



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .03



Welcome to November's edition of the school's newsletter. We hope you all had a lovely and enjoyable half term. The children have come back to school today with a spring in their steps, excited to find out about what they will be learning and spending time with their friends. In this month's edition you will find:

- Diary dates for the remainder of the Autumn Term
- Details explaining future events
- Safeguarding and Attendance guidance
- Year Group Pages

Each year group are launching their new learning topics this week.



In Reception the children will be learning about and exploring a range of different emotions through their topic 'Dinosaur Celebrations'



In Year 1 the children will be exploring how to keep themselves healthy through their topic 'Fill up, Fuel up'



In Year 2 the children will be exploring how things work through their topic 'Bikes and Buses'

You can find out more about your child's learning on the Year group pages on the school website. Please use the following link which will take you directly to the page where you will find a curriculum map detailing what the key skills and knowledge are for each subject.

<https://www.horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk/learning/>

Welcome back everyone.

Diary Dates November & December



06.11.2024	All children back to school
07.11.2024	Diwali Day
08.11.2024	Maths- KS1 Parent Workshop- School Hall 9.00 am
11.11.2024	Friendship Week
11.11.2024	Remembrance Day
12.11.2024	Odd Socks Day
14.11.2024	Maths- EYFS Parent Workshop School Hall 9.00 am
15.11.2024	Children in Need Day
18.11.2024	Road Safety Week
22.11.2024	Parent Volunteer Meeting 9.00 am
25.11.2024	Yr2 trip to Brooklands Museum
07.12.2024	PTA Christmas Fair 12.00 to 3.00 pm The Horsell Village School
10.12.2024	Christmas Production Snowy Owls, Squirrels & Fox Cubs 9.30 am & 5.00 pm
11.12.2024	Christmas Production Barn Owls, Hedgehogs & Rabbits 9.30 am & 5.00 pm
12.12.2024	Christmas Production Tawny Owls, Badgers & Otters 9.30 am & 5.00 pm
12.12.2024	Pied Piper Theatre Visit
13.12.2024	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties
16.12.2024	Hanukah Day
20.12.2024	End of Term - 1.15 pm Finish

Maths Workshops



Come and find out how we teach maths here at The Horsell Village School.

Our maths workshop is designed to give you an overview of how we teach maths and to provide you with strategies on how to support at home. Each workshop will be held in the school hall at 9.00 am. We would love to see you there, however please do not worry if you cannot physically attend these meetings as they will also be shared via email and on our school website maths page- under the curriculum tab.

KS1 - Friday 8th November - 9.00 am School Hall

EYFS- Thursday 14th November 9.00 am School Hall

**HAPPY
Diwali**



On Thursday 7th November we will be exploring the celebration of Diwali. The children be taking part in a number of different learning opportunities as well as being joined by Nabhi Das from the London Institute of Vedic Education.

We would like to wish all our families who celebrate

'Happy Diwali'

Friendship Week



National Friendship week is the week beginning Monday 11th November 2024.

Throughout the week we will be exploring what is the key to being a good friend. We will be reading lots of stories based on what healthy relationships look like, as well as exploring friendship questions

On Tuesday 12th November we will be participating in 'Odd Socks' day, where we invite the children to wear odd socks to school alongside their school uniform. 'Odd Socks' day is to celebrate what makes us all unique.

On Friday we will finish the week supporting the annual 'Children in Need day'. Please see details alongside.

A friendly plea

A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. If tying your dogs on a lead outside of school please be aware of where this is and ensure that all entrances and exits to and from school are dog free. Not all children or adults like dogs and for some this can cause increased anxiety.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Upcoming
Events
&
Community news



BBC Children in Need is back on Friday 15th November 2024.

This year we will be joining in with the theme 'Make life lighter' by inviting children to wear something dotty alongside their school uniform.

Should you wish to make a contribution please use the following link

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/horsell-village-1730881692360?newPage=true>

Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



We will be honouring Remembrance Day on Monday 11th November.

We will be recognising the service of others and discussing how this reflects our school motto of kindness.

As in previous years, if your child attends Beavers, Rainbows or Brownies we are more than happy for them to wear their uniform to school.

Safeguarding & Attendance



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

Out of Hours Emergency Team: 01483 517898



DSL Team

You can find additional information regarding our safeguarding culture and processes on our school website as well as

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children>

Library Request

We are very fortunate to have Mrs Westaway who maintains our school library.



Currently, we are running low on the following types of books:

Beast Quest

Horrible Histories

Non-fiction dinosaur books

Non-fiction transport books

If you, or anyone you know, have any of these books and are no longer using them, we would make good use of them in our school library.

Thank you for your continued support!



Heading home with someone else?

If your child is heading home with a friend or being picked up by someone else please make sure you have let the school office know by 3.00 pm at the very latest. This allows time for staff to be informed before the end of the school day.

Thank you

Christmas Events

The Christmas season at The Horsell Village School is fast approaching. We wanted to share in advance some of the events we have planned to provide as much notice as possible.

Christmas Performances



This year we will be holding our Christmas Production in St Mary's Church.

We will be performing the story of the 'The Big Little Nativity'

The children will be performing in Class triplets each having two performances on their specific day. One at 9.30 am and one at 5.00 pm. The children will need to return to school by 4.45 pm before their evening performance.



