



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 3rd November 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Isaiah 55:10 *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,"*

Well, it has certainly been a wet and windy start to half term! I hope that you all had a lovely break over half term and wish all our families who celebrated the festival of light a very Happy Diwali.

As the weather is now getting wetter and colder, please do ensure that children come to school with the appropriate clothing as we try to get them outside as much as possible even during the winter months.

There are many things to look forward to over the next half term including a trip to Woking High to listen to the school orchestra, some interhouse sporting competitions, the Nativity production, our Reverse Advent Calendar and, of course, the school Christmas lunch! Please make sure that you keep an eye on the newsletter over the coming weeks so you know what is happening in school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wand

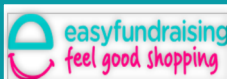
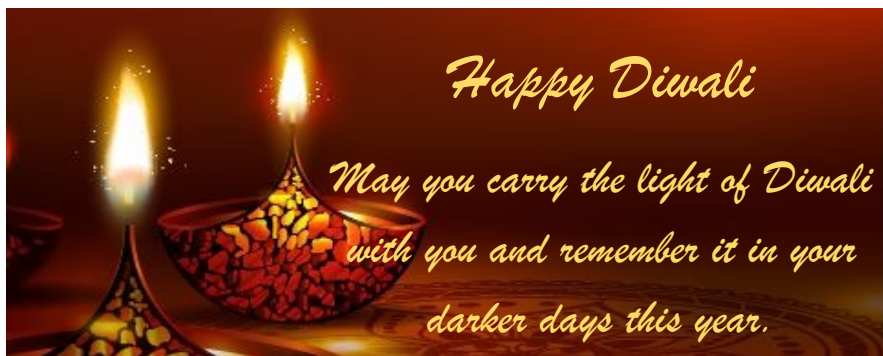
### KEY DATES FOR 4TH—11TH NOVEMBER 2022

Friday 4th November	<b>PTA Bags2School collection, 8:30am—9am</b> Please bring your bags via the bungalow gate, there will be a collection point next to the hall.
Monday 7th November	<b>Year 4, Six a side Football</b> Year 4, St. Andrew's School (by invitation)
Tuesday 8th November	<b>PTA Cauliflower Christmas Card deadline, 9am.</b> Please ensure all online orders are made and forms returned <b>by 9am.</b>
Wednesday 9th November	<b>Inter House Line Tag, 15:15—16:00.</b>
Friday 11th November	<b>Armistice Day.</b> Members of Girl Guiding and the Scouts Association may wear their uniform.

### FORGOTTEN ITEMS

We politely remind everyone that only **lunches and medication** may now be brought to the office after school drop off.

Before half term, a high volume of items were being dropped off, which was time consuming to deliver to each child. We also believe this will help encourage our children to be independent in organising themselves for school. Thank you.



**Starting your Christmas shopping? Why not turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our school.** Click [here](#) to find out more.

## ABSENCE POLICY: PENALTIES

Before half term we shared our absence policy. A copy of our full policy can be found by clicking [here](#).

We would like to draw your attention in particular to the section regarding penalty notices, which is detailed below.

**Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more which do not have to be consecutive may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice.**

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in the parent/carer being served a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court. No written warning will be given where it can be shown that the parent/carer had previously been warned of their liability to receive a Penalty Notice.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice for poor attendance may also be considered appropriate in the following circumstances:

Unauthorised absences or late arrival after the close of registration, on 7 occasions in any six-week period (not including school closures). The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Inclusion Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to affect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence. Where a formal warning letter has been issued to parents, the Local Authority will monitor the attendance for a maximum of 15 school days and issue a Penalty Notice by first class post if the Local Authority determine that an acceptable level of attendance has not been achieved.

## MR PENSTONE

Mr Penstone has been unwell since the start of term and has decided not to return to Horsell Junior. Mr Penstone has been a member of staff at the school since 2015 and we all wish him the very best for the future.

Miss Chadburn will be the Acting Head of Year 6 for the remainder of this academic year.



## WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!

Based on all our work to make our school a 'greener' environment, we have been awarded 'Green Flag with Distinction,' by Eco-Schools. This 'distinction' award does not mean we are doing everything we

possibly can – there is always room for improvement – but it means we are actively working towards the goals set out in our action plan. Our children have been passionate about our environment and are always striving to make God's world a better place to live.

This award is very exciting for our school and we celebrated this in our collective worship this week. Moving forward, we hope to build on this success throughout the year, led by our newly appointed Eco-Committee.

