



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 27th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

"Music is one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God," Martin Luther

Children in Year 5 have had a wonderful day making music with our visiting musicians today. They have been singing, improvising, composing and performing and are looking forward to sharing their finished pieces with the Year 5 parents tomorrow. Their work has been based on their current topic of Crime and Punishment, but I've been reassured that it's not too gruesome! Our visiting musicians also performed in our Collective Worship today, and it was lovely to hear some live music.

Our Year 4 children have settled back into their normal school routines after their fantastic trip to Hooke Court last week. I visited the venue on Tuesday and the children were having a great time. They seemed to particularly enjoy the Viking battle, but I'm not sure which side was victorious!

Thank you to all parents for ensuring children were smart for their photos on Wednesday. I'm sure that the pictures will be a lovely reminder of this year.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FRIDAY 28TH APRIL—FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2023

Friday 28th April	Year 5 Music Performance to parents, 2:30pm. Sponsored Run —deadline for donations .
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday—school closed
Tuesday 2nd May	NEU Strike action. Oak, Beech, Cedar and Rowan will be closed. Year 6 will remain open. We will confirm the status of the remaining classes when we are able to do so. Swanage Information Meeting for Year 6 parents, 6pm
Friday 5th May	Elm Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note no hot drinks can be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted. Coronation Picnic and Celebration Please can children bring a picnic blanket or towel to sit on. If you have not ordered a lunch via Scopay, please provide a packed lunch/picnic.



Studybugs

ABSENCE APP TRIAL

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to the Studybugs app, and reported absences this way.

The app recognises key words and will give you guidance from the UK Health Security Agency, and sends reminders to update the school if your child is absent the following day. To find out more and download the app, please visit <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>. Thank you!

SPONSORED RUN

Thank you for your generous donations towards our [LinkAble](#) fundraiser. So far you have raised £1,035. Our [JustGiving page](#) will close tomorrow, Friday 28th April.





YEAR 4 HOOKE COURT TRIP

Year 4 went on a residential to Hooke Court, from Monday to Wednesday last week.

The visit launched their Viking history topic. They took part in a range of activities from cooking, to writing with a quill, learning Runes, clay making, wattle and daub and creating model Viking Longships. In the evening, they enjoyed Viking sagas around the campfire.

The Hooke Court staff were thoroughly impressed with the behaviour and participation of our children and we all had a really enjoyable time.



Wattle and Daub



Jewellery making



FREE PARENT WEBINARS

The [Eikon charity](#) have the following, free parent seminars coming up. Please click on the links below to register.

Thursday 4th May 2023, 19.00-20.00

[Supporting your Child's Self Esteem and Confidence – Secondary.](#)

Thursday 11th May 2023 19.00-20.00

[Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Confidence \(Primary\)](#)

Thursday 6th June 2023 at 12.00-13.00pm

[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School - for parents of children with SEND](#)

Thursday 22nd June 2023 19.00-20.00

[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#)

LOCAL FOOTBALL TEAM DONATE TREES



In March, a new, local junior football club called [Horsell Martians FC](#) was launched. It currently consists of an U8s team made up of players entirely from Horsell Junior School Year 3s.

As part of their club eco mission, the club promises to plant a tree for every goal scored. The team has played 5 games to date, winning all 5 and scoring 27 goals in the process, that's 27 trees planted. Well done to all the boys.