



# The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

## HELLO MARCH

Welcome to March's edition of The Horsell Village School Newsletter. In this edition you will find:

- Information about upcoming events
- Safeguarding & Attendance news
- Book week celebration plans
- Guidance on Emotion Coaching
- Class pages

The children have returned from half term with a little 'Spring in their step' and plenty enthusiasm for their new learning topics. The excitement for Book Week continues to build and the children have been busy discussing their favourite books and characters they might like to be should they wish to for World Book dress up day on Wednesday 5th March.



Reception are exploring how things change through their topic 'Growing'. They will be using key texts- 'Oliver's Vegetables, Hungry Hen and The Gigantic Turnip' to help.



In Year 1 the children are investigating animals that live in hot and cold climates through their topic 'Carnival of the animals'- they are getting excited about meeting some of these different types of animals during their trip to Marwell Zoo.



Year two are exploring the wonders of the topics through their topic 'Living Rainforest'. They will be visiting Kew Gardens to experience the plant life that can be found there.

You can find out more on the year group pages on the school website



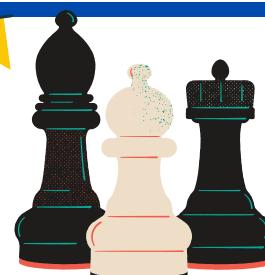
## Diary Dates March 2025

03.03.2025	Book Week- please see below for further dates & times
03.03.2025	Parent Conferences continue- see below for dates & times
04.03.2025	Evening Parent Conferences All classes 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
05.03.2025	World Book Day Dress up as a character Day
06.03.2025	Snowy Owls Class Assembly 9.00 am - school hall
10.03.2025	British Science Week
13.03.2025	Foxcubs Class Assembly 9.00 am - school hall
14.03.2025	Parent Volunteer meeting 9.00 am- The Hive
18.03.2025	KS1 ROKE Maths Workshops
20.03.2025	Rabbits Class Assembly 9.00 am - school hall
21.03.2025	Year 1 Visit to Marwell Zoo
24.03.2025	Year 2 visit to Kew Gardens
27.03.2025	Otters Class Assembly 9.00 am - school hall
31.03.2025	Year R- Millers Ark Farm visit to school
04.04.2025	Easter Service St Mary's Church <b>Children only</b>
04.04.2025	End of Term 1.15 pm finish



Well done to Connor McGill who has won the Horsell Village School chess club championship 2025

Don't forget to have a look at the 'Clubs' page on the school Website for this half term's clubs



# Parent Governor Elections

Before Half Term, we ran a ballot for a new Parent Governor here at The Horsell Village School.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to the nine parents who put themselves forward. The sheer number of nominations indicate what a super, active parent community we have.

Thank you to everyone who voted. I can now inform you that Samantha Berry was elected as our new Parent Governor.

We are very much looking forward to her joining the Local Governing Committee Team.

Upcoming  
Events

## Book Week

We have had a fantastic start to Book Week.

Last Tuesday evening, many of the children returned to school, wrapped up in their pyjamas and dressing gowns to enjoy a selection of bedtime stories.



We had the first of our author visits when Zanna Davidson joined us last Thursday. Each year group participated in a workshop where the children explored the characters from Zanna's range of books and she treated us to some exciting Science experiments too! A huge thank you to Mrs Lodge, a school parent, for organising this author visit for the school.

The children are excited for this week's 'Book Week' activities.



### Monday 3rd March - Book Buffet

Bring your favourite book into school to share with your friends  
(please ensure all books are named).

### Wednesday 5th March - Dress up Day and Storytime

Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character.  
Children will swap classes to listen to a story being read by a  
different member of staff.

### Friday 7th March - Author Visit and Celebration

Visiting author, Emily Bardwell, will read her book and talk about her  
experience of reading and writing.

A big thank you to Mrs Sharkey for organising such a fun-filled Book Week and  
for continuing to find ways to develop the children's love of books.



# Spot Light on Emotion Coaching

Here at The Horsell Village School we use Emotion Coaching as part of our whole school approach for behaviour and well-being.

## What is Emotion Coaching?

- Emotion Coaching is a communication tool that uses moments of emotion to guide and teach a child or a young person about effective responses.
- Accepts all emotions as normal and healthy (but not all behaviours) and considers what the feelings, needs and emotions are behind behaviour
- It enables us to potentially diffuse and de-escalate situations by activating changes in the child's neurological systems and allowing them to calm down, physiologically and psychologically.
- Emotion Coaching helps children to feel seen, appreciated and cared for