Tuesday
10th December
9.30 am & 5.00 pm

Snowy Owls, Squirrels and Foxcubs Performance day

Wednesday
11th December
9.30 am & 5.00 pm

Barn Owls, Hedgehogs and Rabbits Performance day

Thursday
12th December
9.30 am & 5.00 pm

Tawny Owls, Badgers and Otters Performance day

This is a non - ticketed event, however we ask that you limit to two members of the family per performance. Younger siblings are welcome, however please take them out should they become upset or unsettled and please do not be offended should you be asked to. The children would have spent a long time learning their lines and songs. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and year group Christmas Parties are all on Friday 13th December.



The children will enjoy a full day of festivities. They do not need to bring any party food.



We will send out more information closer to the time.

What's happening in Reception...

The children thoroughly enjoyed our topic last half term "Anyone can be a Hero" – especially the visit by the fire engine and fire fighters who told us about how they help people and how we needed to 'stop, drop and roll!'

We have seen some fantastic Go for It Gorillas over the last month, well done everyone! We have discussed all the characteristics now. See if your child can remember when they were showing these behaviours. We are sure some Creative Chameleons will be in force this week with our firework activities.

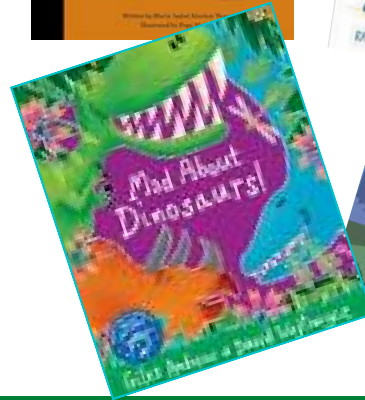


The return to school sees our new topic starting "Dinosaur Celebrations". We begin this topic by discussing Bonfire night, why it is celebrated and how to be safe around fireworks. We then move on to some dinosaur topic related learning, reading 'The Worrysaurus' where we discuss emotions and 'Mad About Dinosaurs' where we will look at rhymes. In PSHE we are celebrating differences, thinking about how we are special and unique as well as how we are the same.

We are trying hard to write some CVC words with the sounds we have learnt e.g. cat, hop, sit. Have a go at writing some words at home too!

We have been focusing on counting accurately and using our super subitising skills (don't count, say the amount). Play a game with a dice at home and see if you can subitise the number!

celebration
dinosaur
the past
extinct



Phonics

The sounds we are looking at now are:

f ff | ll ss

Then we will start phase 3:

j v w x y z zz

We will look at the tricky words:
go the me be

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

Reminders

Please may we ask that you stay with your child in the morning before the classroom doors open and encourage them (and younger siblings) not to play with the equipment that is set up for the day's learning.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

What's happening in Year 1...

The children have been introduced to the new topic for this half term, 'Fill up, Fuel up.'

We have started by zooming in on fruits and exploring all the adjectives we can use to describe how they look, feel and taste. In Science we will be exploring fruits further and will investigate changes to foods over time.

In DT, we will be preparing a fruit salad and will make Christmas biscuits, focusing on safety and hygiene. The children will be learning to design, make and evaluate their own food products. During the preparation and making stages, we will be learning to cut, spread, peel etc.

We will be drawing upon our real life experiences in school to help us to write instructions in English. In our writing, we will be using imperative verbs (wash, cut, peel...) and time conjunctions (first, then, next...).

In Geography, we will be developing our map reading skills and will revisit the continents and oceans. In Art, we will study the work of the artists Caravaggio and Arcimboldo. We will be developing our drawing skills, focusing on line, tone and texture.

Our PSHE this half term is focusing on celebrating differences, including what makes us special and how we can all be a good friend and show kindness to others.



Phonics



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

- Phase 3
- Phase 4
- Phase 5

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.

worship

embroidered

church

squabble

senses

cliff

atlas

observe

recipe

cabin

What's happening in Year 2...

Master Makers – Bikes and Buses

Happy November everyone!

We have an exciting month of learning ahead of us including a trip to Brooklands Museum on Monday 25th November.

We will be beginning our new topic 'Bikes and Buses'.

In Maths, we will be learning how to add and subtract a one digit number from a two digit number and a two digit number from another two digit number.

In English, we will be using the story, 'Pedal Power' to inspire us to create posters informing others about the benefits of riding more bikes.

We will then be using the story, 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' as a starting point to help us with our learning about how to use different sentence starters, adjectives and adverbs.

In Science, we will be learning about keeping healthy and healthy diets and using our knowledge to help cyclist Chris Hoy stay healthy whilst training and, in History, we will be learning about how bikes have changed over time. In Art, we will be learning how to mould and join clay and creating a decorative candle holder and in DT we will be designing and creating our own vehicles using wheels and axles.

We will also be honouring Remembrance Day, recognising the service of others and discussing how this reflects our school motto of kindness.



Phonics



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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5 alternatives

Tricky Words

wild child, child children, old told, gold golden
ever, never, every everybody, even, event, fast,
past

exercise

cycling

health

handlebar

vitality

unique

transport

vehicle travel

invention

commuter

historical