



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 29th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Genesis 8:22

The children have had a lovely week at school and everyone in Year 5 is busy preparing for Harvest Festival. We look forward to welcoming the parents of our Year 5 children at our Harvest Festival next week. Please do continue to send in donations with your child.

We were overwhelmed (in a good way!) at the response to our Scholastic Book Fair on Wednesday and I hope that you and your children are enjoying sharing any books that you purchased. Encouraging our children to read quality literature is a focus for the school this year, and all of the classes have a set text that they are reading. I have particularly enjoyed reading Beech's set text, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 2ND—7TH OCTOBER 2022

Sunday 2nd October	Woking Rotary Club Swimathon. If you would like to sponsor our teams, please click here .
Monday 3rd October	Harvest Festival , St Mary's Church, 9:30am. Year 5 parents welcome.
Tuesday 4th October	Meet the PTA and get involved evening , The Horsell Kitchen, 8.30pm
Wednesday 5th October	Horsell Junior School Open morning for prospective parents , 9:10am—10:30am.
Thursday 6th October	Willow Class Assembly , 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks and photography are not permitted in the assembly.

HARVEST COLLECTION



Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation to our Harvest collection. We will continue collecting for 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
- Deodorant/body spray
- Complete puzzles

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

HEAD INJURIES

The office will contact the parents of children who have had a bump to the head and children who have a head injury are sent home with a slip and an information leaflet, which can also be found [here](#). If you have concerns about your child following a bump, we recommend they are seen by a medical professional.

Please let the office know if your child has seen a doctor about a head injury so that we can add this to our records. Children who have seen a doctor following a head injury will not be allowed to do PE or vigorous physical activity—including swimming—for two weeks. Please advise the office of any additional precautions their doctor advises.

BREAK DANCING

Just Dance has begun! On a Tuesday breaktime children can come into the hall to have a dance. We had about 100 children following a dance routine. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy it, even Mrs Ghalami, Mr Dunsford and Mrs Wand had a boogie.



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be visiting on Friday 21st October to take individual school photos. Children should wear full winter uniform.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Tues 4th October | Meet the PTA & get involved evening
The Horsell Kitchen, 8pm |
| Sat 15 th October | Good as New Uniform Sale
Horsell Village School, 10—11:30am |
| Fri 21 st October | Fireworks evening (to be confirmed)
Horsell Cricket Club |
| Fri 4 th November | Bags to School Collection
at drop off, Horsell Junior School |
| Fri 18 th November | Junior School Disco
Junior School Hall |
| Sat 3rd December | Christmas Fair,
Horsell Village Fair, 12noon—3pm |

Further details will be provided in due course.

To run these events, the PTA rely on parent volunteers. To find out more about what the PTA do and how you can get involved, please come along on Tuesday 4th October.

If you can't make the meeting and would like to find out more or offer to help, please e-mail horsellschool-spta@gmail.com.

WOKING HIGH OPEN EVENTS

We attach information from Woking High regarding their Open Evening and Open Mornings for year 6 pupils.

To book a visit with Woking High, please click [here](#).

If your child is attending a morning session, please let us know by completing our online form [here](#).

RESIDENTIAL TRIP INFORMATION MEETINGS

A copy of the slides from the [year 4 meeting](#) on Tuesday and this evening's [year 6 meeting](#) will be uploaded onto the year group area of our website.



Every child should be completing at least 10 minutes of Times Table Rockstars a week.

Please make sure you are using the latest software by updating the App on the device/s your child/ren are using. Thank you!

PUPIL RECOGNISED FOR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Staff at the Lighthouse were delighted to receive a donation from year 5 pupil, Mila A, which she had raised from selling 3D printed key rings to her Junior school class mates, friends and family. They gave her a tour of the Hub, including a their food bank, advice centre and recently opened Family Hub for children to play and learn English.

They also gave her a letter expressing their thanks for her support. As a result of the visit, Mila has decided to continue her fundraising for local charities.



OAK CLASS DT MATERIALS

Oak class are currently doing a DT unit on pneumatic toys. This week, the children designed a simple pneumatic toy. They have chosen some materials they would like to use. Please help your children try to source some of the material. It is stuff like: a tea bag box, card, lolly sticks and felt tip pens.

All the pneumatic equipment will be supplied by the school. Please send your children in with their materials on Tuesday 4th October. If you have any difficulty, please contact Mr Dunsford via email.

**Woking
Music
Festival**

The annual competitive Woking Music Festival, held in November, is a celebration of the musical and literary vitality of Woking and the surrounding area. People of all ages and standards are welcome to perform in front of a sympathetic audience and to receive feedback and encouragement from a professional.

If your child is interested in entering, please talk to their music teacher. To apply to enter or book tickets to attend the festival, please click [here](#).

HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

We will be hosting open mornings for prospective parents on 5th October, 15th October and 16th November.

If you know anyone whose child may join us in September 2023 please ask them to visit our [website](#) for full details of timings and to book a place.

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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