Curriculum Focus

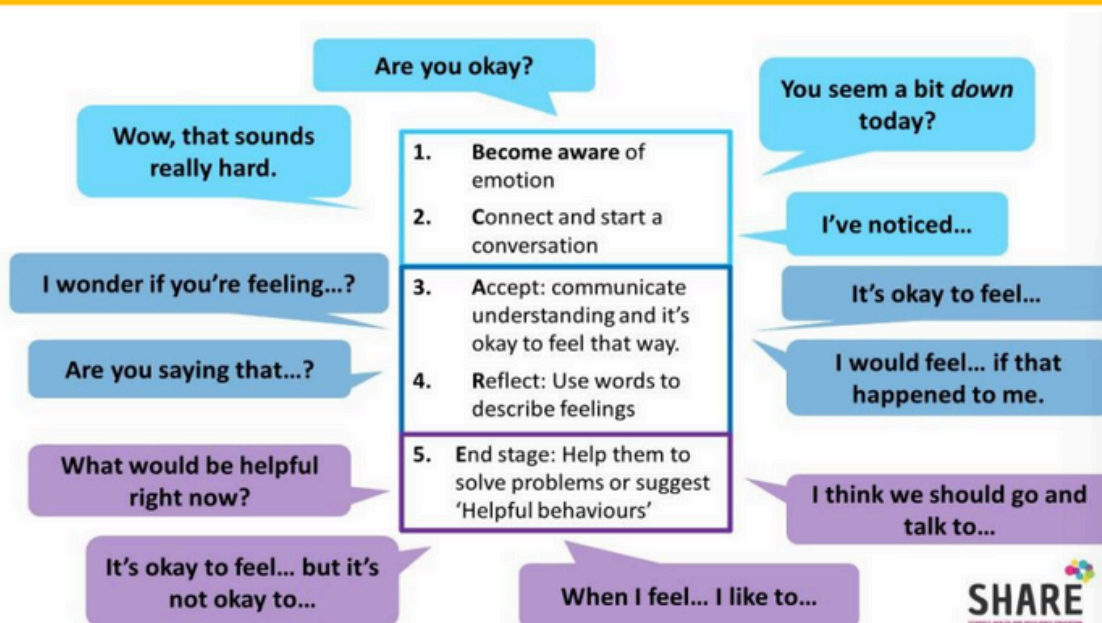


THE COLOR MONSTER FEELS



## How we Emotion Coach?

1. **Become aware of emotion.** Especially if it is low intensity (such as **disappointment** or frustration).
2. **Connect.** View their emotions as opportunities for connection and teaching.
3. **Accept.** Listen and accept their emotions: avoid judgement.
4. **Reflect.** Help them use words to describe what they feel.
5. **End stage.** If appropriate, help them to problem solve. You may also communicate that all wishes and feelings are acceptable, but some behaviours are not.





# Safeguarding

Here at The Horsell Village School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Safeguarding and keeping children safe is everybody's responsibility. In addition to this we have a named team of Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies who are the main point of contact.

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child please contact a member of the school's Designated Safeguarding team in the first instance through the school office.

In addition to this, if you have concerns outside of school you can contact the Children's Single Point of Access on:

**Phone:** 03004709100– Monday to Friday, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

**Email:** [cspa@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Out of Hours Emergency Team:** 01483 517898

You can find additional information regarding our safeguarding culture and processes on our school website as well as <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children>

## Upcoming Events & Community news



Mrs Reeve  
DSL &  
Attendance  
Champion



Mrs Sharkey  
DDSL



Miss Cadey  
DDSL & ELSA



Miss  
Richardson  
DDSL



Mrs Shaw  
DDSL



Mrs Wright  
DDSL & SenCo

# Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

A reminder that Leave of Absence request forms should be submitted at least two weeks in advance.

All term time holidays will be unauthorised.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child/children attend school as regularly as they can.

## Attendance Ladder



# Curriculum Supplies Donation

A huge thank you to all of you who have already donated towards curriculum supplies for your child. As a reminder for those who have not yet done so, to try and supplement the curriculum supplies fund, we are asking parents to donate a suggested contribution of £10 per term. This will cover items such as glue sticks, pencils and board markers as well as supporting enrichment activities such as cooking.

The contribution can be made through ScoPay. Please select the trips and events tab to make the payment.

# PTA CALENDER OF EVENTS

## SPRING TERM 2025

### JANUARY

**Good As New Uniform**  
Sat 18th, 10:00–11:30  
*Horsell Junior School  
(at Redwood)*

### FEBRUARY

**Bags2 School**  
Thu 6th, 8:30  
Both schools

**Quiz night**  
Fri 28th, 19:30–21:00  
*Horsell Junior School*  
*Adults only*  
*Contact class reps to volunteer*

### MARCH

**Easter Trail**  
Sat 29th Mar – Sat 13th Apr  
*Apples & Pears*

### APRIL

**Doughnut sale\***  
Fr 4th  
Collection time  
**Both Schools**

*\*subject to volunteers'  
availability*  
Please contact your class rep

**All our events rely on volunteers' participation.**

**Please contact your class reps or email**

**[horsellschoolspta@gmail.com](mailto:horsellschoolspta@gmail.com) to volunteer or to get involved**



# What's happening in Reception...

The children have enjoyed beginning our new topic 'Growing.' We have looked at the book Oliver's Vegetables, talked about our favourite vegetables and how they grow.

We change topic for one week when we celebrate Book Week. We are using the text 'Luna Loves Library Day' to base our learning from, and are looking forward to our upcoming visit to Woking Library. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to walk with us, we appreciate your support.

