



WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 19th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

As always, the last week of term has been wonderfully busy. Last week, we had a very different day when Alannah took over as Headteacher along with her leadership team (Rosie, Juliette, Eleanor and Victoria).

Our year 3 children shone as they took to the stage with their Nativity, "Don't Be Afraid", performing to the Horsell Village School children as well as all of Horsell Junior School and finally all their parents last night.

Our choir also performed alongside the Horsell Village School and Woking High School choirs at St Mary's on Monday. Each class has had a Christmas pause day, where they reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through a variety of festive activities. Year 5 have had a computing workshop, and today the school has looked very colourful as the children came in their festive jumpers, ready for our annual Christmas lunch followed by an online Pantomime!

It came as wonderful end of term news to get confirmation that our application to join an academy has been accepted, and we look forward to continue working towards the academisation in the New Year.

From all of us here at Horsell Junior, we wish you a relaxing holiday and a very Merry Christmas!

Kind regards,

Mrs Wand

**Please remember school finishes at 13:30 tomorrow,
Friday 20th December.**

School is then closed until Monday 6th January at 8:30am.



Congratulations to Year 3. They were absolutely fantastic in their production of "Don't Be Afraid". They looked and sounded amazing! Well done on learning all your parts. Thank you to the teachers who have worked so hard on bringing this together. A special thank you to Mrs Walters, Mrs Whitby and Mrs Alzate Calfa who helped make the fantastic backdrop, and to Mrs & Mrs Harding-Jones who gave up their time and expertise to make sure they could all be heard. Bravo!

Apple class enjoyed baking and decorating biscuits today as part of their end-of-term celebrations. Thank you to the parents who came in to help.





Our children enjoyed getting together to pull a cracker and eat a Christmas lunch today, served to them by the teachers. Thank you to our catering team for cooking over 250 meals. Thank you also to the PTA for adding to the festivities by providing our crackers and table décor.

NEW LUNCH MENU!



We have a new lunch menu from 6th January. This is now available to book on Scopay. Please do take a look at the options with your children.

We are excited to announce that there is now a **third menu option** available each day, from Wednesday 8th January. These include baguettes, jacket potatoes or pasta pots.

Bookings will remain open until 5th January, after which meals should be booked 8 days in advance as usual.

TEACHER LED CLUBS

Clubs have now been allocated, and confirmations will be sent to parents tomorrow.

AUTUMN ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school every day, on time, is vital for the children to have the best opportunities to learn. We know that children who are frequently absent from school are less likely to achieve in their assessments, and have higher chances of suffering from Social, Emotional and Mental Health barriers (SEMH).

A big well done to the following classes for being Horsell's highest attenders this term:

Ash (98.15%), Oak (98.46%) and Willow with a whopping 98.93%!

Year 6 overall have the highest attendance across the school, fantastic effort from our oldest pupils!

Year 3	97.91%
Year 4	95.96%
Year 5	97.37%
Year 6	98.02%

On an individual level, there are over a third of the school who have 100% attendance this term (122 children), and over 80% of the school with attendance of 96% or more (285 children). Thank you for working hard to be in school!

OPAL PLAY DONATIONS



As you prepare for the holiday period, for new things coming in and old going, please remember that

OPAL can often make use of things you don't want. If you are not sure if we can use it, please do get in



touch to check before you throw it away.

We particularly needing the following:

- Larger empty boxes, or any unusual packaging. All we ask is that they are **not flattened** but kept whole. They make incredible camps, rockets, dens and walls!
- Dressing up clothes, bags, briefcases, (not suitcases), hats, masks and props.
- Real or toy instruments and microphones.
- Mud kitchen implements such as, spoons, pots, saucepans, baking and cake tins (no china or glass)



Please send any donations via the school office in the first week back in January.

Horsell Heroes

HORSELL COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

December 2024

We are delighted to share with you some of our children's achievements, in and out of school. In school, we celebrate the children's merits in classrooms each week, and we will have a special celebration assembly at the end of each half term.



Value Award



Congratulations to the following pupils, who demonstrated the school value **hope** of this half term.

Rose (Ash)	Isabelle (Beech)
Megan (Elm)	Leo (Cedar)
Ishani (Oak)	Emily S (Rowan)
Maisy B (Acer)	Rio (Cherry)
Lucy (Palm)	Eleanor (Spruce)
Xander (Pine)	Freddie (Willow)

Personal Achievements and Awards

Toby (Palm)

Toby passed his Grade 1 clarinet exam with Merit. He also received his Ruby Challenge certificate at his Perform drama class and receiving distinction in his exam. Well done!



