



5th March 2018

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March Dates 2018

8th Otters Class Assembly – 9.20am
13th Badgers Class Assembly
15th Rabbits Class Assembly – 9.20am
14th Foxcubs Parents Conferences
? Parent Conference Evening 6-8 (to be rearranged)
22nd Foxcubs Class Assembly – 9.20am
23rd Curriculum Day – 9.15am
28th Easter Service at the Church at 9.30am
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Snow Days

Many thanks for all your help and support last week. A huge thank you goes to all the staff whose journeys to work were that bit harder. The team were fantastic and made both the Wednesday and Friday go that little bit smoother.

Road Safety and Parking

Thank you to those of you who continue to help with making everyone's journey to school that little bit safer by parking considerately and taking care on our roads. There were some photos taken by the public of some shocking parking on the brow of the hill and some cars trying to get into the car park while children are leaving. Please don't!

Please remember to park safely and considerately in the village and surrounding streets. The Village Hall, The Red Lion and The Crown continue to make their car parks available during dropping off and collection times. They do ask that this is the only time we use their car parks, to allow them to operate their business at other times.

We would also like to remind everyone to be careful on the zebra crossing and ensure that cars are stopped before stepping out, especially while the sun is low at some points during the day.

Safeguarding – the PANTS rule

This week at school we will be watching the NSPCCs Pantosaurus Video, this is a short video that explains to children their pants are private and nobody should ask to see or touch them. It goes on to say sometimes a doctor, nurse or family member might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's okay first. Attached is the link, it would be great if you could also share this with your children at home.
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule?mc_cid=db460ba15e&mc_eid=e31bb6b092

Easter Service

This year's Easter Service will be held at the Church on Wednesday 28th March at 9.30am. You are very welcome to attend.

Website and Emails – please read the weekly updates

Please check the school website each week for the weekly update; you could have this set as your home page. If you have an iPhone it is worth setting reception@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk as a VIP then those emails will pop up on your phone in the same way a text will, we are sure you would be able to do this on other makes of phone as well.

End of Key Stage/SAT meeting

Just a reminder to let the office know if you intend to come to our meeting about the End of Key Stage Assessment on **Wednesday 14th March at 9am**. This is primarily for Year 2 parents; however anyone who is interested is welcome. Please let the office know if you would like to attend. We expect this meeting to last about 30 minutes.

Enquiry and Investigation Curriculum Day – Friday 23rd March at 9.15am

As you will have seen from the dates we sent out in September, on Friday 23rd March at 9.15am we will be running a curriculum event in the hall. Enquiry and Investigation is the starting point for most of our learning in the school. It includes the Science, History, Geography and Design and Technology elements of the curriculum. The first part of the morning will be a presentation in the hall and then an opportunity to join the children in class. We are planning for the session to be no longer than 1½ hours long, however please come and stay for however long you are able even if this is only 30 minutes.

In order to prepare and make the day as beneficial as it can be, we would like to know approximate numbers. We realise things happen and people sometimes get held up by a change of circumstances on the day, however if you intend to come, please let the office know by **Friday 16th March**. On this occasion we ask that younger siblings do not join us.

Celebration of Work and Journals

Last year when we considered the budget reductions we looked at reducing some of the many extras we do, events like the Year 2 Leavers Ball will remain and other events changed. One such change is (for those parents who have previously had children at the school and those with children in Years 1 and 2) are the journals. These have been stopped and instead we will send home photographs at the end of the year taken at school of a few key events during the year. These will then be yours to display and use as you wish, so you could put them in your own journal if you wanted. The children will also bring home their First Day of the Month Book at the end of Year 2 so you will also have a progression of their writing over the 3 years at the school.

The second change is the **Celebration of Work (CoW)** which will take place on **Friday 6th July between 5pm and 7.00pm**. The children's work will be displayed in the corridor and the classrooms. The school hall will display a collection of photographs from throughout the year. By making these changes we have been able to release more staff time to work with your children while still keeping special events at the school.

Governor Update

Since our last letter we have three more families join our fundraising efforts and now have £34,464 of commitments this year towards our target of £50,000. Many thanks to those of you who have helped so far.

As Governors we came into school last month to see how we teach phonics throughout the school and how the children learn, this is one of the ways we can monitor specific areas in the School Development Plan.

Warmest wishes

Elaine Cooper