



## LAUNCHING THE 'DOVE' AWARD!

Dear Parents and Carers

At Horsell Junior School we are always looking at ways in which we can further enrich the lives of our children. We want our children to thrive - physically, emotionally and spiritually. We place great emphasis on PE and physical activity, and we work hard, along with parents, to look after our children's emotional health, through the use of zones of regulation and our PSHE curriculum.

Spirituality is about giving children a sense of 'awe' and 'wonder' and looking beyond the 'here and now'. It is not about a particular faith or religion. We want all of our children to have a sense of awe at the world in which they live, and give them a sense that their voice matters and that they can make a difference. We are therefore launching a new 'DOVE' award for all of our children, and we anticipate that all children will achieve their award at the end of the academic year. The award will look at 'mirrors' (asking children to look inside themselves), 'windows' (allowing children to experience awe and wonder) and 'doors' (enabling children to respond and act upon things that matter). All of the activities that the children need to complete will be done in school or organised by the school.

We anticipate that as the award becomes established different things will be added to each year group to further enrich the pupils' learning.

To achieve their award this year the children will do the following things:

	'Mirrors'	'Windows'	'Doors'
Dove Award Year 3	Put a question in the 'Big Question' pot	Attend a classical music concert Visit a place of worship Learn a prayer off by heart Lead a reflection during class assembly time Write and perform a piece of music Participate in a performance (Nativity)	Participate in 'hot seating' Memorise a short script and perform it in front of an audience Donate something as part of the school's Advent calendar appeal Do 30 random acts of kindness
Dove Award Year 4	Put a question in the 'Big Question' pot.	Attend a theatre performance Visit a place of worship Learn a prayer off by heart Lead a reflection during class assembly time Write and perform a piece of music Participate in a performance (Easter)	Participate in a conscience corridor Memorise a short script and perform it in front of an audience Donate something as part of the school's Advent calendar appeal Do 30 random acts of kindness
Dove Award Year 5	Put a question in the 'Big Question' pot.	Visit an art gallery Visit a place of worship Learn a prayer off by heart Lead a reflection during class assembly time Write and perform a piece of music Participate in a performance (Harvest)	Memorise a short script and perform it in front of an audience Donate something as part of the school's Advent calendar appeal Do 30 random acts of kindness Take part in a debate

'Mirrors'		'Windows'	'Doors'
Dove Award Year 6	Put a question in the 'Big Question' pot	Visit a cathedral Perform as part of a production Learn a prayer off by heart Lead a reflection during class assembly time Write and perform a piece of music	Be a buddy for another child Write a persuasive letter about a local issue that is important to them Memorise a short script and perform it in front of an audience Take on an area of responsibility Prepare a meal for someone else Donate something as part of the school's Advent calendar appeal Do 30 random acts of kindness

At the end of every term we will celebrate the progress that the children are making towards their awards. At the end of the year, we will have a Dove award ceremony as part of our end of year prize giving, and parents will receive information about their child's achievements as part of their end of year report.

We are sure that the children will enjoy working towards the Horsell Junior School Dove awards and I am sure that they will enjoy sharing their experiences with you throughout the year.

With best wishes,

Mrs Wand

### KEY DATES FOR 25TH—29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday 25th September	Book fair, 15:20—16:00, back of hall. Please enter via year 6 corridor by swimming pool.
Tuesday 26th September	Book fair, 15:20—16:00, back of hall. Please enter via year 6 corridor by swimming pool.
Wednesday 27th September	Book fair, 15:20—16:00, back of hall. Please enter via year 6 corridor by swimming pool.
Thursday 28th September	Book fair, 15:20—16:00, back of hall. Please enter via year 6 corridor by swimming pool.
Friday 29th September	Happy Sukkot to our Jewish families!

