



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 10th November 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

'See others with the eyes of God and address them that way' (James 4:6)

In Collective Worship, Mrs Brinicombe has been encouraging the children to speak politely to visitors and adults in the school. I was very fortunate to show some visitors around on Monday afternoon and they were very impressed by the children's manners. Our children are an absolute delight and I was yet again reminded of how lucky I am to be the headteacher of such a wonderful school!

On Monday, Miss Chamberlin and I met with the local Inclusion Officer to review our school attendance. Attending school is extremely important and children who miss school are in danger of falling significantly behind with their learning. We understand that children can be ill which is why it is even more important that they are not removed from school for any other reasons, such as holidays. Pupils whose attendance falls below 95% are monitored and those who have low attendance are flagged to the inclusion service. Miss Chamberlin is responsible for this aspect of school life and she will be in touch if we have any concerns regarding your child's attendance. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Next week, we will be thinking about making positive friendship choices as part of our 'Reaching Out' Week. This is part of a nationwide 'Anti Bullying' week and we would like children to come to school in odd socks on Monday to raise awareness of this. Further information is contained in the newsletter.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 11TH—18TH NOVEMBER 2022

Friday 11th November



Armistice Day. Members of Girl Guiding and the Scouts Association may wear their uniform in place of their school uniform (please bring any change of clothes needed for PE/ swimming/forest school) . All other students should wear school uniform/PE kit as usual.

Monday 14th November



Odd Socks Day - children can wear odd socks to school alongside their usual uniform.

Flu Vaccination

Times Table Rockstars—England Rocks competition starts 7:30am

Tuesday 15th November

Woking High Orchestra Performance. Years 3, 5 & 6 will visit Woking High in school hours.

Weds 16th November

Open Morning for prospective parents, 9:30—10:30am.

Year 6 boys football. HOME v Sythwood

Times Table Rockstars—England Rocks competition ends at 19:30

Friday 18th November



Children in Need: children can wear mufti to school, no football shirts please. Please bring in any PE / forest school / swim kits as required. Suggested £1 donation (cash).

Cherry Class Assembly, starts at 8:55am promptly. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall . Photography is not permitted.

Snapshot Reports will be sent home with children at the end of the day, ready for parent consultations the following week.

PTA School Disco, Years 3&4, 18:30—19:30; Years 5&6 19:45—21:00. Please book [here](#).

REACH OUT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Next week, we will be celebrating Reaching Out Week in-line with the Anti-Bullying Alliance. On Monday 14th November, the children will be invited to wear **odd socks** to school alongside their normal school uniform or P.E kit. This is to help us celebrate how we are all unique. Across the week, classes will discuss how children can reach out if they have a concern on the playground, in school or online. Reaching out will also be a key theme within our collective worship. We look forward to sharing with you what we have been doing across the week.

To find out more please visit: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>



YEAR 4 ROMAN WORKSHOP

Year 4 children were delivered a fun and engaging workshop by Chertsey Museum on Wednesday 2nd November. It gave them the opportunity to look at replica items from Roman times and to begin thinking about what the Romans were like as they start their new topic this half term.



The children have already begun to show a wealth of historical knowledge about the Romans; it appears this will be a really exciting topic.



ENGLAND ROCKS

14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER

7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT DAILY

Winning class will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil.

PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE

1-HOUR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS COMPETITION

We're celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times tables (and division) competition online via TTRS.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer earning them, their class and the school a point. TTRS will calculate the class average to determine the winning classes. Certificates and House points will also be awarded in school for participation in this competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

PTA School Discos Friday 18th November 2022

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>

ST MARY'S CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 12 Nov from 7-10pm.

Ploughman's and first drink £10. Under 16s £6.

The quiz will take place in the St. Andrew's room.



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

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.

Poetry Competition


Over the last few weeks, we have been running a poetry competition around the theme on nature and God's world. We have had over 100 poems entered which is amazing! On Friday, Miss Chadburn, Mrs Jones and the Eco-council met to judge the poems. It was incredibly hard to narrow it down - everyone should feel incredibly proud of their poems!

In first place, we have: 'Can We Turn This Around?' by Keeley in Spruce.

In second place, we have: 'Acorns' by Max in Elm.

In third place, we have: 'The Ocean' by Irina in Pine.

The Ocean



O, behold the wonderful ocean
ancient and unexplored!



Many many creatures lie beneath the
shore, from turtles to jellyfish to humpback
whales galore!

But alas - rubbish in the ocean spreads a
harmful disease that everyone ignores.

So don't wait before it's too late!
Please recycle for all it takes.

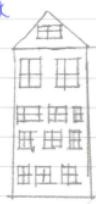

3rd place
Well done!

Not only for the ocean for other
species too and to make the world
a better place, yes. We need YOU!

Can we turn this around?

Our world is in big trouble
Nobody cares
So don't tell me that
Using less plastic will make a difference
I will remind you that
Climate change is a lie
Nothing will make me believe that
Polar caps are melting
We need progress
Nature is extraordinary
I think not!
Buildings
Are beautiful
Forests
using up land
There are too many people
Deforestation is necessary
It is not true that
Individuals can change the world
Anything I do won't make a difference
It is silly to think
Being eco-friendly should be more important than money
It is obvious that is
It is up to world leaders
and
It's ~~our~~ not our problem
We shouldn't think
We can turn this around






(read again from bottom to top)

A Corns

Acorns, Acorns
all around
tell me acorns
on the ground,
which of you that
I can see,
will grow up to
be a tree?

Acorn →

We Need YOU

Can you help? Support your community and make a difference in someone's life!

Horsell Care provides a driving service for the elderly, vulnerable or those who need help with day-to-day tasks and don't have relatives or friends living close by. We are in desperate need of new volunteers. There is no firm commitment and you only drive as and when it suits you, be that once a week or once a month. We also have admin roles for those not wishing to drive. If you feel you can help, please call our helpline on 01483 730740, leave your name and number and a volunteer will call you back.