



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 15th September



Dear Parents/Guardians,

“Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour.” Queen Elizabeth II

Our school value this half term is dignity and we are thinking about how everyone is important in the eyes of God and as part of our school family. Queen Elizabeth exemplified what it means to put others before oneself and I hope that you are all able to take time out on Monday to reflect on her life and watch the State Funeral.

It has been lovely to welcome parents into school this week for our ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions. Slides from these sessions will be posted on the Year group area of the website.

I have spent a lot of time in classes this week to see how the children are settling in and I have been impressed with how well they are following new routines, getting to know new classmates, and trying hard with their learning. Our school development priority this year is ‘high expectations for all’ and we are working hard on handwriting, presentation and expecting the very best from all of our wonderful children. Our School Development Plan is available for parents on our school website.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 19TH—23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

Monday 19th September School closed for bank holiday for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

Wednesday 21st September All school communion, St. Mary’s Church, 9:15am. Children and staff only.

WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNION

Before COVID, it was common practice for all of the children and staff at Horsell Junior to participate in a whole school communion once a year. Horsell Junior is proud to be a school for children of all faiths and none. Our school communion is therefore intended for our children to learn about what communion is and receive a blessing from the vicar, should they wish to do so. Parents are not able to attend this event, but I am sure that your child will tell you all about it!

SAVE THE DATE

3rd October
9:30am—10:30am

Year 5 lead our Harvest Festival
at St Mary’s Church, Horsell

Year 5 parents & carers
welcome.

FOREST SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are still in need of volunteers to help with forest school. In particular, we need volunteers for Monday afternoons

No previous experience or a DBS is required as you will be with the teacher at all times. If you are able to help, please e-mail office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk and let us know when you are able to help.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

We have the pleasure this week in inviting parents to meet the teacher and find out about our plans for the coming year.

If you missed the meeting, slides with key information and dates for [Year 4](#) and [Year 5](#) can be found on our website, and slides for [Year 3](#) and [Year 6](#) will be uploaded following the meeting in the year group area.

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

MRS ANNE SMITH



Welcome to the new school year. I hope you feel refreshed after the summer break and ready for a busy term. As chair of governors, I met with Mrs Wand last week to discuss the school development plan for the year and plan how governors can monitor progress in all areas. I am the governor responsible for safeguarding so, throughout the term, will be looking at all aspects surrounding Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE). I have also been involved with the OPAL project since it started last September so am looking forward to coming into school to see some of the lunchtime playground activities.

Most schools face challenges, now more than ever with prices rising rapidly. Governors will continue to support Mrs Wand and all staff as they strive to deliver a rich and inclusive education for every member of our school family.

CHANGE TO MENU

Due to the school being closed on Monday 19th September, our caters have had to amend the menu as follows for Tuesday 20th September:

Red option: Loaded cheese & tomato pizza with oven baked potato wedges & home-made slaw

Green option: Margherita mac & cheese with oven baked potato wedges & vegetable medley.

Both options are vegetarian.

We have re-opened bookings on Scopay until Friday at 12noon, please book, amend or cancel meals as required.

Meals for the week commencing 26th September should be booked by Sunday 18th September.



YEAR 7 v STAFF NETBALL MATCH



Last Wednesday, a team of girls returned to Horsell Junior School for the rescheduled Year 6 v Staff netball match. It had to be delayed last year due to the heatwave. Former Horsell Junior pupils, now in year 11, also came to help referee. We had a good turn out of staff joining the team. Both staff and children played really well, and Mrs Ghalami made an excellent shooter. The staff team started off strong, but the year 7s caught up, and the match ended in a draw, 4-4.

Well done to all that took part! It was lovely to see our former students again, they looked so smart in their new school uniforms.

PE KIT

Children should wear the school PE kit on days that they have PE. Branded sportswear is not acceptable.

WOKING ROTARY CLUB SWIMATHON

On Sunday, 2nd October, a group of our children will be taking part in the annual Rotary Club Swimathon at Woking pool in the park. Children aged 8 and above take part in teams of 6. Mrs Ghalami will be there to supervise the children, and we have two teams of 6 participating.

The annual event is in its 14th year and has raised over £190000 for local charities.

Each team is allocated a lane; however, only one team member swims at a time. On average this means that each member swims between 10 and 20 lengths during the 55 minutes. There is, however, no need for each team member to swim the same number of lengths.

Every team member invites sponsorship for their team.

The money raised this year will be shared between five local charities who are:

- SAMBER (Riding for the Disabled)
- Woking & Sam Beare Hospices
- Woking High School
- Swan Academy
- Mayor's Charity (LinkAble)
- Other local charities supported by Rotary Club of Woking Benevolent Fund

If you would like to sponsor our team, donations to the charities can be made at Rotary Club of Woking Benevolent Fund accessible here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wokingswimathon>.

JOB VACANCIES

Do you want to make a difference to the lives of children in our community? Do you have a passion for helping children overcome barriers and achieve their potential? Have you considered working in a school but are worried you don't have the experience?

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our team of fantastic teaching assistants, and will provide training for people returning to work or those who are thinking about changing career path.

We currently have a job vacancy for a full-time Teaching Assistant or Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. Applicants looking for a part-time role will also be considered. Please contact our Assistant Head, Miss Chamberlin, for an informal discussion about this role. (inclusion@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

You can also find more details online [here](#).

YEAR 5 ROAD SAFETY



Today, all year 5 students took part in a road safety lesson.

We can now issue walking home passes for them. To apply for a walking home pass, please complete the walking alone form [here](#).

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for secondary school places, for children starting September 2023, are now open. The closing date for children in year 6 to apply for a place is 31st October 2021. For further information about applying for a place, please click [here](#).