Below are some of our Eco-Reps from last year, holding our certificate and flag. A 'Well Done' for all their dedication and commitment throughout the year!



## VACANCY: TEACHING ASSISTANT

An opportunity has arisen for a Teaching Assistant or Higher Level Teaching Assistant to join our team of skilled and dedicated support staff. Our Teaching Assistants are amazing and we are looking for an enthusiastic individual to join the team.

Please click [here](#) for full details of the position and how to apply. Although we are ideally recruiting for a full time position, we will also consider applicants looking for less hours.



## Remembrance Day: Friday 11th November



We will be marking Armistice Day next Friday. Those children who are in Girlguiding or the Scouts Association may wear their uniform in place of school uniform on this day (please bring in PE/forest school/swim kit as appropriate).



Poppies and other Poppy Appeal items are still being sold daily in class. We suggest a donation of 50p for poppies and zip pulls, £1 for wristband and £1.50 for slap bands. Please provide exact money as we cannot give change.

## THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER IS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY!



On the day of their Christmas lunch, the children are welcome to wear a festive jumper. They are required to wear the rest of their school uniform but they can wear a bright jumper in festive colours or with a Christmas decoration to bring some festive cheer to the event.

Our special menu is below, and should be ordered via Scopay as usual for lunches.

**2 COURSE SET  
CHRISTMAS  
MENU**  
DECEMBER 2022

*Main*

**ROAST BRITISH TURKEY  
& CHIPOLATA SAUSAGE**  
with Cranberry Sauce, Sage &  
Onion Stuffing, Roasted  
Potatoes with Thyme, Honey  
Glazed Carrots & Parsnips,  
Steamed Brussel Sprouts &  
Gravy

or

**QUORN SAUSAGE  
CHRISTMAS CRACKER (V)**  
with all the Trimmings

*Dessert*

**DECORATED CITRUS  
SPICED FESTIVE  
SHORTBREAD**

Merry Christmas  
from  
**Twelve15**

FREE for KS1 and FSM, £2.60 for KS2

**HAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
ORDERED TODAY!**

## PIRBRIGHT TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

By William and Noah, Cherry

Our first game was against St Dunstan's, which we won easily, with great tries from Clara, Willow and Kathrine.

After a quick drink, we were straight back on playing Goldsworth. We had another great win with great performances from Barnaby and Olivia, who scored 3 tries in her first game.

Unfortunately, the next team we were due play didn't turn up so we had a long break and were ready for the final against the host's Purbright.

We started off amazingly and everyone was doing their best. When the full-time whistle was blown, we knew we had won and were the tournament champions!

Finally, we had a friendly against St Lawrence and we won again with awesome plays by Connor, Clara and Barnaby.

We all played great and had so much fun.

## TEN PIECES

GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC

This month we are learning about the Russian composer, Igor Stravinsky, and listening to the music from his ballet, The Firebird — suite (1911) (Finale). To find out more or listen at home, visit the [BBC Ten Pieces website](https://www.bbc.com/tenpieces).



## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is due to start primary, infant or junior school in September 2022, you can now apply for a place. To apply or find further information, please click [here](#).

The closing date for applications is 31st January 2023.

**PTA School Discos**  
**Friday 18th November 2021**

**Years 3 and 4: 18:30—19:30**  
**Years 5 and 6: 19:45—21:00**

**Tickets £5, on the door or pre-book on**  
**<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell>**

## ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIONS

A number of local schools are consulting on their admissions policies. Details of these consultations and how to take part are published on our website [here](#).

# SEND GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Special, Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)



**Free support group for parents and carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.**

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.



For further information, visit  
[www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport](http://www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport)  
Register your interest with us on email  
[familycentres@woking.gov.uk](mailto:familycentres@woking.gov.uk) or call  
01483 743 812



Woking Family Centre is pleased to announce, we will be running a five-week virtual support group for parents and carers of children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities, 0-16 years of age. We will be exploring these topics over the five weeks and there is also time for exploring further support and information upon request.

**Week 1:** Introductions,

Monday 14th November: 9.30 – 11am

**Week 2:** Boundaries, Keeping us all safe,

Monday 21st November, 9.30 – 11am

**Week 3:** Useful parenting tools and tips,

Monday 28th November, 9.30 – 11am

**Week 4:** Food fads and sleep,

Monday 5th December, 9.30 – 11am

**Week 5:** EHCP, DLA other funding options, support networks,

Monday 12th December, 9.30 – 11am

For further details please contact [www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport](http://www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport) or call 01483 743812.