



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 2nd November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers:

"Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old," Job 12:12

I have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week and popping into classes to talk to them about their learning. We have reviewed our French curriculum this year and we are now using a new French scheme. The children were certainly very excited to share their French speaking skills with me on Wednesday morning!

It was lovely to take Chamber Choir and some of our violinists to Horsell Lodge on Wednesday afternoon. The residents really appreciated our children's music making and our pupils were a credit to our school.

At Horsell Junior we are proud of the efforts that we make to serve our local community and we were blown away by the donations that we received on Tuesday for the Woking food bank. Thank you to all parents for your support for this initiative. As well as thinking about our local community, we are also teaching our children to think about being global neighbours as part of our work to become a 'global neighbour's' school. Our children spent Wednesday afternoon planning a creative project to raise awareness of climate justice and I am looking forward to seeing the final results next week!

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 6TH — 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

Monday 6th November	PTA Christmas Cards: deadline to place online orders and return artwork/forms to school. Please hand in to your class teacher.
Wednesday 8th November	Open Morning for prospective parents, 9:30—11:00
Thursday 9th November	<p>Year 5 Music Workshop, in school</p> <p>Climate Action Exhibition, 15:00—15:30, We would like to invite you to your child's classroom on Thursday 9th November at 3pm to view their artwork about climate justice. This is part of the 'Get Creative for Climate Justice' project where schools are invited to display their artwork at the Houses of Parliament in December. The aim is to send our message across to MPs to call for climate justice.</p> <p>PTA Annual General Meeting, 19:00 — 21:00, the Horsell Village School</p>
Friday 10th November	<p>PTA Bags2School Collection, please drop off outside the school hall (via bungalow/car park gate) between 8:30 and 9am.</p> <p>Year 5 Music Workshop, in school</p> <p>Year 5 Music Performance to Parents, 14:30—15:00. At the end of their two day workshop, year 5 would like to invite their parents to join them for an informal concert.</p>

School lunches should be booked a week ahead.

Please book lunches for 13th—17th November should be booked by Sunday 5th November

Horsell Junior School's Early Help Offer

'Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.' Psalm 127:3

From time to time, we all go through situations which are difficult to cope with; for instance, managing children's anxieties or behaviour, bereavement, financial difficulties, mental health or physical health. During these times, we need help and advice and from the right service. An Early Help Assessment Offer gives parents and carers a framework for finding the right support.

If you would like some support, our Assistant Head, Mr Stevenson, is here to help you find the right agency to support you. He will work with you through either completing an Early Help Assessment form with you, signposting you directly to agencies or services that can help, or help you directly through school.

We will look for individual tailored support that best meets the needs of individual situations.

If you would like support or advice, please contact Mr Stevenson by calling our school number or emailing inclusion@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

In Surrey, there are many different services, organisations and agencies that offer Early Help to families. The Family Information Service (FIS) provide parents and carers with direct access to many of these services. Here is the link to the Family Information Service:
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families>

And the Family Information Service Directory:
<https://familyinformationdirectory.surreycc.gov.uk/kb5/surrey/fsd/home.page>

For more information about Surrey's Early Help Strategy, please
[Click here for Surrey's Strategy for Helping Families Early](#)

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is due to start primary, infant or junior school in September 2023, you can now apply for a place.

To apply or find further information, please click [here](#).

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

POPPY APPEAL



The Poppy Appeal have supplied us with poppies to sell at school. We will send these round the classrooms daily from tomorrow, and children can purchase these in return for a cash donation.

Please note we cannot provide change as money goes into a sealed collection box.

The Poppy Appeal were not able to provide us with other items this year, so we will only be selling the poppies.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

During Collective Worship, Mrs Page is teaching the children how to say the Lord's prayer using British Sign Language. Do ask your child if they can remember the signs for the first two lines.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The children looked very smart for their school photos yesterday.

The order slips for both individual and sibling photos have been sent home with the children so please do check their school bags and go online to view and order any photos.

OPEN THE BOOK ASSEMBLIES

Nearly every Wednesday the Open the Book team come into the school assembly to present a dramatized Bible Story. The team is mostly made up of volunteers from St Mary's Church and often augmented by Rebecca Connolly (The Children and Families' Worker) and Dmitry Lutsenko (the vicar).

The team often involve the children – either a few as extra actors or the whole school to help with the actions.

The stories we have covered so far this term are: The Ten Commandments; The Creation; The Serpent tempting Eve; Noah's Flood and Abraham & Sarah. Please do discuss these stories with your child(ren) and feel free to give us your feedback.

And, of course, if you see us around the village, do give us a wave!

Many thanks, St Mary's Open the Book Team.





WE'RE TAKING PART IN

CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging all pupils to complete 9 small, carbon-cutting actions, at home, with the help of friends and family.

Completing these challenges will raise awareness, change behaviours, and cut carbon - a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.

All pupils will bring home a checklist on November 2nd outlining the simple, easy-to-deliver actions. This will help you to tick them off throughout the month.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

IT'S TIME TO CUT YOUR CARBON!


Find out more!



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TEN PIECES

GET CREATIVE WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC



This month we are learning about the Austrian composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who could write and play music from the age of four.

We are listening to his Horn Concerto No 4, which he wrote for his friend and horn player, Joseph Leutgeb.

You can learn more and listen to the piece by clicking [here](#).



Starting your Christmas shopping? Turn your online shopping into FREE donations for our school.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

This week, Hello Fresh are offering 60% off your first box and 25% off for the next 2 months, plus an £8 donation to Horsell Junior School using the code HELLOEASYF60.



FIREWORKS EVENING GOES OFF WITH A BANG

The Horsell and Woking Cricket club was buzzing on the last Thursday before half term for our annual PTA fireworks evening.

Almost 900 people came along to enjoy our wonderful firework display, as well as hot dogs, drinks from the cricket club bar and more.

Thank you to the Cricket club for hosting the event, to Dr Loudon and the PTA firework team who organised the event, to everyone who helped on the night and tidying up afterwards, and of course to everyone who came along to the event. This even raised over £3,700 for the PTA.



Thank you!

Thank you for the generous donations for the Woking Food Bank on Tuesday. We delivered these today, and the food bank have told us it filled 31 trays, and weighed a tremendous 388.40 kg. This will make a big difference to families in need.





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Christmas Menu December 2023

MAINS

Roast British Turkey with Chipolata Sausage
Or
Quorn Fillet with Meat Free Chipolata Sausage
Served with Roast Potatoes, Peas,
Baby Carrots and Gravy

DESSERT

Festive Shortbread




Don't miss out on Christmas Dinner
- reserve your child's meal now via
the School Office

**TEAM TWELVE15 WISHES YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Our Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 13th December. **Please place orders via Scopay by Monday 20th November.**



On the day of their Christmas lunch, the children are welcome to wear a festive jumper. They are required to wear the rest of their school uniform but they can wear a bright jumper in festive colours or with a Christmas decoration to bring some festive cheer to the event.



You can read the latest Woking Family Services' Newsletter [here](#), with various information such as

- consultations on the reduction of council services,
- classes and activities for parents and families
- community fridges
- Diwali celebrations and other events



The Horsell Schools' PTA would like to invite you to this year's

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 9th of November
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Light refreshments will be provided

The Horsell Village School Hall
Church Hill, GU21 4QQ

Entrance through the fire exit door
near the car park

Our Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction of the new team
- Update from 2022/23
- Look at the year ahead




SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

YEARS 3 & 4	YEARS 5 & 6
6.30-7.30PM	7.45-9PM

TICKETS £5 INCLUDING SWEETS & DRINKS

TICKETS MUST BE BOUGHT IN ADVANCE & ONLINE.

[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HORSELL/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell/)