



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 20th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been enjoying lots of different activities this week. Our Year 5 pupils spent time participating in a history workshop with Past Productions on Wednesday and Year 4 are now back in school following on from a fun-packed few days on their residential. Our Year 6 children spent Tuesday morning reflecting on their time at primary school during the Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral, where some of our pupils read – and signed – the prayer for everyone in the congregation.

I know that many of you have been celebrating Eid this week and I hope you enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES 21ST—28TH JUNE

Friday 21st June	Mufti Day and PTA Summer Fair Donations. Please see below donation information. Mufti clothes should be suitable for school and shoes fully enclosed. No football kits please.
Saturday 22nd June	Swimming Gala (by invitation), Guildford Spectrum, 17:45—20:45
Monday 24th June	Author visit. Mel Taylor-Bessent is visiting the school for an assembly on Monday and will then be available for children to buy books from her in Rowan class room. Books £7.99, cash only.
Weds 26th June	<u>NED Talk</u> to whole school. Further details to follow!

PTA SUMMER FAIR DONATIONS, 21ST JUNE AT DROP OFF

Please enter the school via the BUNGALOW gates where summer fair donations will be collected by the PTA. Please see below for the requested donations.

- Year 3:** **Party Bags** (small party bag fillers such as yoyos, whistles, key rings, rubbers, snap bands, etc)
- Year 4:** **Chocolates or sweets for prizes** (chocolate bars of any size, wrapped sweets like Haribo, lollies, etc)
- Year 5:** **Bottles and Edible Tombola:** (Treats such as biscuits, crackers, alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks).
- Year 6:** **Children's Toy Tombola.** New or second hand toys suitable for primary school age children.
- Any year:** We are also looking for soft toys for the adopt a teddy stand, please donate any in need of rehoming!



ATTENDANCE POLICY AND GOVERNMENT CHANGES

From 19th August 2024 (and therefore in place for the new academic year), the guidance to schools from the Department for Education and Surrey County Council on low attendance and unauthorised leave of absence is changing. We have summarised the changes here. Our Governing Board will be ratifying our new Attendance Policy in July, ahead of the implementation date. Once ratified, the policy will be made available on the school website.

Low Attendance:

Instances of low attendance are expected to be investigated, and supportive measures agreed to improve attendance. If this does not happen, and a child has 10 unauthorised absences (sessions, morning or afternoon) in a rolling 10-week period, the school will issue a 'Notice to Improve'. This then formalises the monitoring period, which will be 15 school days, whereby the child's attendance must improve to avoid being issued a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Unauthorised Leave of Absence:

If a child takes 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised leave of absence, a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued. Leave of absence can only be applied for in exceptional circumstances. The Education Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Where parents/carers have been notified that the Leave of absence request is unauthorised, there is no warning period ahead of the penalty notice.

Penalty Notices:

Penalty Notices are changing, in both amount and cost.

The amount payable for the first penalty notices will increase to £80 per notice if paid within 21 days. If paid between 21 and 28 days, the amount payable has risen to £160 per notice.

If a parent/carer incurs a penalty notice for the same child, the rolling three-year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160, per notice. There will be no reduction for paying within 21 days.

Where a parent/carer has incurred 2 penalty notices for the same child within that rolling three-year period, the parent/carer CANNOT receive a further penalty notice and Surrey County Council will consider a prosecution under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Each parent/carer will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

More information can be found from [Working together to improve school attendance](#) (applies from 19 August 2024).

This will take effect from 19th August 2024, and will therefore impact absence or attendance from the start of the autumn term of the 2024-25 academic year.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed by our school caterers, Twelve15, that the price of a school meal for junior school pupils will increase from **1st September 2024 to £2.80**. This is a 10p increase per meal.

Thank you!

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Harding-Jones, who have generously given their time this week to set up our new microphones. It took a lot longer than we had anticipated, and cannot thank them enough for helping us get our AV systems up and running ready for the much anticipated year 6 production!



We hope all our Muslim families had a wonderful time celebrating Eid al-Adha earlier this week.

Year 3 produced some wonderful Islamic calligraphy last week in RE as part of their topic 'How do people use creative ways to express their beliefs?'. They explored geometric patterns and studied the Kiswah embroidered cloth which covers the Ka'aba in the holy city of Mecca. Below are some of the creative responses from Ash.



HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA

SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 6TH JULY
12:00 to 15:00 pm

HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL – MEADWAY DRIVE
GU21 4TA

£1 ENTRY – JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
PACKED WITH FUN!

- XXL Inflatables •
- Face Painting •
- Fair Games •
- Glitter Tattoos •
- Prize Draw •
- Choir Performance •
- Ice Creams •
- BBQ Food •
- Freedom Leisure •
- Tombolas •
- Craft Corner •
- Dee's Kitchen •
- Home Bakes •
- Cream Tea Picnic •
- Pirates Pit Treasure Hunt •
- And much, much more •





Our summer fair is fast approaching. To make the fair a success, we need volunteers to help run the stalls. Please click on the below link to sign up for your class stall. If you do not feel comfortable with helping at that stall, please feel free to sign up for an alternative one!

