



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 9th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Our school value this half term is hope. At school we think about hope as we move through Autumn, into the darker nights and advent, to remember the hope that Jesus brought to the world when He came to us as a baby. Our Hindu families celebrate Diwali this weekend, the festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness.

In Collective Worship we have been thinking about the difference between a hope and a wish, and how we can bring hope to others through our actions. As part of our vision of hope for the world, the children have been working hard on their whole class 'climate justice' artwork this week. We are hoping that some of this work might be chosen to be displayed at the Houses of Parliament. The children in Pine class have taken this one step further and produced their own song, which they will be performing to their parents this afternoon when we open the classes at 3pm.

As part of our ongoing quality assurance processes, we welcomed an external visitor into school this week to audit aspects of our curriculum. He spent considerable time visiting classrooms and talking to our children. He was very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of our children and their ability to talk about their learning and their school.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Wand



## KEY DATES FOR 10TH — 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

**Friday 10th November**

**PTA Bags2School Collection**, please drop off outside the school hall (via bungalow/car park gate) between 8:30 and 9am.

**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.

**Wednesday 15th November**

**Book donations for Woking and Sam Beare Hospice.** Please see details overleaf.

**Friday 17th November**

**Cherry Class Assembly**, 08:55am prompt.

Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into school and photography is not permitted.

**Snapshot reports sent home with pupils** in advance of parent consultations.

**PTA Disco**, please book [here](#).

Year 3 and 4: 18:30-19:30

Year 5 and 6: 19:45-21:00

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

**CUT YOUR  
CARBON**

## 7: DONATING THINGS YOU NO LONGER NEED



**Woking & Sam Beare**  
Hospice and Wellbeing Care



We have 3 opportunities for children to tick off Challenge 7 on our Carbon Cutting challenge.

1. **Tomorrow, Friday 10th November:** The PTA are collecting Bags2School. Please donate your unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags and more. Please see details on the bag provided.
2. **Next Wednesday, 15th November:** children are invited to bring in an unwanted new or good quality pre-loved books to donate to Woking & Sam Beare Hospice. These will be wrapped and sold in bundles of 12 on their Advent book stall at their Christmas market, Saturday 2nd December.
3. **Friday 24th November:** the PTA are collecting unwanted new or good condition used toys, suitable for school age children, for the Christmas Fair Toy Tombola. The Christmas Fair is also 2nd December.



The PTA will also be running a Nativity costume amnesty and sale, so please do look out for details of where to donate costumes you no longer need, and to purchase a costume instead of buying new once roles are announced in year 3 and the Horsell Village School.



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



### CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

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 add some festive cheer.

# 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/)

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

Please book lunches for 20th—25th November  
by Sunday 12th November

## ABSENCE POLICY: PENALTIES

We would like to draw your attention in to the section regarding penalty notices, which is detailed below.

**Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more, which do not have to be consecutive, may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice.**

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council's Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in the parent/carer being served a summons to appear at the Magistrates Court. No written warning will be given where it can be shown that the parent/carer had previously been warned of their liability to receive a Penalty Notice.

The issuing of a Penalty Notice for poor attendance may also be considered appropriate in the following circumstances:

Unauthorised absences or late arrival after the close of registration, on 7 occasions in any six-week period (not including school closures). The liable parent/carer will receive a written warning from the Inclusion Service of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and given a maximum of 15 school days to affect an improvement. During this period the pupil is not expected to incur any further unauthorised absence. Where a formal warning letter has been issued to parents, the Local Authority will monitor the attendance for a maximum of 15 school days and issue a Penalty Notice by first class post if the Local Authority determine that an acceptable level of attendance has not been achieved.

A copy of our full policy can be found by clicking [here](#).



**Seymours**  
*Christmas Carol*  
*Concert*  
In aid of  
**Woking & Sam Beare**  
Hospice and Wellbeing Care

featuring specially invited singers from the West End  
performing songs from hit musical Frozen

Tuesday  
5th December  
at 12pm

£12 a ticket with all  
proceeds going to charity.  
Under 4's, on knees go free

Christ Church  
Jubilee Square  
Woking

Scan the QR code to book your tickets or you can  
purchase tickets at the following **Woking & Sam  
Beare** charity shops: Woking, Goldsworth Park,  
Horsell, Kingfield, and Knaphill Furniture Shop.



**HORSELL SCHOOLS'**  
**ONLINE PRIZE DRAW**

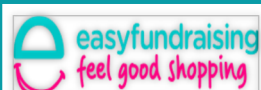
Prizes include:

- 4 x Tickets to see Elf the Musical - Sponsored by Seymours.
- Foxhills golf day for 4, worth £480.
- Many more prizes being donated daily.

**Foxhills** **elf**

Visit our website to enter:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell>  
or scan the QR code:

Draw will take place at Horsell Village School at 14:30 on 2nd December 2023 and will also be live streamed on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/HorsellPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HorsellPTA)  
Full T&Cs can be found on our website above.



**Starting your Christmas shopping?**  
Turn your online shopping into FREE donations for our school.  
Click [here](#) to find out more.