Elouise (Beech)

Elouise achieved a Distinction in her recent Violin Grade 1 exam. Congratulations!

Ruben (Cedar)

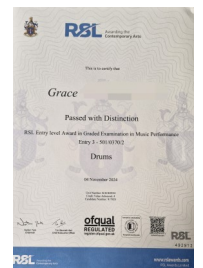


Ruben achieved a high scoring Grade 2 Piano this term. He also had another chance to perform with the Winston Churchill Primary Orchestra along with a few other talented pupils from Horsell Junior. Here he is with Mr Drake and fellow student, Toby.

Ruben has also been moved into Gold Squad at Guildford City Swim Club. Amazing!

Grace (Cherry)

Grace recently entered her debut level drumming exam, receiving a Distinction. Well done!



Melody (Ash)

Melody attended her first Tae Kwon Do tournament, the TAGB British Championships, in November. Competing in sparring, Melody fought her way to a silver medal! Congratulations!

HALF TERM SWIMMING AWARDS

Luciana, Acer
For being determined to swim unaided on her front.

Kenley, Palm
For perseverance and progress.

Ohana, Rowan
For swimming unaided on her front and back.

Goncalo, Cherry
For being determined to complete a distance swim.

HOUSE POINTS

At the end of this half term, **POLESDEN** have taken the lead with **7,113** points.

Well done!

In second place we have **CLANDON** with **5,962**

Followed closely by **HATCHLANDS** with **5,654** and **LOSELEY** with **5,379**

Personal Achievements and Awards continued....

In November, Core Judo held a Championships Competition. With over 130 Judoka competing from various schools around the area, we are proud to hear how well our students performed.

Elliot (Oak)

Elliot achieved a bronze medal. He also received a trophy for his bravery and resilience in fighting children in an older height and weight category.



Freya (Beech)

Freya won silver in a recent judo competition.



The following children also won medals:

Alex D (Willow) - Silver

Arys (Beech) —Silver

Leo B (Cedar) —Bronze

Owen (Beech) — Bronze

Emily S (Rowan) —Bronze

Zach (Rowan) —Bronze

Alice (Pine) — Bronze

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
EVERYONE ON YOUR
HARD WORK AND
ACHIEVEMENTS!**

Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our Reverse Advent Calendar. Although we are still taking contributions until tomorrow, Woking Food Bank collected what had been donated so far yesterday, in order to distribute before the holidays to those in most need.

Your generous donations weighed 108 kgs.



We would like to thank all of our volunteers. The school appreciates all the time given by our parents to come and support our children, whether it is organising the library, listening to children read or practice time tables, helping with sewing, stage sets, trips and more... it makes a huge difference!

Thank you also to all of those who volunteer their time with the PTA, arranging wonderful community events, such as the fireworks evening, discos and Christmas Fair. They are not only fun events to attend but also provide funding which really benefits all of our children from play equipment, Chromebooks, our panto and more!

Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell



Food Fun

Bible Story

Christmas

Nativity Crafts

This Months Theme
God enters the world

Saturday 21st December
4pm-5.30pm

4pm Doors open

4pm-4.05pm Welcome

4.05-4.50pm Nativity themed
crafts

4.50pm Bible Story, music and
songs

5.05pm Picnic tea provided

5.30pm Finishes



NATIVITY SERVICES

Christmas Eve
St Mary's Church



4pm Nativity Service
especially for the younger members
of the family.

Come dressed
as a Nativity character!

6pm Nativity Service
for slightly older children, teenagers
and all the young at heart!



Saint Mary the Virgin
Horsell



HORSELL PTA GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM SALE

At
Horsell Junior School

Saturday 18th January 2025
10 - 11.30am

Cash and card payments accepted

Please donate good condition, clean uniform
to Horsell Junior School office - no grey or
white items please

Volunteers needed!
Please contact your class rep.



PTA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING TERM

JANUARY

Good As New Uniform
Sat 18th
10:00-11:30

Horsell Junior School

Volunteers needed for setup, sale &
pack up. Please contact your class rep

Bags2 School
TBC

FEBRUARY

Quiz night
Fri 28th
19:30-21:00

Horsell Junior School

Adults only
Set up volunteers needed. Please
contact your class rep

MARCH

Pop Up Plant Sale
TBC

Volunteers needed.
Please contact your class rep

Easter Trail
Sat 29th Mar - Sat 13th Apr
Apples & Pears

APRIL

Doughnut sale
Fri 4th

Collection time
Both Schools

Organisers needed.
Please contact your class rep

Bags2 School
TBC



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