



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 13th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers:

*'But I came to give life—life in all its fullness.'* John 10:10

It has certainly been a busy week at Horsell Juniors! It was lovely to welcome our new Year 3 children to the school on Wednesday, and they enjoyed meeting their buddies. Wednesday was also 'transition day' and it was good to see our current Year 5 showing their readiness for Year 6 as they met their new teachers and settled into their new classroom.

We have had a successful half term of sporting achievements, both in and out of school. We enjoyed our athletics afternoon on Friday – I particularly enjoyed the teamwork on display in our epic tug of war competition – and our Year 6 netball team enjoyed taking on the staff on Wednesday evening. I can report it was a close-run match and we ended on a draw – 11-11!

Our Year 6 children have been working very hard on the end of year production and are looking forward to their performances this afternoon and this evening. The year group has really come together as a team to manage all aspects of the production, including the staging and lighting, and they should be really proud of what they have achieved in just over 3 weeks of rehearsals.

I look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday for our celebration evening.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand

### KEY DATES FRIDAY 14TH—FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023

<b>Friday 14th July</b>	<b>End of year school reports sent home.</b>  <b>Connellan Trophy Cricket Tournament</b> , 10:00—15:00, Weybridge Vandals CC.
<b>Monday 17th July</b>	<b>Celebration Evening, 17:30—18:30.</b> Pupils and their families are invited to come and see the work they have produced this year, and celebrate their learning.
<b>Tuesday 18th July</b>	<b>Year 3—5 Prize Giving, 9:00—10:00</b> (parents by invitation only please).  <b>Year 3—5 Disco, 18:15—19:30.</b> Tickets must be pre-booked <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Wednesday 19th July</b>	<b>Leavers' Fete, 9:00—10:30:</b> year 6 will put on stalls for the rest of the school. <b>Children in years 3—5 should bring small change to spend on the stalls</b> (5, 10 and 20 pence pieces are ideal, to a recommended maximum of £2). All money raised will go towards year 6's chosen charity, Barnardos.  <b>Year 6 Leavers' Party</b> , 18:30—20:30. Please book your tickets <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Thursday 20th July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Prize Giving, 09:00—10:00.</b> We look forward to welcoming our year 6 parents and carers to the event.  <b>School finishes for the summer holidays at the earlier time of 13:30.</b>
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	Inset day. School is closed to pupils until Tuesday, 5th September.

## SWIMMING GALA

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July a team of Horsell Junior school swimmers competed in the WASPs swimming gala at Pool in the Park against eight other Woking schools.

I was excited to be asked to organise the team and select the swimmers for each event. I was so impressed by some of our talented swimmers that I entered them into races for a year or in some cases even two years above their actual year group. Everybody performed really well. We won 4 golds, 5 silvers and 5 bronzes. There were medals in the individual events for Hannah, Elodie and Matilda (all swimming up a year group) and Ryan, Issac, and myself. We also managed medals in all 6 freestyle relay events so almost every swimmer in the team won a well deserved medal.

Overall, we finished in third place and only just behind second place Goldworth (whose year 6s recently came runner up in the National Schools championship). Congratulations to St Dunstan's who were worthy winners.

Thank you to Mr Coles and Miss Freed for giving up your Saturday evening to support us.

*By Keeley (Spruce).*

## YEAR 3 PLANT POTATOES AT SQUIRES

In March, some children from Year 3 went to Squires Garden Centre to plant potatoes. The children have been responsible for looking after and watering the potato pots over the last few months. We went back to Squires on Monday to harvest our potato crop and see if we had managed to grow potatoes.

It was great to watch the children take great care with these pots and eventually see the rewards of their labour! I think we have some keen gardeners in our year group.

Thanks to the staff at Squires for being so welcoming and donating the buckets, soil and seed potatoes to the school.



## LEAVERS' DINNER BALANCE REFUNDS

Children who are leaving the school next week and who have money left on their dinner money account will either have this transferred to a younger sibling at the school (where applicable) or will have their money refunded after the term ends.

## CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED

All clubs have now finished for this academic year. Details for next year's clubs are being finalised and we look forward to sharing these with you soon—this includes a number of new, external clubs.

## PTA School Discos

Tuesday 18th July

18:15—19:30

Years 3, 4 and 5

Tickets £5, advance bookings only

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell>

## YEAR 3 "CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST" FOR CHARITY

As part of our values at school, year 3 are raising money for their chosen charity, Thrive.

Year 3 aimed to "climb mount Everest" by traversing the bouldering wall a combined 8,849m which will equal the height of the world's highest mountain.

Thrive is the gardening for health charity. They use therapeutic gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people living with disabilities or ill health, or who are isolated, disadvantaged, or vulnerable.

This charity ties in well with our year 3 curriculum where we study plants and plant life cycles, including working hard in the Year 3 garden area.

Year 3 have already climbed to the summit and beyond, and have so far raised £197 towards their £500 goal. If you would like to sponsor them, please visit our [justgiving page](#). All money raised will be sent directly to Thrive.

## LOST PROPERTY

We will be putting lost property out at pick up over the remaining few days. Please check for any missing items.

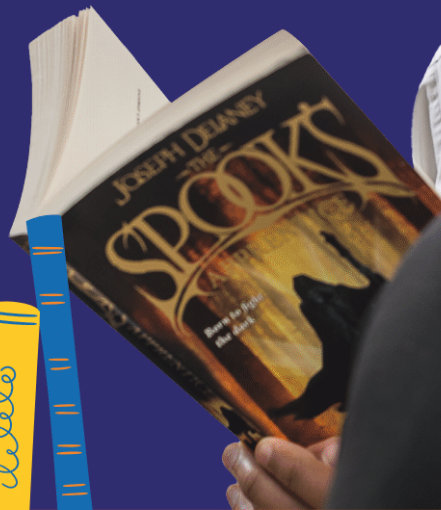
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