



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

'And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love,' 1 John 4:16

The whole school had a lovely morning on Wednesday as we all came together for our whole school photo. This is the first time we have had a whole school photo since I became headteacher and it was a lovely feeling to be surrounded by everyone who is part of our Horsell school family.

Our school value this half term is love, and during Collective Worship on Monday Mr Stevenson reminded us that God's love is infinite and for everyone. As members of our school community, it is important that we show love to one another and our school council has been thinking about fair trade and how we can shop responsibly. We are going to be setting up a 'Fair Trade' café on 17th May, where we will be asking families to bake something using at least one fair trade item. School Council will be writing to you soon to let you know a little bit more about this event.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 3 —10 MAY

Friday 3rd May	<p>Elm class assembly. 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted.</p> <p>Scholastic Book Fair, 15:00—15:30, Apple class. Access via external door to Apple.</p>
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - school is closed to staff and pupils
Tuesday 7th May	<p>Woking FC Schools' Football Tournament, Woking Football Club:</p> <p>11:30—15:00 Year 5 & 6 Girls (by invitation)</p> <p>15:30—18:30 Year 4 boys (by invitation)</p> <p>Please note there will be NO rugby club this day.</p>
Wednesday 8th May	<p>Horsell Junior School choir visit Woking High.</p> <p>Horsell Junior, Woking High and the Horsell Village Choirs perform to one another. Pupils only.</p>
Thursday 9th May	<p>Year 5 Boys District Cricket Tournament,</p> <p>Old Woking Cricket Club, 12:30—17:00 (by invitation)</p> <p>Please note there will be no Year 6 football club this day.</p>
Friday 10th May	<p>Ash class assembly. 8:55am prompt. Please note hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted.</p>

School lunches should be booked a week ahead.

Please book lunches for 13—17th May by Sunday 2nd May. After this, a packed lunch should be provided.



Gold Award

I am delighted to let you know that we are now officially an OPAL school! Horsell Junior achieved a GOLD award from our OPAL mentor when he visited Horsell last week. This is fantastic news!

Our mentor spent the afternoon with us and was really impressed with our varied play offer. Whilst he was with us, he observed children dancing on the stage, a large-scale Year 5 'wedding', children engaged in creative play in our crafts area and lots of big forts being built on the edge of the field. He also observed the wide range of ball games that we have on offer, and the enthusiasm of the children when they talked to him about all of the different things that they can do during lunchtimes.

Achieving Gold is another step on our journey to ensure that all of our children have a fantastic playtime, every day.



GOVERNOR UPDATE FROM ALISON GRAHAM

I was appointed in 2020 by the parish church of St Mary's to serve as a foundation governor. With a chartered accountancy qualification and a background in human resources and buildings management, I focus on the school's resources and chair the committee that monitors the school's finance, staffing and buildings.

We endeavour to ensure that money is used effectively, which can be challenging when the funds provided by central government through the local authority have not kept pace with rising costs (of salaries and utilities, for example) and increasing needs. I also keep the financial records for the School Improvement Fund, a charitable fund set up by the governors to collect donations from parents and others, to improve our facilities. Donations to this fund can be made via SCOpay.

These "numbers and spreadsheets" tasks are fortunately moderated by my third governor hat, which is to monitor the Christian distinctiveness of the school; this gives me a wonderful opportunity to come into school to attend collective worship, watch class assemblies, look at visual displays (of the school's values, and projects such as the prayer wall) and talk to the children, all to monitor that the school is striving to be a church school for the community and not a faith school for the faithful.



HELP WIN OUR SCHOOL ARCHERY LESSONS AND SOFT ARCHERY KIT!

Archery GB have invited children in years 1-4 to enter their "Start Archery"

competition.

The winning child will win a bundle of Start Archery goodies and a video message from a GB athlete. In addition, the winner's school will receive some free coaching plus a soft archery set, along with a visit from their mascot Fletch the Lion.

To enter and be in with a chance of winning this prize, please download the form [here](#) and return to the school office by 1st July. T&Cs can be found [here](#).



[FACE Family Advice](#) run a number of free and paid for online courses. The below course is running on 10th May as well as 14th May.

Are you worried about how they are feeling?

DECREASING DEPRESSION FREE TALK



May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page



The PTA raised £260 from the recent Bags2School collection. It's amazing what we can do with old clothes! Thank you to everyone who helped organise and who donated to our collection!

The PTA have a number of events coming up before the end of year, including a uniform sale on 18th May, a plant sale on 8th June, and our Summer Fair on 6th July!

PTA UNIFORM SALE
Horsell Village School
Saturday May 18th 2024
10AM TO 11.30AM
CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS
UNIFORM DONATIONS TO HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

Volunteers needed!
please contact your class rep

The poster features a central black banner with white and yellow text. It is surrounded by various school-related icons: a molecular model, books, a ruler, a paperclip, a test tube, a magnifying glass, a pencil, a beaker, and a group of children in school uniforms.

Horsell Schools' PTA
SUMMER FAIR
SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 6TH JULY
HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL 12:00 - 15:00

The poster is vibrant and festive, featuring a large white circular graphic with the text 'SUMMER FAIR' in bold blue letters. Below it, a blue banner reads 'SAVE THE DATE' and 'SATURDAY 6TH JULY'. The background is decorated with colorful bunting, balloons, a rainbow, a castle, and a grill.

Pop-up Plant Sale

Horsell Schools' PTA in partnership with Daydawn Nurseries

8TH JUNE 2024 | 9:30 - 12:30
HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL
CHURCH HILL GU21 4QQ

Open to everyone!

Support your local schools and give your garden a great look for summer with a choice of shrub, climbers and a choice of herbaceous plants 🌿

For plant enquiries click here
or, contact Sam on 07732 429218

We need you!
Are you able to help out with this or other PTA events?
Get in touch with Sima on 07850 058869

The illustration shows three people (two women and one man) standing behind a wooden planter box filled with various potted plants. A speech bubble from the woman on the right asks for help with PTA events.