



## WEEKLY FOCUS

Thursday 1st May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

*'At Horsell C of E Junior School we believe we are all 'made in the image of God'. Through a commitment to Christian values and high academic aspirations, we strive to provide a rich and inclusive education for every member of our school family',* Horsell Junior School vision statement

*'It takes a village to raise a child,'* African Proverb

Our vision statement talks about being part of a school family, and as a family we were delighted to welcome Jennifer Powers from PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addition in Young Adolescents) into school on Tuesday. She came to discuss delaying the use of smartphones and social media in children. The event was very well attended, with around 100 parents in the audience. The Director of Education at the SWAN trust, which represents many primary schools across Woking, was also in the attendance. If you were unable to attend, the slides from the presentation are attached separately, and further information can be found at the bottom of this article.

Jennifer's talk covered some very compelling evidence using statistics from the past 15 years as to why the introduction of smartphones is detrimental to young people. Themes included an increase in loneliness, depression, anxiety and low self-esteem in children who have had access to devices from an increasingly early age.

She also provided many reassuring examples of how parents have managed to successfully come up with compromises around tech use with their children and highlighted the expanding market of available phones and other devices with heightened restrictions to the internet.

As a school, we are now reflecting on how we can support our families and local community, as well as reviewing some of our policies, to help us navigate this increasingly complex landscape. Further information will be coming out over the coming weeks.

If you're a parent looking to stay informed about the discussions on these topics taking place at our and other local schools, you can explore active WhatsApp groups in Woking through this link: <https://bit.ly/wokingsfc>. Anyone interested in finding out more about PAPAYA and the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign can do so here: [www.papayaparents.com](http://www.papayaparents.com)



Kind regards,  
Mrs Wand

### FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD

We are pleased to confirm that, following a recent inspection, our catering team were awarded a food hygiene rating of 5 (very good).

**Please book any school lunches required for 12—16th May by Sunday 4th May!**

## KEY DATES FOR THURSDAY 1ST —FRIDAY 9TH MAY

Thu 1st May	Year 6 Netball Match v Hermitage (by invitation), 15:30—16:30
Mon 5th May	May Bank holiday—school closed. Horsell Scouts & Guides May Fayre, Wheatsheaf Common, 11:45—16:30
Tue 6th May	Year 3 Visit from Rabbi (in school) Year 5&6 Girls' Football Tournament, Woking FC, 12:30—15:00 (by invitation) Year 4 Boys' Football Tournament, Woking FC, 15:00—18:00 (by invitation). Horsell Junior Music Festival, Horsell Junior School, 18:00—19:30
Fri 9th May	Oak Class Assembly, 8:55am prompt. Please note that hot drinks cannot be brought into the hall. Photography is not permitted.

### LUNCH TARIFFS

We have been advised by Twelve15, our caterers, that school lunches will increase by 10 pence starting from September 2025. This change reflects the increase in cost of ingredients and utilities.

**The new price for a school lunch will be £2.90.**

This includes a main course, dessert and most days also includes fresh bread and a salad bar. School lunches are not subject to VAT.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please complete our form which can be found on [our website](#), or a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

### FREE JUDO LESSONS FOR GIRLS!

WEDNESDAYS 16:45—17:35

As part of the Woking Youth Games initiative to get young people into sport, Core Judo are offering a course of FREE judo lessons here at Horsell Junior School on Wednesdays this term.

There are still spaces available for girls aged 8-12 who have never tried judo before and live or go to school in the borough of Woking. The classes will be coached by Paris 2024 Olympic coach, Matthew Purssey.

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



### ECO COMMITTEE

#### UPDATE



Last term we held a 'Tidy Area Competition' to encourage everyone to be respectful of our outside spaces so we can take a real pride in our school.

All classes worked well to appoint monitors to do daily litter picks and be mindful of putting lunch boxes/snack boxes in their proper places to encourage a safer environment. Thank you to everyone for helping support this and we would love for this to continue over the summer term.

We are pleased to announce that the winning class, who scored the highest number of points, was Rowan. Rowan was rewarded with an afternoon of free choice this term! A special thank you to Mr Burns who carried out the weekly judging!

#### Surrey Garden Trust

We were very grateful to be awarded £130 to develop our raised beds so we can grow vegetables and insect attracting plants. Our Young Carers group led by Mrs Haynes have begun preparing and planting out our beds and are hoping to plant some pots to go at the front of our school.

*Thanks for reading – the Eco Committee*

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends, and little adults,

At **Valentino Schoolwear** we know things continue to be very hard for many of us right now,

so, once again, we're ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2025 is **available online** and **in store** for our customers.



**15% OFF** All school uniform purchases: **19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Use discount code **SUMMER15** when you click 'View Cart'

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**Anything purchased during our promotion can be exchanged right up until schools open in September!**

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22ND JUNE



£15 PER SESSION  
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# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -  
more funds for  
your organisation.

**1 kg = £0.45**

YOUR COLLECTION IS  
ARRANGED ON:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Between 8.30 and 9am at HVS  
and HJS

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND  
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION  
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES