



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 12th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been enjoying lots of fun activities in school this week. Tuesday was World Mental Health day and during Collective Worship we have been thinking about how to maintain good mental health.

At Horsell Juniors, we try to give our children a sense of responsibility. Our Assembly Ambassadors have been getting used to their new roles, along with the rest of our Year 6 team who have been given different responsibilities. The Sports Captains, for instance, are busy preparing for our first inter-house competition, which takes place next week. School Council has been busy finding out about Woking Food Bank as we get ready for our trip to the Lighthouse, and our OPAL play monitors are supporting Mrs Rowley at lunchtimes with getting out the equipment. Our Pet Monitors are also enjoying their new roles as they look after our hamster and gerbils.

As part of the Dove Award, we are encouraging our children to ask big questions. The children have a 'Big Question' pot in the classroom and this is discussed during class assembly time. This week the children will be discussing the following question: 'What would the world be without humans?' This might be something you could chat about at home as well!

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 13TH — 20TH OCTOBER 2023

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](#).

15th October

Messy Church at St Mary's, Horsell, 16:00—17:30. Please bring your own picnic tea.

Monday 16th October

School Council visit the Lighthouse

Wednesday 18th October

Year 5 visit the Shah Jahan Mosque.

Children will need packed a packed lunch, waterproof coat and comfortable shoes.

Inter-House Line Tag, 15:10—16:00. By invitation.

Thursday 19th October

PTA Fireworks Evening, Horsell and Woking Cricket Club, 17:30—19:00.

To purchase tickets, please click [here](#).

Friday 20th October

Last day of the half term. School finishes at 15:10.

21st - 29th October: Half term. Children return to school on Monday 30th October at 8:30am.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 6 TO APPLY FOR A SECONDARY PLACE IS 31ST OCTOBER 2023.

For further information about applying for a place, please click [here](#). We recommend completing your application before half term; you can amend your application up until the deadline. If you need support with submitting your application, please contact the school office.



**MUFTI DAY FOR
HARVEST COLLECTION
TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER**

On 31st October, children and staff are invited to wear mufti (non uniform clothing) to school. If you are able to, please bring one of the below items for our Harvest Collection. These items will be donated to Woking Foodbank.

Please note uniform must be suitable for school. Football, crop tops and sandals are not permitted. Children who have PE can wear suitable attire for PE or change in school.

TOMATO KETCHUP
MAYONNAISE
SURFACE CLEANING SPRAY
BABY FOOD AND MILK
TOILET ROLLS
DEODORANT ROLL ON AND SPRAY TYPES
SHAMPOO & HAIR CONDITIONER
WASHING UP LIQUID
BAGS OF RICE
NAPPIES SIZES 5,6,7
SHAVING GEL AND FOAM
CHOCOLATE SPREAD
TINNED CARROTS
COFFEE
CHOCOLATE BARS AND SWEETS
BABY WIPES
TINNED SWEETCORN
HOT CHOCOLATE
TOILET CLEANER LIQUID
JARS OF JAM
MARMITE
FRUIT SQUASH
INSTANT MASHED POTATO
PACKETS OF DRY PULSES
BARs OF SOAP
SALAD CREAM
TINNED SALMON
TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES

Thank you for your support!



On Friday 6th October, Year 5 performed their Harvest Festival to parents and carers in St. Mary's Church. The service was based on harvesting our school values of Dignity, Hope, Service, Justice, Love and Forgiveness. The children spoke about where and how these values were shown in the Bible and then performed different scenarios of how these could be demonstrated in our day to day life at school.

The children sung three songs during the service wonderfully, their favourite being Harvest Samba. At the end of the service we listened to a volunteer from the food bank who spoke about how donations can help and what it means for the people that use their service.

In school, we will be holding a harvest collection for the food bank on Tuesday 31st October. Please see details

CLUBS

Please note the clubs run by Mr Coles finish **next week**. A new sign up will be sent out tomorrow at 5pm.

The clubs for next term will be:

Mondays—Year 5 Boys and Year 5/6 Girls Football

Tuesdays—Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby (Boys and Girls)

Thursdays—Year 6 Boys football

Fridays—Dodgeball (all years, boys and girls)

Choir, handbells, booster groups and all other clubs will continue after half term, and no new sign up is required.

NEW LUNCH MENU!

We have a new lunch menu from 30th November.

This is now available to book on Scopay. Please do take a look at the options with your children and book any meals required after half term at least 8 days in advance.



Polite reminder that all absences should be reported using [Studybugs](#) or our absence line.

Please report absences by 8:30am.

AUTHOR VISITS SCHOOL



The children at Horsell were very much inspired by Mel Taylor-Bessent's visit last week. She shared her journey to become a published author, her persistence in sharing her stories and her future plans for new books to come next year.

Thank you for all the support from parents regarding this author visit.



REQUEST FOR GARDENING ITEMS

As part of OPAL, the children are enjoying gardening in the school grounds. If anyone has any spare gardening tools/equipment, seeds, compost or plants that they are happy to donate, we would be very grateful. Please send them in with your child on Monday 30 October (just after the half term break). Many thanks in advance.



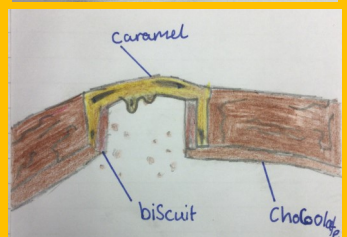
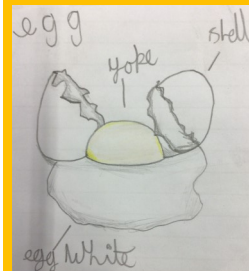
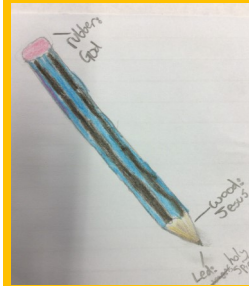
WILLOW CLASS ASSEMBLY

Willow produced the first class assembly of the new school year. We showcased lots of different pieces of work we made over the last few weeks including our RE, Geography, Music and PE.

In RE we shared our work on the Trinity and how Christians believe God is three in one. In music we performed a canon, which is the same piece of music but one group starts later than the other. We also talked about being articulate, brave and collaborative.

It was a big success with very few mistakes and everyone spoke loudly and clearly.

By Meher and Toby



Artwork by Willow showing other things that come as "three in one", like the Holy Trinity.



TEN PIECES
GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC

At Horsell Junior, we use BBC's Ten Pieces to inspire our children and open up the world of classical music. Each month, we listen to a different piece of music and learn about the composer.

This month, we are listening to Johann Sebastian Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor. To listen to the music and find out more about JS Bach, click [here](#).



Horsell Family Fireworks

Thursday 19th October

5.30- 7pm (display at 6.30pm)

Woking & Horsell Cricket Club,
Brewery Road GU21 4TA

Book your tickets on www.pta-events.co.uk/

£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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HORSELL C OF E (AIDED) JUNIOR SCHOOL



Open Mornings 2023

Wednesday 4th October

Tuesday 10th October

Saturday 21st October

Wednesday 8th November

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

