



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 8th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27).

It has been a busy first week back at Horsell Junior! Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Haslemere museum on Wednesday, some of our children competed in District Sports on Wednesday, and Year 6 had the opportunity to learn about secondary school in one of their transition sessions earlier in the week. Do keep your eyes on the [school diary](#) as there are many school events coming up.

Thank you to those parents who attended my presentation yesterday evening. It was lovely to be able to put school initiatives in the national context, and I hope that those parents who attended found it useful and informative. Slides that accompanied my talk are now on the [website](#) for those parents who were unable to attend.

Recruitment is a significant issue in education at the moment, something that we discussed last night. At Horsell Junior, we are very lucky to have successfully recruited for several positions to start in the next academic year, including two new Teaching Assistants, an Assistant Head and another class teacher. Further details about these new members of the team will be circulated before the summer holidays.

As a school, we have also reviewed our provision for children with additional needs. As you know, we have been without a full time SENCO this term and, whilst challenging, it has given us the opportunity to look carefully at our provision for children with special educational needs and how we currently deploy staff across the school. Children come to school with a variety of needs, and teachers are skilled in effectively differentiating learning activities so that all children are able to succeed. This is part of all teachers' professional practice. This being said, there are some children for whom a more graduated, and smaller class size, is appropriate for some of the school day. We have therefore employed an Inclusion teacher, Mrs Smith, who will also be starting in September. She will be teaching smaller groups of children, supported by some of our teaching assistants, for some of the school day. She will also be working closely with our new Assistant Head, to continually refine our classroom practice for children with additional learning needs.

I enjoyed meeting parents at the first of our 'SEND surgeries' earlier this week. Our SEND surgeries are an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's needs and find out what the school is doing to support them. This initiative will continue next year.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Wand

PARENT SURVEY

We invite all parents and carers to complete our annual [parent survey](#). Your feedback is important to us, and the results will form part of our planning for next year.

Please complete the survey by Friday 16th June.

KEY DATES FRIDAY 9TH—16TH JUNE 2023

**** YEAR 4 TIMES TABLE TEST. CHILDREN WILL BE TESTED SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK ****

Tuesday 13th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service , Guildford Cathedral. Children and staff only. Coaches depart 9am.
Friday 16th June	Oak Class Assembly , 08:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted. Year 6 Connellan Trophy (Cricket, by invitation), 12:30—15:00.

REQUEST FOR MATERIALS

We are looking for the following, to be used for the year 6 production:

- Any left over paint / emulsion - all colours
- white emulsion paint
- paint rollers
- paint brushes large/ small
- white fabric/ large sheet / white king size bedding
- Yellow sheet - duvet size
- Large fishing net
- large card board boxes (bike size boxes)

If you have any of the following items, please drop them off at the school office between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Thank you!

SWANAGE RESIDENTIAL TRIP



The week before half term, our year 6 children went to Swanage where they enjoyed four days of camping and activities in glorious sunshine.

Activities included coasteering, giant paddle boarding, kayaking, coasteering, hiking to Corfe Castle, bushcraft—including cooking fish over an open fire, archery.



It was a great opportunity for children to gain a little independence, try something new and start marking the end of their primary school education.



WEATHER AND UNIFORM

As temperatures are expected to rise over the coming days, please ensure children bring a water bottle and sun hat to school, and apply sun cream at the start of the school day. We would also like to remind parents that children should not be wearing skins under PE shorts. This is unnecessary in the warm weather and is not part of the school PE kit. When the weather is cold, children should wear tracksuit bottoms.

Parking at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please remember to park considerately and safely during drop off and pick up.

Members of the public and residents on nearby roads have reported experiencing difficulty getting in and out of their driveways, as well as concerns about cars stopping on double yellow lines and zigzags, reducing visibility for residents and students crossing the road.

Your help in keeping our roads safe and maintaining good relations with our neighbours is appreciated.



SEND 'surgeries'

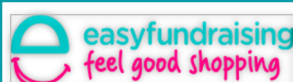
We still have spaces available for our SEND "surgeries". These are for parents who have concerns about their child's learning, for example, parents of children with a recent diagnosis of dyslexia, we are offering several SEND surgeries until the end of term. These surgeries are NOT appropriate for children with an EHCP or in the process of applying for an EHCP.

