



## Horsell School - Junior Informer

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*'Everyone Matters – Everyone Learns'*

On behalf of the staff and Governors at Horsell Junior School, Mrs Steele would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2019.

### HALF TERM

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

#### Dates for Spring Term (First Half):

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

- 18<sup>th</sup> January Oak class assembly (parents welcome, starts promptly at 8.55am)
- 28<sup>th</sup> January Arts Festival week
- 6<sup>th</sup> February Year 4 residential to Sayer's Croft – return 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.10pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> February Rowan class assembly (parents welcome, starts promptly at 8.55am)
- 5<sup>th</sup> March Chertsey Museum in for Year 5 – Anglo-Saxons
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair
- 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> March Ash Class assembly (parents welcome, starts promptly at 8.55am)
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Class Photos (full school uniform to be worn, including jumper and tie)
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 and 4 Parent consultations 3.00pm – 6.00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 and 6 Parent consultations 6.15pm – 8.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 5 and 6 Parent consultations 3.00pm – 6.00pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Year 3 and 4 Parent consultations 6.15pm – 8.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> March Voice in a Million. For choir members only
- 26<sup>th</sup> March Communion for whole school at St Mary's Church @ 9.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Easter Pause Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> April Whole school photo (full school uniform to be worn, including jumper and tie)
- 5<sup>th</sup> April Finish for Easter at 2pm

#### 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 the school 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.

### StageCoach

Join Stagecoach for a one day Christmas Workshop at Stagecoach Woking on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. They have a special guest – Cinderella from the Woking pantomime! Drop your child off to them while you get those last minute bits and pieces for Christmas without having to worry about having to take the children around the hustle and bustle of the shops on the last Saturday before the big day.

This is a Christmas themed performing arts workshop at Woking High School from 10am - 4pm (4-6 yrs) and 9.45am-4.15pm (7-18 yrs). The workshop will be jam packed with games, activities and learning through Singing, Dancing and Acting. All wrapped up with a mini festive performance for family and friends at the end of the day.

Please visit [www.stagecoach.co.uk/woking](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/woking), email [woking@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:woking@stagecoach.co.uk) or call 07957825641. (No Stagecoach experience necessary.)

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

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

### Local community cause

As a local community, we would like to remind **you** of the generosity of our Co-op supermarket. Every time you purchase a branded product or service, 1% is given to help fund a community project.

Members can choose which cause their 1% goes to. The more people that choose our cause, the more money we receive. As Horsell Junior School is the local cause, we would like to encourage you to sign up for Co-op membership and choose us as your local cause. We are looking to buy 30 ipads for our children to use. To sign up for membership and to select us as your cause, please follow the below link:

<https://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-causes>

### Swanage week Recount

By Claudia T

The week before half-term, Year 6 got the opportunity to go to Swanage. We all stayed in a place called the Allnatt Centre. Personally I enjoyed my stay in Swanage. The exciting things that Year 6 got to do were a village tour, a hike up Old Harry's Rock, an educational visit to Durston Country Park and then Corfe Castle. The event I'll be telling you most about is my time at Old Harry's.

After a colossal breakfast, our group leader took us on a walk to Old Harry's rock. On the way our group was told to create artists pads out of cardboard, double sided sticky tape and nature. I used flamboyantly coloured leaves and delicate flowers to brighten up my plain piece of shaped cardboard like an expert. My creation looked quite spectacular.

Finally our hungry and weary day group arrived at Old Harry's rock. The rock itself was looking magnificent next to the sparkling blue sea. The adults led the children up in small groups to the edge of the cliff that was nearest to Old Harry's. Some of us took pictures on cameras but as I didn't have mine with me, I just stood there, taking in the huge drop into the sea.

After all of that, we all marched down to a National Trust park. I sat down with Gemma and gobbled my sandwich, crisps and muffin. Next, most of us went into Fort Henry. It was gloomy, damp and uncomfortable yet not that bad. Winston Churchill was in it at one point in history.

Reflecting on my day at Old Harry's, I enjoyed it very much. I definitely learnt a lot about coastal erosion. Although it was a shame that I didn't bring my camera I still had fun. Everyone seemed to enjoy it as much as me. I felt quite tired after my adventure.

### Activities week recount

By Retaj A

My favourite day at Box Hill was Friday. In the morning we did a kidnap scene with Mrs McCusker, Mrs Steele, Mr Burns and Mrs Jones. We walked into the classroom and put our bags on the table. Then we sat on a mat outside. We closed our eyes and put our hands on the mat. We then stood up and walked for a while. We arrived at a place that has lots of trees soon after.