Our learning will then move back to the 'Growing' topic and we will begin to think about animals and people growing. We will think about our favourite animals, what their babies are called and the noises they make.

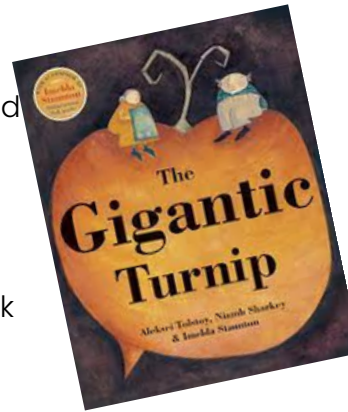
In Maths we will continue our learning about the composition of numbers to 10. We will also look at equal and no equal parts/groups and how this relates to odd and even numbers.

In our Understanding the World learning, we will consider special stories from Christianity, including those that will be found in the Bible. We will also look at planting seeds and watching how they grow.

The focus of our PE sessions will cover ball skills and counterbalance. We will also use our gross motor skills during our outside learning and our small motor skills paying specific attention to our pencil grip and letter formation.

Our Class Assemblies are coming up.  
Thursday 13th March - Foxcubs  
Thursday 20th March - Rabbits  
Thursday 27th March - Otters

We are looking forward to our farm visit on Monday 31st March.



## Phonics



The sounds we are looking at now are:

### Miss Burtenshow:

Phase 3 - oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er  
Tricky words: we, are, you, all, was, give, live

### Mrs Shaw/Mrs Emslie:

Phase 3 - ear, air, ure, er  
Phase 4 - reading CVCC and CCVC words  
Tricky words: all, was, give, live,

### Mrs Knight

Phase 4 - Reading CCVC, CVCC and two syllable words.  
Tricky words: were, there, little, one, they, all, are, do, when, out, what, my, all, her

Books are changed on a Tuesday and a Friday once parents/carers have commented in the diary. We appreciate your support in guiding your child's reading development.

grow  
seed  
co-operation  
farmer  
tractor  
celebration



night  
old  
over  
quick  
same  
short  
side  
small

## Reminders

### Numbots:

Have you logged into Numbots? The login details are in the front of the reading diaries.

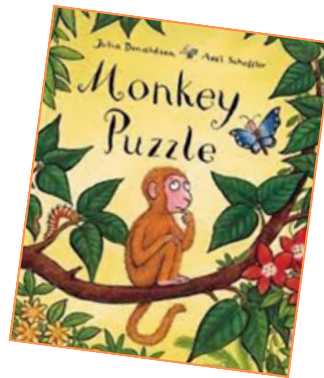
# What's happening in Year 1...

We have really enjoyed starting this half term with Book Week! It was lovely to see so many children at Bears at Bedtime, and the children were inspired by our visiting author Zanna Davidson. We have immersed ourselves in the book 'Our Tower' and have created some lovely descriptive writing.

We have also launched our new topic 'Carnival of the Animals' and we are looking forward to our trip to Marwell Zoo on the 21st March. We have started to explore different animals and their habitats, linking this to the book *The Journey Home*, and over the coming weeks we will be comparing these and exploring where different animals live in the world.

Following on from Book Week, we will be reading the book *Monkey Puzzle* and using adjectives and verbs to describe different animals. We will also be learning about the life of Sir David Attenborough and the important work he has carried out educating the world about the wide variety of species that live on this delightful planet!

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore place value. We will also be exploring measure looking at height and length as well as mass and volume.



## Phonics



The children will be working through Phases 3-5 in their Phonics groups. Please spend time reflecting on the sounds in your child's Phonics reading book they take home on Tuesdays and Fridays.

## Spelling

There is a list of High Frequency Words and Common Exception Words in the centre of the Reading Record for your child to practise at home. Your child needs to be able to spell these words by the end of the year.

herbivore

carnivore

extinct

habitat

journey

direction

# What's happening in Year 2...

This month sees us continuing on our learning journey into the rain forests of the world and the animals and creatures that call them home.

In Science, we will be observing changes over time and investigating, 'What Rots?' We will make careful predictions using what we already know and will then observe how objects left on the ground change over time. We will also be learning about food chains and comparing plants that we might see in this country to those found in the rain forests.

In English, inspired by our Book Week text, 'Our Tower', we will be exploring how the author has described characters and places using adjectives and descriptive phrases. We will then focus on the texts, The Great Green Forest and The Great Kapok Tree.

In Maths, we will embed our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division and using our understanding of multiples to help us to record and check our work.

At the end of the month, on Monday the 24th March, we will be exploring all the wonderful plant life at Kew Gardens!



deforestation

decompose

silent

continent

canopy

vivid

ancestor

dappled

oxygen

## Phonics

The children will be working through the Phases in their Phonics groups:

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

## Tricky Words

There is a list of High Frequency Words and Common Exception Words in the centre of the Reading Record for your child to practise at home. Your child needs to be able to spell these words by the end of the year.