[Set Up - Everyone Welcome](#)

[Pack Down - Everyone Welcome](#)

[Ash](#) – Entrance

[Elm](#) – Refreshments & Cakes

[Oak](#) - Entrance

[Acer](#) – Bar

[Palm](#) – BBQ

[Pine](#) – Refreshments & Cakes

[Beech](#) – Edible Tombola

[Cedar](#) – Toy Tombola

[Rowan](#) – Craft Corner

[Year 6s & Teachers](#) - Glitter tattoos

YEAR 6



SWANAGE RESIDENTIAL

VISIT FROM POLICE

Year 6 children were visited by Surrey Police for a talk about a career in the police force. The children were inspired through an engaging presentation in the hall which included a question and answer session.



This was followed by an exciting interactive session in the playground where children got to try on uniform and equipment, sit in the police car and also sound the siren (many, many times!).

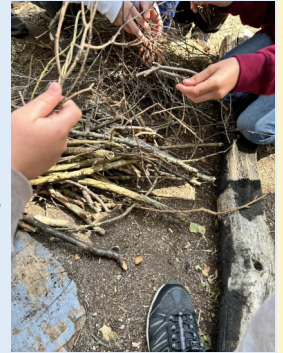
Mrs Brinicombe was even 'arrested'.



Year 6 had a wonderful time at Swanage a couple of weeks ago. Here is what Coco, in Cherry, said:

"The residential to Bournemouth was amazing! We got to do lots of fun activities: going to an inflatable water park, going on a jumbo paddle board in the sea and rock climbing.

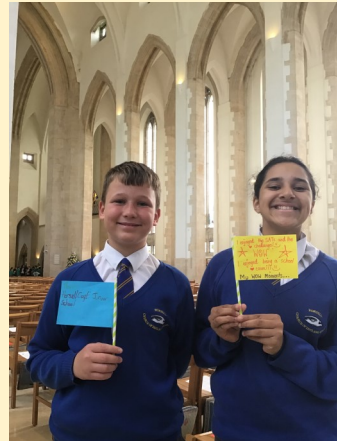
It was so nice getting to sleep in a hotel room instead of camping. Overall, it was a good residential where we made loads of great memories!"



HORSELL JUNIOR LEAD PRAYER AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Year 6 were brilliant at Guildford Cathedral for their leavers' service. Clara and Isaac R led the entire cathedral in prayer which was translated to sign language by Evan, Charlotte, Daphne, Lauren J and Ria. They made us very proud!

Lara in Spruce said, *"The Guildford Cathedral was really fun and I even saw some old friends from other schools. There were lots of activities to do and there were lots of schools there. We were able to reflect on primary school and prepare ourselves for high school."*





4.00pm to 5.30pm

Sunday 23rd June



St Mary's Church, Horsell

Explore a Bible theme through craft, food, games or nature. There will be a short celebration with a story, songs and prayers.

For all ages!
Picnic tea provided!

Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity.
brf.org.uk

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell

Horsell Junior School
Years 3-5

SUMMER

Disco

Weds 17 July | 6.15-7.30 pm

Tickets out soon...

WOKING HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER 'PICNIC & PROMS' CONCERT

Bring along a picnic and enjoy a relaxing evening of music outdoors. While there are limited tables available, you're welcome to bring your own picnic blankets and camping chairs.

TUESDAY 25TH JUNE
5-7PM

Ice creams available to purchase (cash only).

Book your FREE tickets using the QR code or website below.
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DNUY>



FREE CONCERT



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



SUMMER FAIR PRIZE DRAW

WITH A HUGE THANKS TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING SPONSORS
WE'VE GOT SOME INCREDIBLE PRIZES UP FOR GRABS THIS YEAR!
MORE BEING ADDED IN THE RUN UP TO THE FAIR

Foxhills Golf Club Fourball Voucher (worth £700)
2 x General Admission Chelsea FC Premier League Tix – Mens
2 x General Admission Chelsea FC Super League Tix – Womans
Gordon Ramsey Cooking Academy £50 Meal Voucher
The Gosling Brunch for 2ppl, incl. 1 Bellini each
Versova Restaurant £40 Voucher
Bocketts Farm Free Entry for 2ppl
Sporty Kidz 1 Day Holiday Camp Voucher
Swim Rays Swim School 1 place on Swimming Crash Course
Boz's Fruit & Veg Hamper
Norsworthys £25 Voucher
Horsell Nails & Spa 2 Kids Nail Painting Voucher
Village Barbers Lad & Dads Hair Cut Voucher
Poppies & Peonies £30 Voucher
Boogie Pumps Voucher £25 Voucher
Sophie Sews £20 Voucher
Apples & Pears £10 Voucher
2 x Unilever Food & Cosmetic Hampers
Buttercup Beauty £20 Voucher
Red Lion £20 Voucher



VISIT WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HORSELL
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO ENTER

THE PRIZE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FAIR ON THE 6TH JULY
@ 14:30 BST AND WILL ALSO BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR PTA
FACEBOOK PAGE.

FULL T&C'S CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT THE PTA WITH ANY QUERIES
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