monday to Thursday as usual.

Details of new club sign ups will be sent by e-mail in due course.

WATER SAFETY SESSION

The children who are currently having swimming lessons will be having a water safety session on their last swimming day. In addition to their normal swimming kit, could they please bring in t-shirts and shorts that they don't mind getting wet. The days these are needed are:

Palm - Monday 28th March

Beech - Tuesday 29th March

Spruce - Thursday 31st March

SKILLS

Please find the schedule for next half term below—starting on the first week back. An e-mail will be sent next week to those children having forest school or cookery to confirm which skills group they will be in; this will be whichever they have not already taken part in this academic year.

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
Cookery/Forest School	Pine*	Rowan	Willow*	Oak
Swimming	Acer*	Cedar	Cherry*	Ash
PE	Palm*	Beech	Spruce*	Elm

Full details of the dates and what children will need for their skills sessions can be found on the school website. On the day of their skills session, children should arrive wearing PE kit. *Please note there are some changes to the skills dates for years 4 and 6 in the week before half term.

Volunteers We need volunteers to help run our cookery and forest school sessions. If you are able to help on any of the above afternoons from 1:15pm—3pm, please e-mail office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk when you are available. You do not need a DBS or any experience, and you can volunteer in any year group.

NEW LUNCH MENU!

We have a new lunch menu from 19th April. This is now available to book on Scopay until May half term.



Please do take a look at the options with your children and book any meals required after half term at least 8 days in advance.

SMART WATCHES

It has come to our attention that some children are coming into school wearing smart watches. We do not allow our children to have personal smart technology in school and smart watches should not be worn. Smart watches enable children to send texts and take photographs and this is inappropriate in a school setting. This is a safeguarding issue and we thank you in advance for your support.

PARENT CONSULTATION BOOKINGS

You will receive an email tomorrow, Saturday, with the link to sign up for parent consultations. The consultations themselves will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st April.

YEAR 3 BUG HOTEL BUILD

On 29th March, to help build our bug hotels, please can children in year 3 bring to school a clean 2 litre plastic bottle. This will be used as the frame for our build. We would also like them to bring anything in that they could put inside the frame to make the hotel. This could be small pieces of bamboo or anything else they would like to use that would encourage an insect to make a home in it.



For more ideas of what they could bring in to use, please follow [this link](#) and see step 2.

CROSS COUNTRY RELAY YEAR 4

Our team of year 4 runners put in a fantastic effort this week. Out of a hundred children, the girls scored within the top twenty and the boys were top 50.

A very special mention to Toby who finished 4th in the boys race.



On Wednesday, members of our choir joined around 5,000 children from 150 schools at Wembley arena.

It was a really great day. We got there on time and rehearsed for 1.5 hours before the show. Three of our year 6 children

took part in the banner parade on stage and proudly represented our school as they walked down the aisles of the arena displaying the banner they had made. Florence, in Willow class, said *"It was very exciting, everyone cheered"*. A clip of the moment they were announced can be found on the school Twitter feed.

The singing was fantastic, the light show was incredible and our children thoroughly enjoyed it. Horsell Junior school were lucky enough to have a great view from our seats, and because of our position were frequently beamed onto the main screen.

We would like to thank the parent helpers, who were amazing. Thank you also Mr Dusnford and Mrs Leach who spent a lot of time organising the trip behind the scenes.

Well done to all the children who took part!



LAST CHANCE TO ENTER:

LIONS CLUB AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL

We still have a few names to be chosen to be in with a chance to win this lovely lion plush and large Easter egg, children should bring £1 to the school office and select a

name. All proceeds go to the Lions' Club Air Ambulance.

The winning name will be pulled out of a hat next week!

DANCE WOKING SURREY SLAM!

On Thursday, 9 children took part in a festival alongside 12 other Surrey schools. They performed a dance on living and playing in the city using the backing track to Uptown Funk. The event took place in the Jubilee High School theatre, which had a full audience and a great atmosphere. The children performed with great confidence. Well done!

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be put out on the playground at pick up on Friday 1st April. Please do check for any lost items. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

YEAR 6: JUNIOR CITIZEN EVENT

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to Junior Citizen and Woking Football Club. There were five fantastic different areas to go that were set up for us to listen to different topics including: fire, water safety, safety, trains and drugs. I think we can agree we all learnt some life lessons.

Livi, Spruce

On Tuesday, year 6 went to a Junior Citizen event to learn how to deal with certain situations like:

- drowning in a sea, lake or ocean
- your house being on fire
- Drugs, including medicines and when to take them, and illegal drugs.
- stranger danger

My favourite event was the stranger danger task as it came out of the blue.

I learnt that when drowning you should not wave and shout as people may just think you are having a great time; you should stick your hand up and shout **"HELP!"** as loud as you can.

Isaac, Spruce

HORSELL GARDEN SAFARI

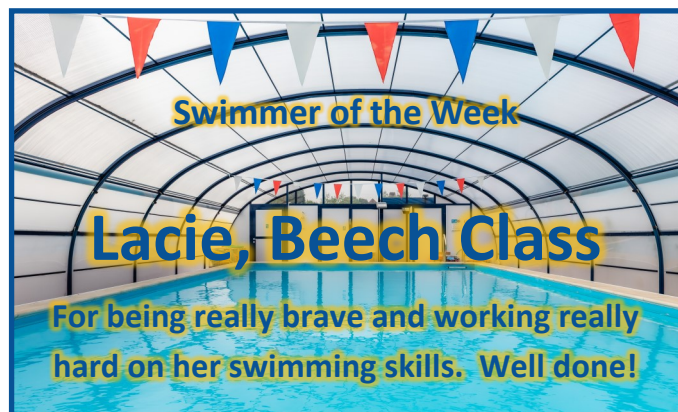
We are looking for Horsell gardens to open for the 2022 safari on June 11th and 12th (one day or both) !

We love all gardens – small or large, manicured or wildlife friendly, green or colourful!



Come and join in with our joyous Horsell weekend event !

Contact Gail on bromleysglad@gmail.com



HORSELL HEROES NEWSLETTER

If your child has won an award, completed a challenge, moved up a grade on the musical instrument / other hobby or has been in the local paper, then please e-mail their teacher with a brief description, a photo if appropriate. If you wish to share this with their teacher but do not wish it to be published, please let them know.