Secondly, they put blindfolds on us. We then put our hands on the person in front of us and walked. Mrs McCusker held me and we moved to another place. She hit a branch, then the branch hit me! We then sat down on the ground, still blindfolded. It was cold and super quiet.

When we took our blindfolds off, we were given paper and pencil and had to answer some questions. We were told it had all been a prank. Mrs McCusker then told us we were going to the viewing point to eat our lunch. I was happy with that as it was a lovely day.

When we finished eating lunch we were allowed to roll down the mountain, in a zigzag line. It was our choice. Then we played with Mrs Steele's dog. We also had ice-cream. Lastly, in the bus, Muskan and I sat in the back row. In front of us were two boys who kept singing. It normally took 45 minutes to arrive back but on this day we arrived about 4.50pm.

### Christmas Pause Day

On 18<sup>th</sup> December, Horsell Junior School held a pause day where we looked at the true meaning of Christmas. We explored the use of light as a symbol within Christianity and found out how we can shine light into the world.



### Reverse Advent Calendar

During the four weeks of advent, Horsell Junior School shared 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 gave gifts to Woking Food Bank and York Road Project, both of which are local to our community.

Items donated included: Toothbrushes, flannels, shower gel, tinned food, rice, tissues, hat, scarf, socks, coffee, nappies, pasta sauce, toilet rolls, washing detergent, shampoo and conditioner and noodles.



### School Christmas Dinner

On 11<sup>th</sup> December, Horsell Junior School held their school Christmas lunch. Teachers, support staff and Governors participated by serving the children their food. The hall was decorated festively and the food was enjoyed by all along with a backdrop of Christmas carols. A big thank you to the school caterers who ensured that both the upper and lower school enjoyed their festive lunch.



### Year 4 – Sea City

On 8<sup>th</sup> November, Year 4 went to the Sea City Museum. They learnt all about the lives of the people that lived in the city and their connections with the Titanic and the sea. The museum demonstrated what life would have been like in that era through dressing up and handling artefacts.

Year 4 learnt about how maritime history is brought to life through interactive experiences and the impact that the Titanic tragedy had on the city. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

## Inter House Boys Football

### By Mr Dunsford

Inter House Tag-Rugby was played on 19<sup>th</sup> of November this term. There was great commitment by around 60 children from all year groups who played part of the session in a hail storm!

### Results

#### Year 3 and 4

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

#### Year 5 and 6

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

Inter House Dodgeball took place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the hall. Nearly 100 children took part in a noisy but skilful and dramatic competition.

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1st Clandon and Hatchlands  
3rd Loseley  
4th Polesden

#### Year 5 and 6

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

A big thanks to our Sports Captains who have worked tirelessly all term to organise teams for the eight competitions we have completed this term. Over half the school have been involved with around 350 competition places filled. We are looking forward to further Inter House activity in the Spring Term.

## Creating Mary

Horsell Junior School, along with other local schools, were invited by Guildford Diocese to create a Nativity scene. Horsell were chosen to design Mary, one of the key characters of the scene.

Mrs Steele, along with a group of children, enjoyed the creativity involved with this project. Parents and visitors enjoyed watching the process involved in creating Mary and it was a focal point of interest in our reception area.

You can now visit the Cathedral this Christmas to enjoy an incredible display of over 200 nativity figures, hand-crafted by pupils from our school and 45 other church and affiliated schools around the Diocese of Guildford. Children are invited to pick up a copy of a free trail to enable them to discover these beautiful characters from the story of Jesus's birth displayed all around the Cathedral. The exhibition continues until Sunday 6 January 2019.



## Year 4 Greenfields Invitational Football Tournament

### By Mr Coles

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Coles took a team of Year 4's to the Annual Greenfields Football Tournament.

Sixteen teams from across Surrey were taking part and the competition looked tough. The Horsell team played some outstanding football in the first group round and finished as group winners after winning all of their pool games. This meant that our team had qualified for the Gold group final round of games to decide the overall tournament winners.

The Horsell team had shown great determination and incredible work rate in the earlier rounds and this continued into these games. Despite some tough competition our team of Michael S, Ellie T, Josh S, Keelan R and Aiden B played three outstanding matches of quality football, with excellent teamwork and superb energy levels to win every game they played and be deservedly crowned as the overall Tournament Winners!

Mr Coles is extremely proud of the incredible effort and teamwork they put in. Mr Coles would also like to thank the parents who assisted with transport and those who came to watch and support the team.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Mr Coles



## Year 5 London Water and steam Museum

On 6<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 went to the London and Water Steam Museum. With a focus on history and science, the children participated in a range of activities, from going on a steam train to learning about the Industrial Revolution.

They discovered the story of London's water supply and witnessed water pumps in the interactive gallery and watched the engines in action.

