



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 21st November 2024

For I know the plans I have for you', declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you.' Jeremiah 29 11 – 13

Our new school value is HOPE and the children have been enjoying the new prayer space activities in the library – our 'jelly bean prayer space' has certainly been popular! The children have been using the space for praying about different things – family, the environment, school – and it is lovely to see how thoughtful and reflective they can be. Next week we will be changing the space to reflect the work that we will be doing whole school on democracy, and the area will be set aside for them to reflect and pray about this important British value.

Learning continues apace in school: our Year 3 children have been enjoying walking around Horsell as part of their Geography learning on settlements, children in Year 6 are enjoying reading the novel Thornhill, Year 5 pupils are working hard on fractions, and Acer class have been practicing their assembly, which will be rescheduled shortly. Parents will receive their child's snapshot report on Friday in preparation for parents' evening next week. These snapshot reports give you a 'snapshot' of the results your child achieved in their recent assessments in core subjects, and can help to form the basis of your discussions with your child's class teacher. Mrs Webb will also be on hand to talk and consult with parents about PSHE. Please do talk to her if you have any feedback, suggestions or questions about this aspect of the school's curriculum, which is taught weekly across the school.

Last week I met with a group of parents to discuss pupils' online lives, and the concerns and challenges that children and parents face around social media and smartphone apps. The group will be sharing ideas and thoughts with the parent body over the coming week via the school newsletter.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wand

KEY DATES FOR 21ST—FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Thursday 21st	Parent consultation bookings close, 18:00. Please book via Arbor Parent Portal or App.
Friday 22nd	PTA Mufti Day and Christmas Fair Donations. Entry to the school will be via the bungalow gate, where the PTA will be collect donations on the way into school. Please see details overleaf of what children are requested to bring. Clothes should be suitable for school, with fully enclosed shoes. No football strips please. Parent Governor Election: Ballot count. Snapshot reports sent home with children ahead of parent consultations.
Tuesday 24th	Parent consultations, Elm class only, 15:30—17:00. Please check your appointment on Arbor.
Wednesday 25th	Parents consultations, 15:30—18:00. Please check your appointment time on Arbor.
Thursday 26th	Parent consultations, 15:30—18:00. Please check your appointment time on Arbor. Please note there will be NO choir practice due to the parent consultations.

Please book your meals for the first week of December by Sunday 24th November!

YEAR 4 DT PROJECT

Please could children in year 4 bring in an empty plastic bottle for DT next week. Ideally these should be 250ml or 500ml, but 1l bottles will also work.

Please name the bottles and hand these in to the class teacher.



ABSENCE REPORTING



Arbor

Thank you to those who have used Arbor to report absences this week; the office is finding this very helpful. To report absences via the Arbor Parent Portal and App, please go to the menu / quick actions and click on Attendance Summary, then "Log Absence". A guide to logging absences on Arbor can be found [here](#).

You can only record same-day absences. For any extended or future absences, please ensure you notify the office or submit a leave of [absence form](#).



FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are hoping to be able to begin Forest School within the school day, in a slightly different guise to previously. This will be running one afternoon a week, with selected children in school, to be part of the pastoral support we offer at Horsell Juniors.

If you would be able to consistently volunteer on a Wednesday afternoon to support the group, please contact Mr Stevenson to arrange a discussion.

This cannot run without a volunteer or two to support Miss Donvito, one of our teaching assistants, who will be leading the sessions.

If you are interested in supporting, please contact the Office to speak with Mr Stevenson.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THURSDAY 19TH

DECEMBER 2024

Please book your child's Christmas lunch on Scopay by Sunday 1st December.

Roast British Turkey
served with chipolata sausage and stuffing,

OR

Quorn Fillet and stuffing (v)

both served with roast potatoes, fresh baton carrots,
garden peas and gravy.

Chef's Festive Shortbread

On the day of their Christmas lunch, the children are welcome to wear a festive jumper. They are required to wear the rest of their school uniform but they can wear a bright jumper in festive colours or with a Christmas decoration to bring some festive cheer to the event.



We will be asking for a £1 donation on the day, which will go to Engage. Engage is a local charity that comes into school to offer mentoring on a weekly basis to support children with their mental health, as well as delivering assemblies, creating relaxing reflection spaces and working with Year 6 children supporting them in their transition to secondary school. All the funds raised will be put back into supporting young children in schools.

Thank you to the PTA, who have funded Christmas crackers, table cloths and napkins, to make the Christmas lunch that little bit more special.

ROMAN SOLDIER VISITS YEAR IV!



Last Wednesday, Year 4 were visited by a Roman Soldier who taught us a lot about life in the Roman times. We took part in drama activities, including marching drills. We learnt

lots of about Roman life, from their gods to entertainment, rulers to inventions, and ended the day with a quiz. The children especially enjoyed dressing up as Roman soldiers and were surprised by how heavy the armour and shields were.





HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

CALLING ALL BAKERS

CAN YOU DONATE HOMEMADE CAKES, COOKIES & CUPCAKES TO THE CHRISTMAS FAIR CAKES & BAKE STALL?

Please deliver the cakes & cookies to The Horsell Village School on Sat 7th Dec (from 9am to 11am)

Bakes need to be nut free and please provide an ingredients list

If you can help please click here to join this

[Christmas Fair Bakes](#)

Or contact Bev on 07792 071631

PTA MUFTI AND CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS DAY

Friday 22nd November

Children are welcome to come to school in MUFTI (non uniform); clothes should be suitable for school, shoes should be fully enclosed and we ask that football shirts are not worn. Children who have PE on this day may wear clothes suitable for PE, or bring PE kit to change into.

We kindly ask that, in return for wearing mufti, children bring the following items to donate to the PTA fair:

Year 3: PARTY BAG FILLERS

E.g. yoyos, stickers, fun pencils/pens, key rings...

Year 4: CHOCOLATES AND SWEETS

Big or small, to be used as prizes.

Year 5: TOY TOMBOLA

New or good as new toys, games, puzzles, etc...

Year 6: FESTIVE TOMBOLA

New or good as new festive gifts for adults or children, including bottles, food, decorations, etc.

ALL YEARS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO DONATE TO OUR WRAPPING PAPER AND TINSEL AMNESTY



HORSELL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

6—7 DECEMBER 2024

Schools, families, individuals, community groups and local businesses are once again getting creative to make an exhibition of Christmas trees. Whether big, small, traditional, modern, edible, recycled, colourful or illuminated, ALL trees are welcome, whatever their story.

Alongside the display of trees, there will be Christmas music, crafts and refreshments including mulled wine. Visitors will be asked to vote for their favourite trees and there will be prizes for the most popular trees.

It is FREE to enter. Please complete the entry form and return to the Vicarage. A copy of the entry form with additional details is attached separately.

CALLING ALL PERFORMERS!

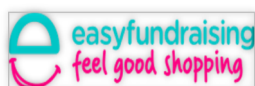
Do you play an instrument?

Do you dance or sing?

Do you have another talent that you would like to perform – either as a solo or as a group?

We invite you to perform at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church on Friday 6th December between 4pm and 4.30pm or from 5pm to 6pm. Please note there is only limited stage space available.

Please let Mrs Haynes (r.haynes@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk) or Mr Dunsford (j.dunsford@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk) know if you would like to take part and what your 'act' is.



Turn your online Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our school.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 12 NOON—3PM

THE HORSELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA
CHRISTMAS FAIR

PRE-SALE OF SHOWS & GAMES

EVERYONE WELCOME!
SAT 7TH DEC 12PM-3PM

PRE-BOOK NOW FOR:
(limited availability on some shows)

MR TIM'S MAGIC SHOW- £5
STORIES WITH MRS CLAUS- £5
ELF WINTER OLYMPICS WITH SPORTYKIDZ- £5

GAME TOKENS
(Raffle entry offer)

Visit the link below to book:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/horsell/>

Or scan the QR code:

Junior School Choir performance 12:30

Horsell Village School, Church Hill, GU21 4QQ

TOY TOMBOLA
GAMES & PRIZES
SWEET TREATS
RAFFLE
FESTIVE FOOD
MAGIC SHOW

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINKS:

[SET UP \(ALL\)](#)

[PACK UP \(ALL\)](#)

[Ash with Snowy Owls: Cakes & Bakes](#)

[Elm with Willow: Entrance & Online Raffle](#)

[Oak: Mulled Wine & Mince Pies](#)

[Acer: Elf Off the Shelf Game](#)

[Palm: Game: Pick a Snowman's Nose Game](#)

[Pine with Badgers: Prosecco, Hot chocolate & Gingerbread cookies](#)

[Beech: Refreshments & Hot Food](#)

[Ceder: Refreshments & Hot Food](#)

[Rowan: Token Sales](#)

[Cherry: Stories with Mrs Claus](#)

[Spruce: Mr Tim's Magic Show](#)

[Willow with Elm: Entrance & Raffle](#)

Food, game tokens, show and raffle tickets now on sale [here!](#)

THE HORSELL SCHOOLS' PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

PARENT PLEDGE PLEA

CHRISTMAS FAIR SAT 7TH DEC
CHRISTMAS FAIR 12-3 PM

Business or Service
Hampers
Items
Gift voucher
Experiences or hobbies you can share
OR any other ideas

If you have you are able to donate to our 'On the day Raffle Draw' please contact us on the email below. The funds from the raffle will help support your children's classroom equipment, facilities and learning resources.

We look forward to receiving your generous Parent Pledge donations by

Friday 22nd November

Please contact Maria for donations & more info
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