



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 21st March 2024

Dear Parent and Carers ,

*"A person who performs good Karma (deeds) is always held in high esteem," The Vedas*

This week, our Year 6 children have been taking part in mock SATS exams, which will help prepare them for the real tests in May. They have shown great perseverance and resilience. Mr Dunsford and Mrs Wand accompanied 45 members of our choir to Voice in a Million at the OVO Arena, Wembley, on Wednesday. It was lovely to come together to sing with other schools again. Like our year 6 children, we imagine they are looking forward to a rest this weekend!

The office have also been busy in the background, preparing our move to a new management information system, Arbor. This new system brings together elements from multiple systems we are currently using and is a more sophisticated in its abilities. Please do bear with us after Easter as we get used to working with the new system. After the initial two weeks, parents will receive log on details for the system and we hope that you will soon be able to see the benefits of this move.

Next week, we look forward to the Year 4 Easter service and to our celebration assembly. Term finishes at 13:30 on Thursday.

Best wishes,  
The School Office Team

To our families celebrating Holi on Monday,  
we wish you a very Happy Holi.

***Not only this day but every day of your life  
be filled with the vibrant colours of love,  
happiness and joy.***



## KEY DATES FOR 25TH—28ND MARCH

Monday 25th March	<b>Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Relay</b> , Hoebridge School, 3:30—5pm (by invitation)
Wednesday 27th March	<b>Year 4 Easter Service performed to whole school</b> , 9-11am
Thursday 28th March	<p><b>Year 4 Easter Service performed to parents</b>, 9:30-10:30am, St. Mary's Church. There will be a collection at the end of the service for the Lighthouse, Woking..</p> <p><b>Snapshot School reports sent home in advance of parent evening.</b> Details of parent evening bookings will follow shortly.</p> <p><b>Last day of term—children finish at the earlier time of 13:30.</b> The school will be closed for a two week Easter holiday School will open to staff and pupils on Monday 15th April at 8:30am.</p> <p><b>PTA Doughnut Sale</b>—the PTA will be selling doughnuts in the playground at pick up. £1/doughnut. Card and cash payments accepted—if paying cash please bring exact money.</p>



## NEW LUNCH MENU!

We have a new lunch menu from 15th April, and can be booked up until May half term on Scopay. Please do take a look at the options with your children and book any meals required after the Easter Holidays at least 8 days in advance.

## HORSELL JUNIORS WIN

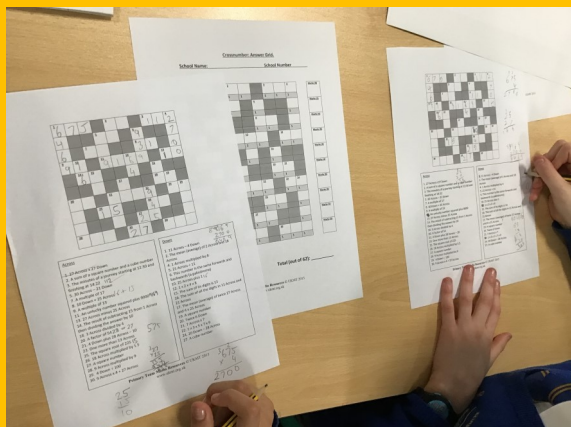
### INTER-SCHOOL MATHS COMPETITION

We went to Goldsworth school to take part in an inter-school maths competition with three other schools.

We solved challenging maths problems like cross number. Our two pairs came second and third and as a school we had the best average marks (so we won)!

The sum of everyone's marks were the best any year group had achieved ever in this competition. We all really enjoyed the afternoon.

*Toby, Meher, Thomas and Ansh, Year 6*



## GOVERNOR UPDATE



I am one of the school's Foundation Governors, appointed by the Diocese, and like all the governors I am a member of at least one committee and have some specific areas of school life that it is my responsibility to monitor.

I chair the Quality of Education committee which meets termly to look at how the school is delivering the curriculum to all pupils and how it is supporting children's development and wellbeing. I met Mr Stevenson last month to talk about how the school is supporting children who have high absence to improve their attendance and catch up. And I have also learned from Mrs Gunning how we are improving the teaching of French across the school.

I have responsibility for monitoring music and as I write this am about to accompany the school choir to VIAM to hear the results of all their practice this term - it should be a lovely afternoon that I know the children have been really looking forward to.

