



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 26th January 2023

Dear parents and carers,

We are proud as a school to support a number of charities throughout the year. We feel this is an important way for children to see our school values in action. In addition to York House, who we collect donations for at Harvest and during Advent, we have also raised money for a number of charities over the last year, including the RSPCA, Comic Relief, Children in Need, Thrive and many more.

Our school value this half term is Justice. As part of our focus on this, our school council are planning a special day at school to raise funds for a local charity. The council chose three charities, which they presented in an assembly. Children across the school are voting on which one the school will support. More details will follow soon.

We kickstarted our sporting calendar this week with a netball match against Goldsworth, which our team won with confidence. We look forward to the team competing against Kingfield school next week.

This term is, as usual, a little quieter than the other two. Behind the scenes, children are working hard on their learning and the office team are busy reviewing our records to make sure they are up-to-date and preparing for the year ahead.

Kind regards,  
School Office

### KEY DATES FOR 27TH JANUARY—3RD FEBRUARY 2023

<b>Friday 27th January</b>	<b>Acer class assembly, 8:55am prompt.</b> Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into school. Photography is not permitted.
<b>Monday 30th January</b>	<b>Year 6 Netball Match, AWAY v Kingfield, 15:10—16:30</b>
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b>	NEU teachers' strike action. Further information will be communicated shortly.

### RABBI VISITS YEAR 4

Year 4 had a visit from a Rabbi to talk to them about the Jewish faith. The children really enjoyed listening to the ram's horn being blown, looking at a Torah and wearing kippah. The Rabbi explained the meanings of the children's names according to the Torah. This was a fantastic opportunity for our school to learn about another faith.



### ROWAN ASSEMBLY

Rowan class enjoyed sharing their learning with parents and carers during their class assembly on Friday 13th January.

The class took responsibility for deciding the content of the assembly, with all children choosing to share an aspect of their learning that they had particularly enjoyed or were proud of.

They did a fantastic job!

**Polite reminder: please book lunches for Monday 6th—Friday 10th February by Sunday 29th January.**

## TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, 2023/24

Please find below the term dates for Surrey County Council and an overview of the inset days for Horsell Junior School next academic year. The inset days may vary between schools, so if your child has siblings at other schools please check their calendars separately. For example, the council has the first day of school as 1st September, but children at Horsell Junior will not start school until Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Term	Term start date	Term end date	Inset days
Autumn 2023	1 September 2023	15 December 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> September 4 <sup>th</sup> September
	Half term 23 October - 27 October 2023		
Spring 2024	2 January 2024	28 March 2024	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 19 <sup>th</sup> February
	Half term 12 February - 16 February '24		
Summer 2024	15 April 2024	23 July 2024	23 <sup>rd</sup> July
	Half term 27 May – 31 May 2024		

## CHARITABLE GIVING AT HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL

As mentioned above, as a school we are very proud to support a number of local and nationwide charities. Below are just a few of the donations made over the last year.