Parents should contact Mrs Khan in the school office to make a 20-minute appointment with Mrs Wand/Mrs Brinicombe. Please call the school office or email office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk. Appointments will be available on the following dates, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis:

Tuesday, 20th June 9:00– 12:00

Tuesday, 27th June 9:00 – 12:00

Tuesday, 11th July 9:00– 12:00



Turn your online shopping into FREE donations for our school.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

FREE TICKETS!

England A Women v Australia A Women Guildford Cricket Club, Sunday 2nd July

As part of our affiliation to Surrey Cricket Club, we have been offered FREE tickets for a Women's International fixture.

Head down to Guildford CC for a day of international cricket as well as food trucks, live music and a fun children's zone (Under 12s)!

To book tickets (free of charge), please click [here](#).



HANDBELLS—CORRECTION

Handbells will continue this half term, starting next Friday, 16th June, during lunch break. There is no new sign up, children who were attending before half term can just come along as usual.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

MRS WAND'S HALF MARATHON TREK

Mrs Wand is doing a half-marathon trek this Sunday, to raise money for Macmillan. Macmillan gives people with cancer everything they've got. If you're diagnosed, your worries are Macmillan's worries. Macmillan's doing whatever it takes. But without your help, Macmillan can't support everyone who needs them.

If you would like to sponsor her, and raise money for this fantastic charity, please click [here](#).




Horsell Schools' PTA
SUMMER FAIR
Saturday 1st July 2023, 12pm – 3pm
Horsell CofE Junior School, Meadway Drive
SAVE THE DATE
Can you help with:

- donating hand/homemade cupcakes & cookies (Please supply list of ingredients. ALL nut free please. Donate them at the fair on 1st July at 10am)
- setting up the fair ground – 8am – 12pm
- packing up after the fair – 2:45pm – 5pm
- collecting donations
- labelling prizes with raffle tickets
- selling raffle tickets (both schools)
- cooking BBQ at the fair

Volunteers Needed
Contact your class reps or
Sima on 078 5005 8869, if you can help.
No DBS needed

Donation Days

Horsell Village School

Thursday 22nd June

All children can wear mufti (no football kits)

Reception & Year 1
Year 2

Jolly Jars
Gift Tombola

Horsell Junior School

Thursday 22nd June

All children can wear mufti (no football kits)

Year 3

Filled party bags, sweets & non sweets party filler gifts for winning in games

Year 4

Edible Tombola

Year 5 & 6

Bottle Tombola (inc. alcohol)

Please make sure you book your lunches week commencing 19th June by this Sunday, 11th June. Lunches must be booked 8 days in advance as usual or a packed lunch must be brought to school.

ABSENCE POLICY: PENALTIES

We would like to draw your attention in to the section regarding penalty notices, which is detailed below.

Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more, which do not have to be consecutive, may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice.

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in the parent/carer being served a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court. No written warning will be given where it can be shown that the parent/carer had previously been warned of their liability to receive a Penalty Notice.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice for poor attendance may also be considered appropriate in the following circumstances:

Unauthorised absences or late arrival after the close of registration, on 7 occasions in any six-week period (not including school closures). The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Inclusion Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to affect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence. Where a formal warning letter has been issued to parents, the Local Authority will monitor the attendance for a maximum of 15 school days and issue a Penalty Notice by first class post if the Local Authority determine that an acceptable level of attendance has not been achieved.

A copy of our full policy can be found by clicking [here](#).

THE PARENTING PUZZLE



This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges so you have a calmer, family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to discipline
- Co-operation and self-discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves.



For further information, visit
www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport
Register your interest with us on email
familysupport@woking.gov.uk or call
01483 743 812

FAMILY
LINKS

SURREY
COUNCIL



Woking Family Centre will be running a 5 week Parenting Puzzle Programme for Parents and Carers with children. This tried and tested programme can help families deal with challenges of a family life.

The next evening programme is starting on Tuesday 13th June 2023. The programme will run every Tuesday 7-9pm for 5 weeks. All resources will be provided and a certificate of completion is awarded. There is free parking outside the centre

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
 - Different approaches to discipline
 - Co-operation and self-discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves.

Venue: Woking Family Centre -Sythwood Bungalow,
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

Date: Tuesday 13th June – Tuesday 11th July 2023
Time: 19:00 – 21:00