Isabella Craig,  
Foundation Governor

## MAGAZINES WANTED!



Year 6 are looking for donations of magazines for an art unit on photography after Easter.

If you are getting rid of any magazines, such as gardening or residents magazines with lots of suitable photos for making collages, please drop these off at the school office. Thank you!

## PALM CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday, Palm class took parents through a typical day at school, answering the question 'What do Palm Class do all day?'.

The children were excited to share their learning across the curriculum including English, Maths, Science and History. We hope that it gave an insight into what they get up to when they are at school.



## DOUGHNUT SALE

**Thurs 28th March**

**The Horsell Village School**

**1:00pm - 1:30pm**

**The Horsell Junior School**

**1:15pm - 1:45pm**

**£1/ doughnut**

**nut free**

**(eggs, soya & milk free options available)**

**Cash & card accepted**

## EX-PUPIL AND SINGER COACHES CHOIR

The school choir have been really privileged recently to have had the help of an ex-pupil. Madeleine Rose has been supporting Mr Dunsford in running the choir in the last half term. She is an extremely talented musician and has been accompanying the choir on the piano in the recent rehearsals. She has been arranging some of the new songs that the choir will perform in our Music Festival in the summer term.

The school are grateful and incredibly proud to have Maddie helping us this year and it has added a great dimension to the sound of the choir. Maddie is a member of the Woking Youth Theatre and can be seeing play a leading role in their production on Bonnie and Clyde at the Rhoda McGaw between April 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> during the Easter Break.

## BINGO AND BIRYANI RAISES OVER £1K

We would like to thank the PTA for their brilliant bingo and biryani night. This event raised a fabulous £1,023.



Special thanks must go to:

- Mrs Bamra, parent and owner of Dee's Kitchen, who organised the event and produced all the food for the evening.
- Elliot from [APE productions](#), our brilliant bingo caller, who gave up their time and equipment free of charge.
- Mrs Huddy and the rest of the team who helped organise, set up, run and clear up the event.

Thank you also to everyone who attended

*Would you like to get involved or have an idea for a fundraiser you would like to run? Please contact [horsellschoolspta@gmail.com](mailto:horsellschoolspta@gmail.com).*



## YEAR 4 MUSIC WORKSHOP

Year 4 took part in a music workshop, exploring rhythm and the sounds of the carnival.

Over the two days, they had the chance to play a variety of instruments, sing and create different rhythms. We finished with a performance to parents and year 6 on Friday afternoon and had a fabulous time.

## HORSELL HEROES NEWSLETTER

On the last Thursday of each half term, we celebrate achievements in our Horsell Heroes Newsletter. If your child has won an award, completed a challenge, moved up a grade on the musical instrument / other hobby or ended up in the local paper, then please e-mail [h.gordon@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:h.gordon@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk) with a brief description and a photo if you are happy for this to be shared in the Horsell Heroes



A chance for children aged 7 to 16 in Surrey to try a new activity for FREE!

The Games are for children and teenagers aged 7-16 who live or go to school in Surrey.

All the classes are for entry level and all abilities are welcome.

They may not have had the chance to try out a certain sport or attend a club.

Perhaps they're not super active, or are put off by the thought of competing.

This is all about letting kids who are beginners have a go!

Give YOUR child the opportunity to try a new activity for free...

You can check out the range of amazing activities that are local to you by clicking [here](#).

## JOB OPPORTUNITY WALKING INSTRUCTOR



Looking for a rewarding role that is term time only and flexible around school drop-off and pick-up? Interested in enthusing groups of primary school-age pupils? Want to work in your local area and outdoors?

Surrey County Council are hiring **Walking Instructors** to join their Safer Travel team. For full details please click [here](#).





**HORSELL SCHOOLS PTA**

Hop on over for our  
**EASTER Trail**

Follow the map to find the eggs that are hiding around the village. Find them all, reveal the answer & claim your prize

Maps are available at  
**Apples & Pears**  
2nd April - 13th April 2024  
Mon - Fri 9:15am - 5:00pm  
Sat - 9am - 4pm

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1st July

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Saint Mary the Virgin  
— Horsell —




**EASTER party**

**Sunday 24th March**

St Mary's Church, Horsell  
3.30-5.30pm

Crafts and refreshments for  
0-11s and their families  
Free event, donations welcome