



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 11th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

Our children have been demonstrating their teamwork skills this week as they have been involved in lots of projects across the school. The whole school was treated to the Year 6 dress rehearsal for ‘Mission Implausible’ on Wednesday and I know that the children are very excited to be performing for their parents this evening.

Year 3 took part in a dance workshop on Wednesday, where they learnt about how to express faith and belief through dance. We are also crossing our fingers for the weather on Friday, so that we can enjoy our competitive sports day, where our children enjoy being part of their house teams!

Looking ahead, next Wednesday the children will have their transition morning and meet their new teacher and new class. We look very carefully at the class mix and we have found that the children very quickly settle into their new peer group when they come back to school in September. It is always really lovely to see the whole year group mixing and playing together at playtimes, and I know that the Year 6 parents will see this sense of a whole year group team when they come to their children’s leavers assembly on the last Monday of term.

I trust that you all enjoyed the football on Wednesday. Here’s hoping for a great match on Sunday!

Mrs Wand

KEY DATES 12TH—22ND JULY

Friday 12th July	Competitive Sports Day , School Field, 13:00—15:00. Children are invited to wear mufti in house colours for our inter-house sports competition. Children taking part in sports day should wear PE shorts along with a top or other clothing item in house colours. Parents of competitors are invited to watch.
Tuesday 16th July	Year 6 Music Workshop , part 2. Parents are invited to a performance at 14:30 in the hall.
Wednesday 17th July	PTA Summer Disco for years 3—5 , 18:15—19:30. Please book here .
Thursday 18th July	Year 3—5 Prize Giving Ceremony , 09:00—10:30am. (Parents by invitation only). Celebration Evening , 17:00—18:00. Families are invited to view their children’s work.
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Fete for years 3-5 (in school hours). Children may bring small change, up to maximum of £2, to spend at stalls. All funds raised will go to year 6’s chosen charity. Year 6 Leavers’ Party Class of 2024 , 18:00—20:00. Please book here .
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly and Awards , 9:00—10:30 Last day of term - school finishes at the earlier time of 13:30. PTA will be selling ice creams and ice lollies at pick up, £1 per ice cream/lolly.

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September at 8:30am. Next year’s term dates can be found [here](#).

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

Parents will be informed of their child's results with their end of year report, which will be coming out on 19th July. This gives the school time to conduct a final check of the children's marks.

YEAR 6 DINNER MONEY REFUNDS

At the end of term, any dinner money left on year 6 children's accounts will be either

- transferred to a younger sibling, if they have one at Horsell Junior, which can then be used next year
- Refunded via Surrey County Council. Please allow a few days for the refunds to be made.

Although we use the same system as Woking High, we are not able to transfer money to their Woking High account.

FOOTWEAR

I am aware that we are coming to the end of term but I would like to remind parents that children should not be wearing trainers in school, unless they have PE.

Please make sure that when we return to school in September all children have the correct footwear. It is important that our children wear their uniform with pride so please also ensure that shirts are tucked in and ties are on correctly when children arrive in school.

Thank you.

NEXT YEAR'S CLUBS

We are in the process of finalising the external clubs for next term, and anticipate sharing a complete list with parents next week. Some clubs have already opened bookings, and their flyers are on the school website.

Mr Coles' clubs will open for bookings in September.

WATER SAFETY SESSIONS

Acer, Cedar and Willow will have water safety sessions next week as part of their swimming lessons. For this session, children should bring light weight shorts and a t-shirt, which they do not mind getting wet, in addition to their usual swimming kit.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please return all library books you may have at home before school finishes, so we can get our library ready for next year.



Thank you!



YO-YO MANIA SWEEPS SCHOOL

We recently had a special assembly where we learnt about how to set goals, be resilient and keep going. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best.

We got to see lots of special yoyo tricks and it is great now to see children (and some members of staff) trying these out on the playground.



PRIMARY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

We have taken two groups of children to the performance space at The Winston Churchill School.

Day 1 involved taking nearly 25 children to the Primary Choir day. There were many other primary schools there from across the Woking area. The day involved vocal warm-ups to start the session. We then went on to rehearse a Disney medley and a few more recent popular songs. Mrs Brinicombe and Mr Dunsford also enjoyed singing along! Our day ended with a performance to parents - the audience enjoyed the show.

Day 2 involved many primary pupils from across Woking & Guildford working together with The Winston Churchill pupils. We took a group of 19 pupils to perform instruments such as keyboards, violins and French horn. The Orchestra took up over half the theatre- it was huge! The children worked on four pieces of music over the day and performed together for the parents at the end of the day. Mrs Wand, Mrs Brinicombe & Mr Dunsford were very proud of the pupils' efforts and it was great to see our pupils working with older pupils and children from the wider area.

Thank you to Winston Churchill for hosting the days. We all had a great experience.



HORSELL CHESS TEAM WIN!

Our school chess team played an away match against St Dunstan's. The game was played in a nice atmosphere and sporting manner, with all 40 children enjoying themselves.

Horsell Juniors were the eventual winners in a close fought match. Well done!



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 ratified our new Attendance Policy on 9th 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).

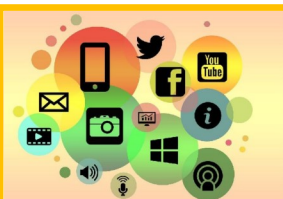
This will take effect from 19th August 2024, and will therefore impact absence or attendance from the start of the autumn term of the 2024-25 academic year.

A FULL COPY OF OUR ATTENDANCE POLICY IS ATTACHED SEPARATELY WITH THE NEWSLETTER.

SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

We are aware that the Horsell Village School are changing the times of their school day from September. There are **no changes** to our start and end times.

The gates will be open for children to arrive from 8:30—8:40am, and we will finish at 15:10 each day.



PARENTAL CONTROLS

With holidays approaching, we know many children will spend an increased time online.

Please click [here](#) for a helpful guide to setting parental controls on a variety of devices, apps and more.

Horsell Junior School
Years 3-5

SUMMER

Disco

Weds 17 July | 6.15-7.30 pm

BOOK HERE!



4.00pm to 5.30pm

Sunday 21st July

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



END OF YEAR ICE CREAM SALE



Monday 22nd July

THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL
1:15 (AT PICK UP)

THE HORSELL JUNIOR SCHOOL
1:30 (AT PICK UP)

Everyone welcome

£1 PER ICE CREAM

CASH & CARD
ACCEPTED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AUTUMN TERM 24/25

SEPT

GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE
SAT 14TH 10:00 - 11:30
HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

AGM
WED 25TH 19:30 - 21:30
HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

OCT

FAMILY FIREWORKS
THU 24TH 17:30 - 19:00
HORSELL CRICKET GROUND

PUMPKIN TRAIL
FRI 25TH OCT - SUN 3RD NOV
THE HORSELL KITCHEN

NOV

CHRISTMAS CARDS
MON 4TH
BOTH SCHOOLS

MUFTI DAY
FRI 22ND
BOTH SCHOOLS

BAGS2SCHOOL

DEC

CHRISTMAS FAIR
SAT 7TH 12:00 - 15:00

ORGANISER NEEDED

All our events rely on volunteers' participation. Please contact your class reps or email horsellschoolspta@gmail.com to volunteer or to get involved

