



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 17th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Romans 12:16 'Live in harmony with one another'.

At Horsell Junior, I am always impressed with how well the children work together. One of the key learning behaviours that we teach our children is how to be 'collaborative' and this was very much in evidence on Tuesday as our Prefects showed prospective parents around the school. It was also lovely to see some of our Year 6 children working together to support the 'Open the Book' team in our Collective Worship on Wednesday. Tidying up at the end of OPAL play is another time that we strive to be collaborative – something that the children can find more difficult, and something that we continue to work on as a school community!

It was lovely to have my first meeting with school council today. They came to our meeting to discuss how we can make our dining hall an even better place to have lunch. We came up with lots of good ideas and these will be shared with the whole school next week.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 18TH — 24TH OCTOBER 2024

**** CLIMATE JUSTICE WEEK ****

Friday 18th October	<p>Flu vaccinations given in school.</p> <p>Spruce Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note photography is not permitted and hot drinks cannot be brought into the school.</p>
Saturday 20th October	<p>Messy Play, St Mary's Church, 16:00—17:30. Please see further information overleaf.</p>
Tuesday 22nd October	<p>Individual School Photos. Children should wear full winter uniform. Children who have PE should bring this in a separate bag. Order details will come home in their bags.</p>
Wednesday 23rd October	<p>Open Morning for prospective parents, 10:00—11:00, school hall</p>
Thursday 24th October	<p>Deadline to order Cauliflower Christmas Cards, see information overleaf.</p> <p>National Football Tournament (by invitation). Year 5&6 Boys: 9:30—12:30; Year 5&6 Girls: 13:00—15:30</p> <p>PTA Family Fireworks, Horsell Cricket Club, 17:30—19:00. Please book tickets here.</p>
Friday 25th October	<p>Open Classrooms, 14:45—15:15. Parents are invited to visit classrooms to view their children's work.</p> <p>Last day of school before half term. School finishes at the usual time of 15:10.</p>
<p>The school will be closed for half term 28th October—1st November, and inset days on 4th and 5th November. Children return to school on Wednesday 6th November.</p>	

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th November

Our parent consultations will take place on the 27th and 28th November, from 15:30—18:10. You will be able to book your appointment on **Arbor** so please do sign up for Arbor parent portal / app beforehand.

Details of when and how to book will follow shortly.

PHOTO CONSENT

Please could you check your child's photo permissions on Arbor, to check you are still happy with these. If you wish to change your child's photo permissions, please update this in the Arbor parent portal / app if permission has not been given previously. In the app, please go to "profile" and scroll down to "consents".

If you have previously given photo permissions but wish to withdraw this, please let us know in writing by emailing office@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

SOCIAL MEDIA WORKING PARTY

14th November at 2pm

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA?

We are hoping to set up a working party of parents and senior leadership to consider ways we can support families around the use of social media by our children.



We are planning an informal discussion on 14th November at 2pm as a space to share ideas, concerns and possible school-wide solutions. Tea and cakes will be provided! Please let us know [here](#) if you will be attending..

REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS BY HALF TERM

Just a friendly reminder to return any library books before half-term!

This will help ensure that everyone has access to their favourite books after the holiday.

Thank you!



NEW LUNCH MENU!



We have a new lunch menu from 1st November. This is now available to book on Scopay. Please do take a look at the options with your children.

Please book any meals required the first two weeks after half term by Monday 4th November. After this, meals should be booked at least 8 days in advance.

Over 80% of our menu is cooked from scratch using fresh ingredients.

All our menus adhere to School Food Standards and are developed with young taste buds in mind.

We make our meals as nutritionally dense as possible, for example, we add carrots and courgette to our homemade tomato sauce.

Our Primary school kitchens are nut free. We cater for the 14 key Food Standards Agency allergens.

Visit our website to find out more about Twelve15 school meals (including special diets) and see our range of menus.

