



## Horsell School - Junior Informer

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*'Everyone Matters – Everyone Learns'*

**Please note that the closing date for Surrey Secondary applications is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**

### **HALF TERM**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

#### **Dates for Autumn Term (Second Half):**

- 29<sup>th</sup> October Year 6 Bikeability all week
- 30<sup>th</sup> October Chertsey Museum in for Year 3 – Stone Age
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 Bikeability all week
- 6<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 to Water and Steam Museum. They will return to school about 3.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> November Choir at St Mary's for remembrance concert 6.30pm – 7.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> November Year 4 to Sea City Museum. They will return to school about 4.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> November Choir at St Mary's for remembrance service 6.00pm – 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> November Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations 3.00pm – 6.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 and 6 Parent Consultations 6.15pm – 8.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 and 6 Parent Consultations 3.00pm – 6.00pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations 6.15pm – 8.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> November Choir to sing for arrival of Father Christmas, Squires, Woking 10.00am – 10.30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> November Open morning for Year 2 parents. Please contact the office to book a slot
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November Spruce Class assembly (parents welcome to attend, starts promptly at 8.55am)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November PTA Disco (details to be sent out nearer the time)
- 30<sup>th</sup> November Willow Class assembly (parents welcome to attend, starts promptly at 8.55am)
- 1<sup>st</sup> December PTA Christmas Fair at Horsell Village School (choir singing at 1.30pm – 2.00pm)
- 7<sup>th</sup> December Palm Class assembly (parents welcome to attend, starts promptly at 8.55am)
- 10<sup>th</sup> December Choir singing carols at The Plough, Horsell 6.30pm – 7.00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas dinner for whole school. Details for those on packed lunch will follow
- 13<sup>th</sup> December Choir singing carols at The Crown, Horsell 6.30pm – 7.00pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December Combined Carol Concert at St Mary's 6.30pm – 7.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Pause Day – a day to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 perform a nativity story for Year 3 parents at St Mary's Church, 6.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Choir to sing at carol service at Kettlewell House, 2.00pm – 2.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Nativity performed to whole school at St Mary's Church, 10.00am
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Children finish for the Christmas break at 2.00pm

**Please note that the children return to school Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **Inset days for 2018 – 2019**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

24<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **School Lunch cost increase**

- Please note that the cost of school lunches have increased from £2.25 per meal to £2.30 per meal. This took place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year.

#### **Leave of absence**

- Please note that any unauthorised absence of five days or more may incur a statutory penalty notice of £60. For exceptional circumstances, please ask at the school office for a Leave of Absence form or visit the school website.

### **Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning**

At the beginning of October 2018, the Horsell Junior School Teaching Assistants, led by Mrs Agnew organised an excellent Coffee Morning for the staff and raised a total of £140 for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity whose vision is to reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer and to inspire millions of others to do the same.

Thank you to all the staff members who contributed to the Mcmillan Charity.

### **An easy way to buy Christmas Presents!**

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

#### **Visit:**

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

### **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.

### **The Learning Dome**

On 19<sup>th</sup> September, Year 5 were very excited to have the 'Learning Dome', a portable planetarium come to Horsell Junior School. This fantastic event taught the children about the stars and constellations and is part of the National Curriculum. It covers both the Earth and Space topic and the Ancient Greek topic. The children were delighted to see it being erected in the hall and very much enjoyed taking part.

### House and Sports Captains for 2018 - 2019

#### House Captains

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Hatchlands | Layla R  |
| Hatchlands | Ethan B  |
| Clandon    | Lani S   |
| Clandon    | Rio Y    |
| Polesdon   | Aryana A |
| Polesdon   | Sam P    |
| Loseley    | Ruby H   |
| Loseley    | Nish G   |

#### Sports Captains

##### Hatchlands

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Captain      | Chloe F |
| Captain      | Max F-H |
| Vice Captain | Zavi Z  |
| Vice Captain | Maja A  |

##### Clandon

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Captain      | Mari W   |
| Captain      | George H |
| Vice Captain | Eloise H |
| Vice Captain | Matti T  |

##### Polesdon

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Captain      | Lauren S  |
| Captain      | Claudia T |
| Vice Captain | Joana C   |
| Vice Captain | Johnnie S |

##### Loseley

|              |          |
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| Captain      | Lily B   |
| Captain      | Anna D   |
| Vice Captain | Arthur D |
| Vice Captain | Archie R |

### Harvest Contribution

On 25<sup>th</sup> September, the entire school walked to St Mary's church to watch Year 5 perform a Harvest Festival. This is to celebrate the food grown on the land and reminds us of all the good things that God has given us. The church collection totalled an impressive £73.50 which goes to the York Road project.

As a way of sharing what we have with others that are not so fortunate, we asked our children to contribute gifts of food that are then taken to The York Road Project. This charity assists homeless people in Woking.



### Christmas Pause Day

On 18<sup>th</sup> December, Horsell Junior School will be holding a pause day where we look at the true meaning of Christmas. We will be exploring the use of light as a symbol within Christianity and finding out how we can shine light into the world.

### Advent Calendar

During the four weeks of advent, Horsell Junior School will be sharing gifts with families in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. This is to reflect on Christmas as a time of giving rather than receiving. We would like to give gifts to Woking Food Bank and York Road Project which are local to our community. Details of both these events will follow.

### Handbell Group visit St Mary's Church Tower

**By Ellen P**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 6 Handbell Group went on a special trip to the top of St Mary's church roof! As we arrived, excitement and a tiny bit of nervousness was in the air. When the door was opened that led to the top, it seemed very narrow! We began walking up the spiral staircase and we gradually saw that the higher we went up, the smaller the creaky stairs got! It got very narrow and then suddenly a spilt of light led us to the roof top door. We were relieved to get out into the fresh air. We could literally touch the sky! It was amazing having a bird's eye view of Horsell and Woking in the distance.

After that, we explored the ringing chamber. There were six bells, arranged by weight. We each had a chance to ring the heaviest bell. I rang a bell, heavier than a small car and had to have a step to reach the rope! The bell made a lovely chime. We learnt the easiest technique of bell ringing and also saw a whole book full of bell ringing techniques.

I enjoyed this trip so much and would recommend to anyone to give bell ringing a go!



### Happy Puzzle Day

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, four children from Years 5 and 6 went to Goldsworth Primary School. They had been invited to take part in a Woking Schools' Partnership Happy Puzzle Day. It was an exciting afternoon with challenges that inspired the children and challenged their problem-solving skills.

**Children:** Freya G, Nish G, Mari W, Ewan M



### Horsell vs Goldsworth football

**By Mason L**

On 9<sup>th</sup> October, Horsell Junior School Year 6 played against Goldsworth. We won 1-0. We scored early on in the match because we played the ball up to Zavi Z who took an early shot. The keeper saved it but couldn't keep his hands on the ball and Rory H buried it in the net. After that we dominated for the whole of the first half getting some good shots against their keeper who made some good saves. The referee blew the whistle for half time and we walked off with our heads held high. Then we started the second half of the match. We were put under a lot of pressure in the second half but we managed to hold them off until the end of the match. Archie R made some great saves to keep us in the game. Two of their shots went off the crossbar and the post which was lucky for us but in the end we were the better team and we played well. It was a great result for our first match. I'm happy and I hope the rest of the team is too.

## Inter House Boys Football

### By Mr Dunsford

On Tuesday 2nd October, over 70 boys took part in our first Inter House event of the year. There was a tournament for Years 3/4 and on for Years 5/6. All the boys got to play in two games, a semi-final and a playoff for either third or the final. There was a great atmosphere as plenty of parents came to watch. There was great skill on show and excellent teamwork. The results were as follows.

### Years 3/4 tournament

Joint 3rd - Clandon & Loseley  
2nd - Hatchlands  
1st – Polesden

### Years 5/6 tournament

4th - Polesden  
3rd – Clandon  
2nd - Loseley  
1st – Hatchlands

This year we have introduced a school Sporting Values trophy. We are awarding points for sportsmanship, teamwork and compassion. After the first two events the table looks like this.

Loseley - 5pts  
Polesden 4pts  
Hatchlands - 3pts  
Clandon - 3pts

## Stage Coach Woking

Due to popular demand Stagecoach Performing arts in Woking are opening a new Friday evening school.

With different classes running each week for children and young people aged between 4 and 18, there is something for everyone.

Stagecoach have been open in Woking for the past 30 years and have prepared students to secure places at some of the country's leading Drama schools as well as continuously having students of all ages working professionally in TV and theatre.

Stagecoach isn't just about performing. It is a great place for developing life skills such as confidence, building relationships, adaptability and independence. The essence of Stagecoach is to help all of their students find *Creative courage For Life*.

*Anyone interested in coming to have a go, should either email [wokingmanager@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:wokingmanager@stagecoach.co.uk) or feel free to arrive at our regular venue (Woking High School) at 4.30 on Friday.*



### Mrs Steele's welcome

The first half term of the new academic year has gone so quickly. We are ready for the half term break.

The Year 6 children and staff certainly will need the rest after their Swanage and Boxhill trips.

The new playground gym equipment and extra play surface have been well utilised during the wet weather, when the field has not been able to be used.

The children have experienced a number of enrichment opportunities, including the Learning Dome coming in for Year 5, which linked in with their curriculum learning on space. Four of our children went to a 'Puzzle Day' at Goldsworth School in which they encountered a variety of challenges, most of which could be solved within a few minutes. These required collaborative learning skills with careful strategic planning in order to find a solution. Year 5 also had Woking Library in to educate the children about how to find books in a library and how they can use them to help with their homework.

We have enjoyed assemblies from Cherry class, Cedar class and Beech class, who have shared the message about keeping safe on-line and what they have learnt in lessons.

The Harvest Festival was delightful and showed how much the children have gained from their work on growth mind-set. The food that you kindly donated was taken to the York Road Project, which helps the homeless people in the Woking area. The food was very gratefully received.

Last term we put out a survey asking about attendance certificates. The results showed that parents do not feel that the certificates affect their child's attendance and many feel that they should stop altogether or only be given once a year. We are taking the feedback from parents and will not be issuing attendance certificates termly. We will acknowledge good attendance in end of year reports, but again certificates will not be issued. Thank you to all those who responded to the survey.

The second survey in regard to the Governor's Fund will be reviewed by the Governing Body at a meeting later in the academic year. We will inform you of the outcome when we have it.

I wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### Goldsworth Vs Horsell

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Horsell Junior school Year 5's played a great match away against Goldsworth Primary school. In the first half, we had lots of chances and Alfie opened the scoring to make it 0-1 with a close range tap in, with an assist from Luke P. Goldsworth only had about two chances but they were looking dangerous at the end of the first half.

In the second half, Horsell had most of the possession. One of the shots Goldsworth had went over the fence and the ball went into the canal. Ten minutes before the end, Luke M scored our second goal that curled in after a great pass from Ewan. Ollie did a solid job in goal, keeping a clean sheet which made the final score 0-2. Good job from all the players who played in the game.

Goal scorers: Alfie M, Luke M

Assists: Luke P, Ewan M

**Team:** Ollie T, Taylor G, William D, Alfie M, Luke P, Luke M, Charlie U, Freddie E, Jack C, Ewan M