Horsell *CofE* Junior School

Fortnightly focus

Thursday 26th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope." Romans 15:13

There has been much to celebrate across the school this week. Our Year 3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their Geography field trips, bringing their classroom learning to life through first-hand experiences in the local area. It has also been wonderful to see the exciting Design and Technology projects taking place throughout the school. In particular, Year 5 have been exploring magnets as part of an innovative project which has included the use of our 3D printer to design, create and test their ideas. The enthusiasm, creativity and problem-solving skills on display have been impressive, and I know many of you have enjoyed looking at the designs coming to life as the 3D printer works away in our reception area.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school and to see the positive conversations taking place between staff and parents. We hope you found the sessions useful and informative, and that they provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps in learning.

A reminder that tomorrow is Mufti Day. In exchange for a donation towards our Christmas Fair, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes. We are extremely grateful for your support and look forward to welcoming parents, carers and friends to our Christmas Fair on 5 December.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. We look forward to sharing many more festive occasions with you over the coming weeks. Keep your eye on the website as this is a particularly busy time of the school year.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Wand

Key dates 27th November - 5th December:

Friday 27th November

- **PTA Christmas Fair donations and Mufti Day**, please see details overleaf. Football shirts and jewellery are not permitted; shoes must be fully enclosed.
- **Spruce class assembly,** 8:55 prompt. Hot drinks and photography are not permitted.
- **Year 6 DT Project Day:** Sewing Tote Bags.

Monday 30th November: Pine class festive baking (DT)

Tuesday 1st December:

- **Acer class festive baking (DT)**
- **Horsell Junior School Christmas Post Box open!** Please see details overleaf.
- **Horsell Junior Reverse Advent Calendar opens!** Please see details overleaf.

Wednesday 2nd December: Palm class festive baking (DT)

Thursday 3rd December: Beech class DT project day: Tudor Houses

Friday 4th December:

- **Acer class assembly**, 8:55 prompt. Hot drinks and photography are not permitted.
- **Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival,** St Mary's Church, 14:00 - 16:00
- **Handbell club performance at Christmas Tree Festival,** 15:30, St Mary's Church

Saturday 5th December:

- **PTA Festive Hoedown,** the Horsell Village School, 12:00 - 15:00 (details overleaf)
- **Horsell Village Christmas Tree Festival,** St Mary's Church, 11:00 - 17:00
- **The Horsell Village Christmas Fair**, 12:00 - 16:00, Click here for details.

Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

York Road Project
Defeating Homelessness Together

Love and service are two of our school values, and as part of this we encourage our children to think of others. We will be running our annual "Reverse Advent Calendar" , where we ask children to bring in a donation. This year, donations will be in aid of York Road Project.

Children can bring in one or more of the suggested donation on any day between 1st and 17th December. Donations should be brought to the school reception area please.



Pot Noodles



Porridge pots



Breakfast Bars



Multi pack crisps



Small juice cartons



Sugar



Biscuits



Coffee & hot chocolate



Chocolate bars



Canned hot dogs



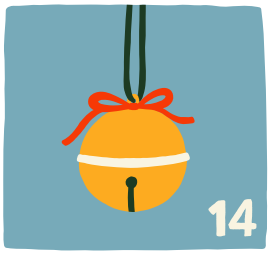
Men's socks



Men's boxers (S,M,L)



Trainers in good condition, size 7 - 12



Toothpaste



Shampoo



Conditioner



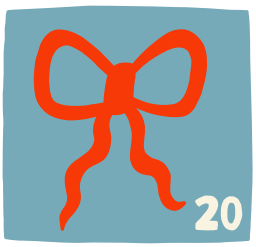
Toothbrushes



Razors



Sleeping bags
(new & waterproof)









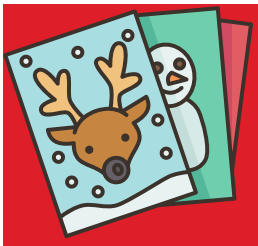
Combs, hair brushes or detanglers

Canned ready meals, pies, meatballs, soups and spaghetti

Please do not include:

- Anything out of date or nearing expiry date
- Anything perishable/fresh
- Homemade items such as pickles or jams.
- Mixed pulses, e.g. lentils, chickpeas or lentils.
- Canned fruit, pastas, tea bags, shaving gel





HORSELL JUNIOR CHRISTMAS POST

Children who would like to send friends cards can do so via the school Christmas Post. A letterbox will be avaialble in reception from Monday 1st December.

Please ensure the envelopes are clearly labelled with the NAME and CLASS of the recipient to make sure they are delivered to the right person! They will be delivered regularly to each class by our office monitors.

Have you kept last year's Christmas cards? Why not celebrate the season sustainabley by getting crafty and upcycling these into new cards!

The last posting date will be **Wednesday 16th December.**

Remember to return your Cut your Carbon forms by Monday 30th November!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 17th December. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, please book it on Scopay by 9th December!



On the day of their Christmas lunch, the children are welcome to wear a festive jumper to add some extra cheer to the event!



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. You may be able to pick up a pre-loved jumper at the PTA Christmas Fair "House of Horsell" stall!



