



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 24th November 2022



Dear Parents

..those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint, Isaiah 40:31

It is hard to believe that we are almost into December and the period of Advent. Advent is a period of hope and waiting, and also a time to bring hope to other less fortunate than ourselves. Every year, Horsell Junior School has a reverse advent calendar and it would be wonderful if all members of our school community could donate to our calendar, support the York Road Project, and be a beacon of light to others in Woking. More details are attached to this newsletter.

Our Art Ambassadors have been working hard on various Christmas art projects over the past few weeks. Guildford Cathedral's theme for local schools is 'Prince of Peace' and our art installation will be displayed in the cathedral over the Christmas period. Our Christmas tree of hope will also be displayed in the church so I hope you are able to take a look in St Mary's during the Christmas Fair on 3rd December. There are many more exciting things happening in Horsell and at school over the next few weeks so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 25TH NOVEMBER—3RD DECEMBER 2022

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| Friday 25th November | Mufti and PTA Christmas Fair Donations. Please bring donations to drop off, see p3. Beech Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into school and photography is not permitted. |
| Tuesday 29th November | Dance Woking: Young Dance Makers Workshop, Jubilee High School, Performance 19:15 (performers to arrive 16:50—17:00) |
| Wednesday 30th November | Year 6 Height and Weight Check Year 6 boys football team HOME v Sythwood, 14:45—16:00, (by invitation). |
| Thursday 1st December | Start of Reverse Advent Calendar. Please see details overleaf. School Christmas Post Box opens. |
| Friday 2nd December | Christmas Tree Festival, St Mary's Church, 14:30—18:00 School Choir performance at Christmas Tree Festival, 16:15 (performers arrive 16:00) |
| Saturday 3rd December | PTA Christmas Fair, Horsell Village School, 12:00—15:00 School Choir perform at PTA Christmas Fair, 13:00 (performers to arrive 12:45). Christmas Tree Festival, St. Mary's Church, 10am—16:30 Horsell Christmas Market, Horsell High Street, 1pm—5pm (High Street closed from Meadway Drive to Bury Lane). |

**Please check lunches are booked for Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December.
Lunches for 5th—9th December should be booked by Sunday 4th September.**

YEAR 4 TIMES TABLE CHECK

Children in year 4 will participate in the government times table check in June. For full details about the check, please click [here](#).

YEAR 4 REMINDER

Year 4 are having a D.T. Day during the week commencing 5th December. Anytime before this week, can your child please bring in a small (250ml-500ml) empty plastic bottle which is named.



Thank you!

Thank you for all your donations—together we raised £295.58 for Children in Need!



This week, the children enjoyed a visit from Fantastic FRED & the professor, where they learnt about the how Food, Rest, Exercise and Devices can impact on our wellbeing.

You can visit www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/for-parents-guardians to find out more, and continue engaging the children on the topic at home!



TTRS ENGLAND ROCKS RESULTS

Well done to all our pupils who took part in our TTRS challenge.

Our school came in **10th place** out of 966 local primary schools!

Congratulations to

Spruce who came in 1st Place within our school.

2nd place went to Cherry

3rd place went to Willow

First place in their year groups were:

Year 3—Oak

Year 4—Pine

Year 5—Beech

Well done also to the top scoring Rockstars in each class:

Megan (Ash), Leo (Elm), Ruben (Oak)

Hugo (Acer), Gilbert (Palm), Eddie (Pine)

Thomas (Beech), Toby (Cedar), Jacob (Rowan)

Ava (Cherry), Seweryn (Spruce), Ethan (Willow).

Horsell Junior are currently ranked in 6th place in the Times Table World Cup. The tournament continues next week—keep up the great work!

Reverse Advent Calendar - 12 days of giving

Love and service are two of our school values, and as part of this we encourage our children to think of others. Horsell Junior School has a tradition of supporting the [York Road Project](#), and this year we will again have a reverse advent calendar, where we ask children to bring in a donation. Children can bring in one of the suggested donation on any day between 1st and 16th December. A collection box will be available at the gate each day.

Day 1

Multi-packs of
crisps &
snacks

Day 2

Jars of Coffee
&
Hot chocolate

Day 3

Cordials
&
Bottled water

Day 4

Individually
wrapped
biscuits/ treats

Day 5

Men's boxer
shorts (new)

Day 6

Toothbrushes
&
Toothpaste

Day 7

Bodywash

Day 8

Shampoo/
Conditioner

Day 9

Tangle
Teezers

Day 10

Deodorant/
Body spray

Day 11

Puzzles
(complete sets
only)

Day 12

Art and craft
items*

*Art and craft items include colouring pens, pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, rulers, adult colouring books, paper, etc.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR, 3RD DECEMBER

Friday 25th November: Mufti Day & donations

Full mufti for **ALL YEAR GROUPS IN BOTH SCHOOLS**. There will be no charge for this Mufti Day, but instead we would love it if you could bring in a donation for the Christmas Fair as follows:

Year 3: Party bags

You should have received two empty bags and tags to close them. Please put in a few small items such as party bag presents, wrapped sweets and stickers. Other party bags are also fine to use if you lose ours!

Year 4: Chocolate or sweets

Please donate bars of chocolate – big bars, small bars or funsize bags – or sweets in wrappers (like Haribo or lollies) that we can use as prizes.

Year 5: Edible Tombola

Please donate tasty treats for the tombola (biscuits, crackers, chutney, cakes, etc). Please ensure products are unopened and with a Best Before Date later than 4th December!

Year 6: Festive Tombola

Please donate festive items such as candles, crackers, decorations, small dress up items (e.g. silly glasses, Santa hats) or cards. If it's fun and festive, it's perfect for this stall!

Saturday 3rd December: The Fair

Bring your friends, family and festive cheer along for some fun! Don't forget to visit the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church and the Horsell Village Christmas market too!

Thurstons
local brew
Horsell Gold
The Cricketers
mulled wine

Horsell
Evangelical
Church
Fundraising
stalls

Horsell Christmas Market 2022

Horsell High Street
Saturday 3rd December
1pm - 5pm

Craft stalls
Street food
Local bands
Princes famous
burgers



Father
Christmas
Teas
Childrens crafts
Puppet show in

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Children wishing to send friends cards can do so via the school Christmas Post. A letterbox will be available in reception from 1st December. **Please ensure the name and class of the recipient is written clearly.**

The last posting date will be **Monday 12th December.**

St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival 2nd & 3rd December

Fri 2nd
2.30pm -
6pm

Sat 3rd
10am -
4.30pm



St Mary's Church is hosting the Christmas Tree Festival again this year and there are a super selection of trees already on the programme. The trees are from various local businesses, individuals and schools, including Horsell Junior whose Young Carers group and Handbell Club are entering a tree.

If you are interested in entering a tree, the deadline has been extended to 25th November. Please visit <https://www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk> for more details.

On Friday 2nd December, our handbell club will be performing at 3.30pm and our school choir at 4.30pm. Please do come and support them.

Mulled wine, soft drinks and cakes will be available in the St Andrew's Room on both



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Seymours

Seymours presents their

Charity Carol Concert

in aid of



Woking & Sam Beare
Hospice and Wellbeing Care

Featuring local school pupils, The Salvation Army band
and West End Performers!



On Tuesday 6th December at 12pm at Christ Church, Jubilee Sqaure,
Woking. Tickets cost £12 with all proceeds going to charity

Scan the QR code to book your tickets

