



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 28th September



Dear Parents and Carers

**‘Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master,
nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him’ John 13:16**

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who have supported the school and donated items for the OPAL play project. The children have been busy building dens at lunchtime and they are enjoying the mud kitchen on the field. During lunchtimes, Mr Coles has also been encouraging the children’s catching and throwing skills - we are definitely developing another fantastic Year 6 cricket team!

School Council met this week and we are asking all of the children to vote on new names for the different playgrounds. This is another way for us to give the children ownership of their playtimes, so watch this space.

The Year 5 children are looking forward to our Harvest Festival next week. We look forward to welcoming our Year 5 parents to the church to celebrate this special time with us. A representative from the Woking Food Bank will be coming to the church to talk to the children about how the Food Bank supports local families. Our annual harvest collection will take place later in the term; full details will be shared in due course.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 2ND — 5TH OCTOBER 2023

Monday 2nd October	Year 3: Feet First
Tuesday 3rd October	Year 3: Feet First
Wednesday 4th October	Open morning for prospective parents, 9:10—10:15am. Please book here. Year 3: Feet First Author Visit —Mel Bessent Taylor will give a talk to the whole school.
Thursday 5th October	World Teachers’ Day
Friday 6th October	Year 5 Harvest Service, St Mary’s Church, 9:30 –10:30. Parents and carers welcome.

HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

We will be holding open mornings for prospective parents/carers on:

Wednesday 4th October, 9:10—10:15am

Tuesday 10th October, 9:10 —10:15am

Saturday 21st October, 9:30—11:00am

Wednesday 8th November, 9:10—10:15am

The open mornings can be booked online [here](#).

Please do share with anyone you know with children in year 2 who are considering applying to Horsell Junior School.

AUTHOR VISIT

Mel Bessent-Taylor will be visiting on Wednesday to talk about the magic and power of writing, and the perseverance and the power of writing. She will be selling signed copies of her books at the discounted price of £6.99 each, £20.97 in total.



KEEPING SAFE AROUND STRANGERS

On Thursday, the teachers spent some time talking to the children about 'keeping safe around strangers.'

Whilst we do not wish to worry children, it is important that we educate them about being safe with strangers, especially as many of our older children walk home alone. It would be helpful if you could re-enforce the following messages at home:

- Never go anywhere on your own with a stranger
- Never get in a car with a stranger
- If a stranger offers you a present, say NO very loudly
- Remember to Yell, Run, Tell

On Tuesday year 4 had a hair-raising experience with a science workshop to extend our learning of electricity. We especially enjoyed using the Vann de Graff generator to investigate the effects of electric charge.



POETRY COMPETITION

Children have been invited to take part in the [Young Writers' poetry competition](#).

The competition encourages

children to celebrate their individuality, empower them to explore who they are and discuss feelings in a safe space.

Children should ask teachers for an entry form and they need to be returned to class teachers by Friday 13th October.

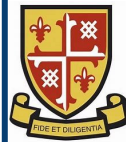
Thank you for all the incredible entries already received!

SEN SURGERIES

Mr Stevenson holds weekly SEN surgeries on Tuesday mornings. If you wish to book an appointment to discuss any concerns about their progress at school or pastoral issues, please contact Mrs Khan in the office.

School lunches should be booked a week ahead.

Please book lunches for 9th—13th October
by Sunday 1st October 2023



WOKING HIGH SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

Woking High are holding open morning for children in year 6 on Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th and Tuesday 17th October 2023, 8:45—9:45 am.

To book a place, please use the QR code below.

Please also let us know that your child will be late to school by completing our online form [here](#).

Woking High will also host an **open evening** on Thursday 5th October, 17:30—19:30. No booking is required for the open evening.



Use this online booking form to reserve a place.

PARENTING PUZZLE WORKSHOP

Woking Family Centre, is pleased to offer a [FREE Parenting Puzzle Workshop](#) to parent and carers of children. The Parenting Puzzle is a series of weekly sessions over a five week period. Delivery of the programme is online via Teams. The workshop is informal, fun and a great confidence boost!

Monday 30th October – Monday 27th November

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Online via Teams (link sent once registered)

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.



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