



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 23rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

"During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference." Pope Francis

We have now entered the season of Lent, which means that the Worship Table is now covered with purple cloth and we are thinking about what we can do to give something back. During this season, the children will be following the Guildford Diocese's 'Calendar of Kindness', which has been attached to this newsletter, and raising money for LinkAble, our whole school fundraiser.

Our vicar visited Horsell on Wednesday and he enjoyed going into classrooms to observe our teaching of RE. The children were learning about caring for God's creation, Lent, and the Last Supper. They were also excited to tell him about other religions that we have studied this year.

Best wishes

Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 27H FEBRUARY—3RD MARCH:

** BOOK WEEK **

Thursday 2nd March **NEU Strike Action.** Further information will be communicated shortly.

Friday 3rd March **World Book Day** (please note the change in date, which is due to the planned NEU action).

WORLD BOOK DAY FRIDAY 3RD MARCH

This year, our book week will focus on poetry. We will be reading a poem in class each day, learning how poems are structured, performing them and even creating some of our own!

On World Book Day itself, children are invited to come dressed as a character from a favourite book or poem, or come as their favourite author!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents who are supporting the school in ensuring that their child is wearing the correct uniform. From next week, reminder slips will be sent home in HSOs if children are wearing the incorrect uniform.

FOOTBALL

We want our children to be active and have fun at lunchtimes. We have decided to introduce a football rota at lunchtimes to encourage different types of play. Children should not bring their own footballs into school, as this can cause arguments, and we would ask parents to support us with this policy. The school has a supply of soft footballs for the children to use.



READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

At school we talk to the children about being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We want our children to be **ready** to learn, **respectful** of others and their environment, and to make **safe** choices. We regularly use this language at school to reinforce our behaviour expectations and ethos.



PRIME DRINKS BOTTLES

Many people will have seen Prime drinks mentioned in the news. Due to their popularity, the company sold out and some retailers and individuals have been selling them at hugely inflated prices.

A number of our children are talking about this craze, in and out of school, and some are bringing Prime drinks and bottles refilled with water into school.

This has been causing problems in some year groups, therefore children must not bring Prime drinks bottles to school.

We would also like to remind parents that children should only bring water into school to drink, as part of our healthy school policy.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

AMAZING ACER ART

Following their Roman topic last term, Acer made Roman mosaics in art before half term.

Using printing sticks and paint, they thought about colour, design and borders to produce mosaics featuring items in nature, swords, shields and more.



ASH'S AWESOME SEWING

Over the last half term, Ash class have been learning sewing techniques in the DT sessions with the end product being a small cushion. They have all worked extremely hard and are really proud of their hard work. Many were able to use cross stitch, applique and even reverse applique in their designs!



ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

We have received the admissions arrangements for 2024-2025 from a number of local schools. Details of these, as well as any current consultations, can be found on our website [here](#).

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