NUT FREE

CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS



Your children will be coming home this week with Christmas card (or other greeting card) designs which they have made in school. If they have not made it in school, they will bring home a blank form and can make their designs at home.

If you wish to place an order, please:

1. Go online to order any cards, gift labels, wrapping paper, or other items you would like with your child's design. Please note each form has a unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to the order form for further instructions.
2. Once you have completed the online order, complete and return the paper form to your class teacher or school office, with the artwork securely attached, by **Thursday 24th October**

Each order form is unique, so please do not photocopy the form for other members of your family. Extra copies are available from school.

The cards should be ready around 3 weeks later and will be sent home with your child.

Thank you!

Woking Food Bank have asked us to thank you for your generous donations last week. The harvest donations weighed a whopping 238.45 kilos, and the year 5 parents collectively donated over £90. This money will go to the Lighthouse charity, who support the Woking Food Bank, Jigsaw and many other charities within their building.

Your kind donations will make a big difference to local families in need.



HORSELL HEROES NEWSLETTER

On the last Friday 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, done something for charity, ended up in the local paper or similar, then please e-mail their teacher with a brief description and a photo if you are happy for this to be shared in the Horsell Heroes newsletter.

TABARDS / PAINT SHIRTS

Please could all children in years 3—5 bring in a tabard, old shirt or similar coverall to school on Monday 21st October, to protect their uniform. Year 6 may also bring one in, if they wish, to keep in their lockers. All years will be creating pieces for Climate Justice Week.

Year 3 will also be doing some pre-historic painting, based on their Stone Age to Iron Age history topic.

Year 5 will be creating Tudor Houses next week as part of their DT (Design and Technology) unit.

Both the pre-historic art and Tudor houses will be on display during the Open Classrooms.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

You can now apply for both primary and secondary school places.

If your child will start **reception** or **year 3** in September 2024, please apply [here](#) by 15th January 2025.

You're your child will start **year 7** in September 2025, please apply [here](#). The deadline for applying for secondary school is 31st October. This is over the half term holidays so if you think you may need help applying please contact the school office as soon as possible beforehand.

SCHOOL READINESS AND EARLY TOILETING COURSES

Do you have younger children, who will start school next year? Our school nursing team are running an online School Readiness session on Tuesday 26th November at 10:30—11:30. They are also running an early toileting course on Tuesday 29th October at 10—11am.

To book your place, click [here](#).

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell

Food Fun

Bible Story

Craft Games



This Months Theme
Who is Jesus?
It's all about love

Sunday 20th October
4pm-5.30pm

4pm Doors open

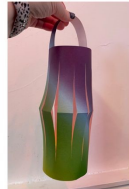
4pm-4.05pm Welcome

4.05-4.45pm Crafts and activities
for all ages and interests

4.45pm Bible Story, music and
songs

5pm Picnic tea provided

5.30pm Finishes



COLLECTION:
Friday 8th November
8:30—9am

The change in season provides a great opportunity to clear out the wardrobes and help the PTA fundraise for our children. We can donate the following "good quality" items for RE-USE.



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

Donation bags will be coming home before half term via school bags; spares are available from the school reception or you can use any bag from home.

Horsell Family Fireworks

Thursday, 24th October

5:30 - 7:00 (display at 6:30pm)

Woking & Horsell Cricket Club

Brewery Road GU21 4TA

£5.50 per ticket

(Pre schoolers & 5th family ticket are free)

To buy your tickets, food & raffle tickets visit

www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell

Online Prize Draw

2 x £100 Amazon vouchers

Andy and the Lens Photoshoot

with 10 digital images

To Buy your raffle tickets visit

www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell

This is a cashless event

The Cricket Club Bar will be open



LIGHT PARTY

31ST OCTOBER 4.30-5.45PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HORSELL

FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 2-6

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE
SUPERHERO OR WEARING SOMETHING
COLOURFUL, NEON OR SPARKLY

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE BELOW



SCAN ME

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell

