

**Dear Parents** 

'Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.' 1 John 4:8

We have certainly been busy at Horsell Junior this week, and many more plans are afoot! Our Year 6 girls and Year 4 boys were excited to compete in a local football tournament on Wednesday, and Mr Coles was very proud of their effort and commitment. We were also visited by lots of other teachers on Thursday evening and Mrs Brinicombe, Miss Freed and I had the opportunity to learn about different projects that are going on in other local primary schools, as well as sharing with them some coaching work that we are doing with members of our teaching team. Looking ahead, the Year 6 trip to Swanage is fast approaching and the Year 4 children are starting to look forward to their residential in June.

Our Year 6 children are working hard to prepare for their SATS assessments. Despite the disruption to their learning over the past two years, the children are all showing maturity and commitment and are rising to the challenge. They are all looking more and more like they are ready for secondary school!

Our school value this term is love and we are spreading love and joy in the school by using a 'thank you' box in the

library. It has been lovely sharing some of the children's 'thank you' messages in Collective Worship on Fridays, and the recipients have really appreciated them.

I hope that you all enjoy the bank holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday. To our Muslim families, who will soon be celebrating Eid, we wish you Eid Mubarak.

Kind regards, Mrs Wand



DATES FOR 2ND—6TH MAY 2022	
Monday 2nd May	May Bank Holiday—school closed
Friday 6th May	Elm class assembly, starts 8:55am prompt
	Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the school. Phototography is also not permitted.

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# \*\*\*\*\*\* **EID**

If Eid may fall on a school day, please remember to submit a leave of absence form to the office, noting the possible dates of absence..

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**Eid Mubarak** 

#### **CLASS PHOTOS**

Class photo order forms have been sent home with children this week. If you wish to order, this can be done online or cash orders can be returned to the school office. Please make your order by 12th May for free delivery.

#### **MORNINGS**

The school gates open at 8 30am. We have noticed that that some children are being dropped off very early and are becoming quite noisy and excitable before the gates open. Whilst it is lovely that the children are keen and excited at the start of the school day, we are becoming concerned about the impact on our neighbours and the potential for an accident. We would ask that parents ensure children are dropped off at the correct time and are supervised appropriately. We kindly ask that children and parents are also mindful to keep the driveway to neighbouring properties clear. Thank you.

#### **OPAL** shed

As you know, the school has been working hard to improve playtimes for our children. Part of the OPAL play philosophy is

for children to have lots of loose parts to play with. The OPAL shed allows us to store lots of exciting things for children to play with and enables us to put them away quickly at

the end of playtimes. The shed was very generously funded by the PTA and we are very thankful for their support.





Please note that the office will not be taking any visitors or calls between 8:30am and 9:30am during SATS week, 9th—12th May. Should you need to contact us please email and we will respond as soon as possible. We kindly ask that children in all years make an extra effort to arrive on time during this week to minimise disruption.

# **BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION**

We are collecting bottle tops to recycle into an art project at school! Please bring in any bottle tops from home (washed first) and hand them to your teacher.

#### **ART ENRICHMENT TRIP**



The Art Ambassadors and children from all year groups visited the Bridget Riley exhibition at The Lightbox at the end of March to view 'Pleasures of Sight.' We enjoyed a guided tour and spent time sketching many of

the prints and paintings. We viewed Op Art, black and white images which create Optical Illusions, alongside other colourful artworks.

'I liked the way in which the paintings seemed to move before our eyes, to see the different colours and patterns which Bridget Riley had used.'

James, Year 6

"I liked the Red Movement the best because some people saw flames and feathers in the painting and it made me think of toucans."



Honey, Year 4

"The Lightbox gallery was inspirational, I loved seeing the enormous canvasses and the range of colours."

Phoebe, Year 6

We will be following up this visit by creating a colourful canvas in the style of Bridget Riley.

### **NEW GREEN SPACE**

During the Easter holidays, the green space in front of the year 3 classrooms was levelled and re-turfed.
Thank you to the PTA for funding for this project. We are sure you will agree it looks great!



#### **WOKING DISTRICT NETBALL MATCH**

Horsell Junior netball team, year 6, played in a district tournament against various schools in the area. We drove to SJB and we felt prepared as we had done a warm up match against Sythwood previously.

We won the first match 5-1, the second 3-1 and the third 4-2. Although we lost the fourth match 0-8, we went through to the quarter finals which we won 3-2.

In the semi finals, we lost 1-2 with the opposing team winning with a golden goal. We came in 4th place out 12 teams after another golden goal in the play offs.

We went home with our heads held high as we knew it just wasn't our day and we could do much better on another day.

Thank you to Cardinals for running this event again, to Mr Coles for being our amazing coach and to the netball team: Lola, Gabi, Bronwen, Livi, Eliza, Bel, Elsie and Julia.



By Bronwen





#### **GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE**

Horsell Village School

Saturday 7th May, 10:00 – 11:30am

To run the uniform sales, we do need people to help between 9am and 12:30. If you are able to volunteer any time, please let your class rep know or e-mail horsellschoolspta@gmail.com.



# TER DIECES GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC

## Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756—1791)

This month we are learning about Austrian composer and performer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who could play and write music from the age of 4. We will be

listening to his Horn Concerto No 4 (3rd movement). You can find out more and listen to the piece at home here.