## BOOK FAIR

**MONDAY 25TH—THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 15:20—16:00**

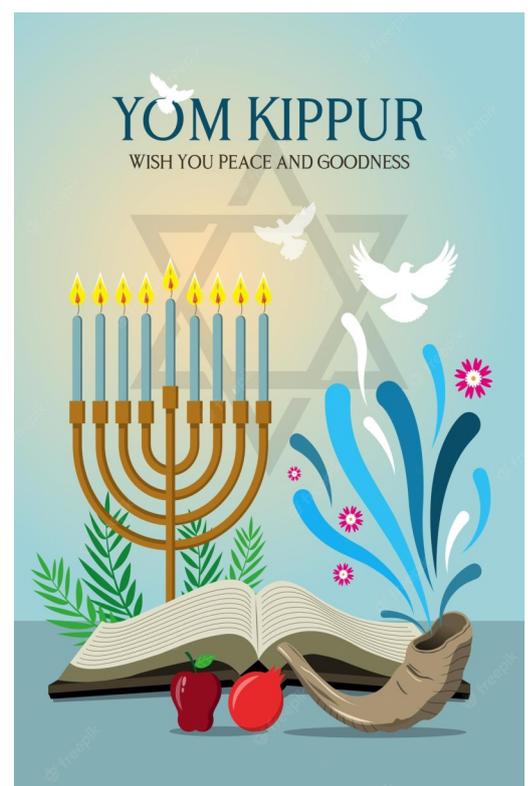
We are kick starting the year by celebrating reading at our school with a Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be arriving in school on Monday 25th September, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, with prices starting from only £2.99. We hope there's a book for everyone.

Cash will be accepted at the fair but should you wish to pay using a credit or debit card you may do so as we will have a card machine. The side hall will be open after school for parents/careers to come and purchase the books. Please enter via the Year 6 corridor by the swimming pool. The

book fair will be open after school from 3:20pm until on 4pm Monday 25th September until Thursday 28th September.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school!





## NEWS!

### New Committee Members

A number of our PTA committee members stepped down, or announced their intentions to do so, last year.

We are delighted to announce the incoming committee:

**Sima Huddy—Chair**

**Jenny Dutfield—Secretary**

**Emma Machin—Treasurer**

### SAVE THE DATES:

#### Annual General Meeting

Thursday 9th November, 6pm

All parents, carers and members of staff are welcome.

#### Fireworks Evening

Thursday 19th October, 17:30—19:00

### FAMILY RAISE PTA FUNDS WITH ZIFFIT

Before the summer, many of you donated your old books, DVDs and CDs for the PTA to sell.

Thank you to Emily and her mother, Becky, who along with the rest of their family sorted, scanned, listed and posted the donations through Ziffit and Vinted.

So far they have raised £170 and helped recycle unwanted goods. Fantastic effort, thank you!



Emily, age 8, helping scan items.

Do you have an idea for a fundraiser and want to get involved? Please contact the PTA on [horsellschoolspta@gmail.com](mailto:horsellschoolspta@gmail.com).

### UNUSUAL VISITOR

Last week, one of our students found Jimmy the tortoise roaming the school field. Jimmy lives nearby and enjoys coming to school from time to time.

He spent the afternoon at the After School Club, whose lovely manager looked after him after his latest adventure, until he could be reunited with his family.



### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for secondary school places, for children starting September 2024, are now open. The closing date for children in year 6 to apply for a place is 31st October 2023. For further information about applying for a place, please click [here](#).

**School lunches should be booked a week ahead.**

Please book lunches for 2nd—6th October  
by Sunday 24th September 2023

## SAVE THE DATE HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA FIREWORKS

Thursday, 19 October 2023

5:30 - 7:00

(display starts at 6:30)

At Woking & Horsell  
Cricket Club

Pre order your food, tickets,  
glow fun & sweets

**\*Volunteers needed\***

**Can you help in the run up?**

**Contact Kirsty on 07968 022 409**

**Can you help on the night?**

**Sign up links coming soon**