Our Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day will be made even more special with thanks to the PTA, who are kindly funding table decorations and crackers for all children plus a fabulous, live Pantomime performance.

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Turn your online Black Friday and Christmas shopping into FREE donations for our school! From your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you can raise donations while shopping with over 8,000 retailers, including eBay, Arbos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S.

Click HERE to find out more.

COLD WEATHER REMINDER:

As the weather is getting colder, please be reminded that **plain navy** PE trousers or leggings may be worn as part of the PE kit.

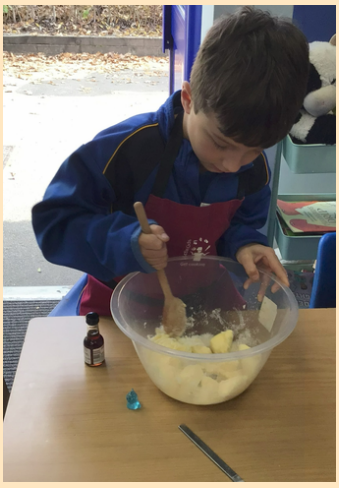
Please do also send children to school with a coat each day, remembering to name these as well as any scarves, gloves and hats so we can reunite lost items with their owner!

Thank you!

YEAR 4 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY : CHRISTMAS BISCUIT MAKING

Year 4 have made their very first batch of Christmas biscuits! We started by following a basic biscuit recipe, taking turns to carefully weigh the ingredients, stir, make the dough and use cookie cutters to create our biscuits. With the wonderful help of our parent volunteers, we were also able to bake and, of course, taste our delicious creations.

Over the next few lessons, we will be experimenting with our recipe, adding some festive ingredients such as cinnamon, sprinkles and icing to give our biscuits a real Christmas twist. In groups, we will also be creating our own 'biscuit brands', complete with product names and even packaging. We can't wait to see (and taste) what we come up with!




YEAR 3 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY: PNEUMATIC DRAGON TOYS

In Design and Technology, Year 3 have been learning about pneumatic systems and how air can be used to create movement. The children designed and made their own pneumatic dragon toys using recycled materials, including egg boxes, tubes and balloons.

The challenge was to create a mechanism powered by air pressure, making their dragons move in an exciting and imaginative way. The children were fully engaged and immersed in their learning throughout the project, demonstrating fantastic creativity, problem-solving skills and perseverance.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers who generously dedicated their time to support the children. Your help was invaluable in bringing these fabulous creations to life and making the experience even more special for our young designers.

We are incredibly proud of the fantastic dragons Year 3 created and the enthusiasm they showed during this hands-on learning experience!





YEAR 3 AND 4 TEACHERS: CRAZY HAIR DAY







As part of our Festive Hoedown the PTA are planning a 'Horsell's Got Talent' show and there are still spaces!

We would like to put on a festive showcase celebrating the talent of our children, parents and teachers - be it singing, instrumental performances, dances, individuals or groups, this is a chance to shine!

If you'd like to show off your talent, please register here!



If you are able to bake a cake, biscuits or cupcakes for the day, please join the PTA Bakers' whatsapp group!

All bakes must be nut-free.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help at the PTA Christmas Fair. It cannot run without you!

To volunteer on one of the stalls, please click on your class name below or feel free to sign up for any stall:

- Set up of fair (all welcome)
- Pack up, from 3pm (all welcome)
- Ash: Entrance
- Elm: Jolly Jars
- Oak: House of Horsell (Festive) Jumper Sales
- Acer: Sale of tokens
- Palm: Food and drink
- Pine: Hot chocolate sales
- Beech: Seymour's Secret Shop!
- Cedar: Cake stall
- Rowan: Mulled wine
- Cherry and Spruce: Craft area
- Willow: Mr Tim's Balloons
- Facepainting, we would love anyone creative to help with face painting and glitter tattoos!



FINAL CALL FOR OPAL BINGO DONATIONS!

Friday 27th November is the last date for donating items for our OPAL bingo event.

Classes will receive a reward based on how many items they successfully cross off their bingo card, so we encourage everyone to get involved and help their class complete as many squares as possible.

THANK YOU to everyone who has already made donations. We know the children will enjoy exploring all the new items during their lunch breaks.

 Duplo/Lego	 Plastic animals	 Plastic dinosaurs	 Toy cars, diggers and trucks
 Accessories for dressing up	 suitcases	 Tarpaulin sheets	 Small figurines
 Dressing up	 yoga mats or foam rolls	 Loom bands	 Table tennis bats and balls
 shells or large pebbles	 Any foam or rubber balls	 Plastic trees and house	 Sturdy, plastic laundry basket









PTA Tickets access- £25 tickets for the Woking Pantomime – Goldilocks and the Three Bears!

We now have our very own dedicated Horsell Schools' PTA Box Office through "PTA Tickets" .

Exclusive access to £25 tickets for the Woking Pantomime – Goldilocks and the Three Bears - opening week performances:

· Tuesday 8th December – 7pm
· Wednesday 9th December – 7pm
🎟️ Book your tickets here!

