



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 25th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4

Horsell Junior has been history-mad this week! The children in Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed participating in two workshops to bring their history learning to life. It was great to see our Year 6 children attending school as World War II evacuees on Tuesday. At a time when we are all very aware of conflicts taking place in other parts of the world, I am grateful that our children can learn important lessons from the past.


Thank you to all parents who donated towards OPAL play on our donation days. We continue to look for a parent to sit on our play committee, so please contact Mrs Webb g.webb@horsell-junior.surreys.ch.uk if you are interested. We are keen to give our children happy playtimes and this is a wonderful opportunity to really help our children have a fantastic time during their lunchbreak. If you want to see what we could achieve at Horsell, please follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=cm7IfAEsjqIk;>

Best wishes

Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 26TH JANUARY —2ND FEBRUARY 2024

Saturday 27th January	PTA Good As New Uniform Sale , the Horsell Village School, 10:00—11:30
Tuesday 30th January	Acer Class Assembly , 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into school; photography is not permitted.
Wednesday 31st January	Year 5 and 6 Latin Day, Winston Churchill School (by invitation) Year 6 Buddhist Temple visit (in school)



OPAL Play Date - Open Afternoon

6th March at 14:00

Please find further details overleaf.

LUNCH BOOKINGS 1ST AND 2ND FEBRUARY

Lunch numbers for next Thursday and Friday are lower than usual. We kindly ask that you double check your child has a lunch booked if they required them on these dates. We have reopened lunch bookings for this date until 9:30am on Friday morning should anyone need to add any lunch bookings.

After this date, anyone who has not booked a lunch must bring a packed lunch with them to school.



OPAL PLAY OPEN AFTERNOON:

6th March at 14:00



Horsell Junior School will be open to parents and carers on **6th March from 2pm** for you to find out more about OPAL, speak to our play ambassadors and share an OPAL playtime with your child. At the end of the afternoon, classrooms will be open for you to look at your child's work.

We ask that all parents attending bring a donation to support our playtimes. Please see the list below:

- Old pots and pans, large spoons and spatulas and different containers (for our mud kitchen)
- Pine cones, conkers, shells, large pebbles and rocks, log slices
- Old clothes for dressing up (don't have to be special dressing up clothes)
- Tarpaulin or old material for building dens
- Old planks, logs, plastic/milk crates, plastic guttering (great for large-scale construction play)
- Small world toys (small cars, dinosaurs, mini people etc)
- Arts and crafts supplies (pens, paper, paint, chalk, glue, etc)
- Old suitcases, brief cases (for pretend play)
- Old phones, computer keyboards, etc. (for pretend play)
- Skipping ropes
- Children's gardening gloves, gardening pots, trowels and small gardening forks
- Bamboo
- Bricks
- Large barrels, old water butts or water containers
- Wooden pallets and large cable reels
- Plastic jugs
- Corks and wooden curtain rings

OPAL GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help on Monday and Friday lunch times between 12noon and 1pm, to support the children's interest and delivery of gardening during OPAL play times and to develop the green house and planter areas. Please email s.rowley@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk if you are able to help.

We are no longer taking donations for scooters and NO books, please.

Further reminders will be sent nearer the time but please save the date in your diary!



**We would like to build a large sandpit
and/or an interactive water wall in our school grounds.**

Are you in the building trade, or a handy DIYer?

Would you be able to help us with either of these projects?



Please contact Mrs Webb on g.webb@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk if you think you could use your skills to support the school!



WORLD WAR II DAY



Year 6 had a great day on Tuesday during their WW2 day.

The children came to school dressed as a 1940's evacuees and took part in many engaging activities: ciphering codes and translating morse code messages, exploring real WW2 artefacts, investigating WW2 propaganda posters and ending the day with a big quiz.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their curriculum day and learnt lots!



PARENTING SUPPORT



The Learning Space has a wide range of information, resources and advice covering a host of topics, related to aspects of parenting.

This includes Sleep Strategies, Anxiety Support, Anger Support and more. It contains information for both those with diagnosed conditions, as well as those who are having difficulties or facing barriers in some way.

Please do access their website [here](#), save and share the link if you can.

The Hope Service offer topical online support groups in a range of subjects. The Hope service supports children and young people aged 11—18.



STAMP AND MILK BOTTLE TOP CHARITY COLLECTIONS



We are collecting used stamps and milk bottle tops for two different charities. We are collecting stamps to help raise money for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and milk bottle tops for the Surrey Air Ambulance.

There are two boxes in the year 4 block where we are collecting these.

Thank you, Elena & Sylvia (Palm class)

