



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 22nd September 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians:

*And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.’ Luke 22 19 – 20*

It was lovely to walk down to the church on Wednesday and learn about Communion. Staff and children came together to learn about, and experience, what the Lord’s Supper is and why it is important for Christians. This is the first time since COVID that the whole school has been together at the church and it was a very special occasion. I would like to say thank you to everyone at St Mary’s for making us feel so welcome.

The children in Year 6 have now been told about their new responsibilities and roles for this year and I am sure that they will continue to set an excellent example to our younger children.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wand

### KEY DATES FOR 26TH—30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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| Tuesday 27th September   | Year 4 parent information meeting regarding Hooke Court residential trip, 6pm                                |
| Wednesday 28th September | Book Fair, school hall, open to pupils all day, parents welcome 15:20—16:00                                  |
| Thursday 29th September  | Year 6 parent information meeting regarding Swanage residential trip, 6pm                                    |
| Sunday 2nd October       | Woking Rotary Club Swimathon.<br>If you would like to sponsor our teams, please click <a href="#">here</a> . |

### HARVEST COLLECTION



As is our tradition, we will be collecting harvest donations, which will be donated to the York Road Project in Woking. The charity, which supports people experiencing homelessness, are currently asking for donations of the following, which children can hand to their class teacher **by 3rd October:**

- Variety of crisps & snacks
- Sugar sachets
- Jars of coffee & hot chocolate
- Sweetener sachets
- Bottled or cans of water
- Cordials (orange/black currant)
- Individually wrapped biscuits / sweet treats
- Bodywash
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Tangle teezers
- Deoderant/body spray
- Complete puzzles

**Any items not used by the York Road project will be passed on to the Woking Food Bank.**

### WOKING HIGH OPEN EVENTS

Woking High are hosting an open evening on Thursday 6th October from 5:30pm to 8pm. There is no need to book for this event.

There are also open mornings for parents and year 6 pupils on the following dates:

10th, 12th, 14th, 18th & 20th October  
with sessions at 9:15am and 10:15am

To book a visit with Woking High, please click [here](#). If your child is attending a morning session, please e-mail [office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to let us know which session they will attend.

Pupils will be ready for collection from the office at 9am and 10am respectively. **If attending a 9:15am session and your child will not come to school beforehand, please let us know.**

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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| 6th October:   | Willow |
| 14th October:  | Spruce |
| 18th November: | Cherry |
| 25th November: | Beech  |
| 9th December:  | Cedar  |
| 13th January:  | Rowan  |
| 27th January:  | Acer   |
| 10th March:    | Pine   |
| 17th March:    | Palm   |
| 5th May:       | Elm    |
| 19th May:      | Ash    |
| 16th June:     | Oak    |

Assemblies start at 8:55am

### Other key dates this term:

3rd October: **Harvest**, Year 5

15th December: **Nativity**, Year 3

## BOOK FAIR

We are kick starting the year by celebrating reading at our school with a Book Fair! The Book Fair will be arriving in school on Wednesday 28th September 2022, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, with prices starting from only £2.99. We hope there's a book for everyone.

Children may take cash to the fair but should you wish to pay using a credit or debit card, you may do so by scanning the QR code which will be placed around the fair. Children will have a chance to look at all the books during the school day and purchase books there with cash. The hall will be open after school for parents/carers to come and purchase the books for the children using card. The book fair will be open after school from 3:20pm until 4pm.

If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try Scholastic's discounted Gift Vouchers available at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents).

Every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are currently experiencing technical difficulties with our school library system. The library has been closed today so children have been unable to change or return books. We are confident this will be resolved early next week.

## MRS COLE

We are sad to announce that Mrs Cole will be leaving Horsell Junior School at the end of the month. We thank Mrs Cole for the support and kindness she has given to our pupils at Horsell Junior School and her wonderful work and dedication to the OPAL play project. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

## Music—10 Pieces

This year we will continue to use the BBC Ten Pieces project. This is a project for schools that focuses on different compositions by a variety of composers. It aims to open up the world of classical music to 7-14 year olds.

We will start with Johann Sebastian Bach's Toacata and Fugue in D minor.

Find out more by visiting [BBC Ten Pieces](http://BBC Ten Pieces) and explore their films, instrumental arrangements and live events!



## 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](mailto:inclusion@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk)).

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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](#).

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