



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 5th October 2023

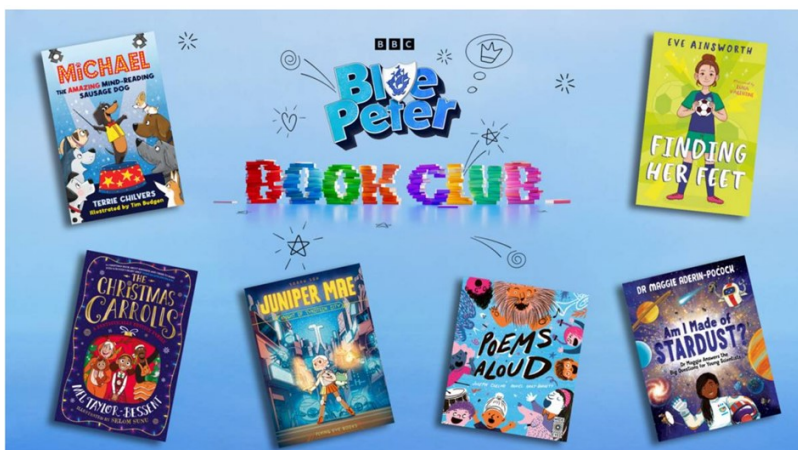


Dear Parents and Carers

'Jesus travelled to Nazareth, where he had grown up. On the Sabbath day he went to the synagogue as he always did. Jesus stood up to read.' Luke 4: 16

Today in school we have been thinking about reading and writing because we welcomed an author into school. Mel Taylor Bessent talked to the children about writing, how she became an author, and how she tried to fly when she was a child! The children were captivated by her stories.

'The Christmas Carrolls' Mel's best-selling book, forms part of the Blue Peter Book Club. Many children bought the book after listening to Mel and we have purchased several further copies for the school library. Mel was very impressed by the enthusiasm of our children, their interest in books and their fantastic questions and we hope to welcome her back to Horsell Junior in the future. Her editor visited our school library and was interested to talk to us about how we have developed a strong reading culture at our school.



Our first open morning for prospective parents was on Wednesday and it was lovely to show people around our school. They were particularly impressed with our newly-elected prefects who did a wonderful job in showing our visitors around and answering their questions.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 2ND — 5TH OCTOBER 2023

Friday 6th October Year 5 Harvest Service, St Mary's Church, 9:30 –10:30. Parents and carers welcome.

Tuesday 10th October Open morning for prospective parents, 9:10—10:30am. Please book [here](#).

Wednesday 11th October Woking High Open Morning for year 6 pupils and parents, 9:10—10:15am.

Places should be booked directly with Woking High. Please let us know if your child is booked to attend by completing an online form [here](#).



Year 3 Chertsey Museum workshop, in school

Thursday 12th October Year 6 Height and Weight check, school nursing team

Year 4 Residential Trip, Parent Information Meeting, 18:00—19:00, School Hall

Friday 13th October Spruce class assembly, 8:55am prompt.



Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted.

Deadline to submit entries to the "This is Me" Poetry Competition.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Please note that the class assemblies are now on the school's website calendar. They are as follows:

13th October	Spruce Class
17th November	Cherry Class
24th November	Beech Class
8th December	Cedar Class
12th January	Rowan Class
26th January	Acer Class
1st March	Pine Class
15th March	Palm Class
3rd May	Elm Class
10th May	Ash Class
14th June	Oak Class

To synchronise our website calendar with your own online calendar, please click [here](#) and then press the "subscribe" button on the right above the calendar view.



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BIKES AND SCOOTERS



Please could we remind parents and carers that bikes and scooters are left on the school site at

owners' risk.

We strongly recommend that bikes and scooters are locked and not left on site overnight.



PARENT GOVERNOR SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL RECRUITMENT

Surrey County Council's Children, Families, Lifelong Learning and Culture Select Committee, in accordance with regulation, is seeking a parent governor to join its membership.

The Committee is responsible for scrutinising Council services including education, children's social care, safeguarding, SEND support, adult learning and apprenticeships, arts, libraries and heritage.

The successfully elected applicant will join fifteen County Councillors and two other co-optees, on the Committee for up to four years. The Council will reimburse travel expenses incurred by parent governor representatives.

If you would like any further information about the role or the work of the Committee, please contact Julie Armstrong at Surrey County Council (julie.armstrong@surreycc.gov.uk; 07816 091463).

If you would like to apply, please do so by sending a brief personal statement outlining your suitability for the role to Julie Armstrong at julie.armstrong@surreycc.gov.uk by Monday, 16 October 2023, after which an election will be held to determine who will be appointed to the position.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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 16th—18th October
by Sunday 8th October 2023



HORSELL C OF E (AIDED) JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Open
Mornings
2023**

- Wednesday 4th October
- Tuesday 10th October
- Saturday 21st October
- Wednesday 8th November

To book | <https://www.horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk/admissions>
Horsell C of E Junior School, Meadway Drive, Woking GU21 4TA



ADMISSION CONSULTATIONS

We have recently received admissions consultations from Bishop David Brown school and Winston Churchill School.

Details of these consultations can be found on our website [here](#), and we will the consultations for other local schools as we receive them.

You can also find details of our own admission policies and the determined policies for local schools in the admissions section of our website.

VACANCIES FOR CYCLE INSTRUCTORS

Want to work locally?
Like to be outdoors?
Interested in enthusing groups of young learners?

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please click [here](#) for full details.



Horsell Family Fireworks

Thursday 19th October

**5.30- 7pm (display at 6.30pm)
Woking & Horsell Cricket Club,
Brewery Road GU21 4TA**

£5.50 per ticket (pre schoolers & 5th family ticket are free)
Tickets, sweets and glow items can be pre-booked or bought on the night
Food available for pre-order only (hot dogs & vegan hotdogs)
Food to be ordered by Tuesday 17th Oct
The Cricket Club bar will be open!

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