



1st April 2019

Dear Parents

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4th Easter Service at the Church at 9.30am

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6th Bank Holiday

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Mufti Charity Day – Foodbank and Red Nose Day

We raised a £140 for each respective charity and the Co-op donated a further £20 and a shopping trolley to use on their site as they are so hard to come by, which they are in much need of. Mrs Aughterson packed up her car with all the donated clothes and delivered them last week (see photo). Today a member of the foodbank team is coming to school to speak with the children and collect the remaining items. Thank you for all your donations.



Parent Survey

Many thanks to all of you who have completed the Parent Survey so far, we are going to extend the deadline to the end of day tomorrow, **Tuesday 2nd April**, in case you would still like an opportunity to respond.

Maths Curriculum Day

Our curriculum morning 'retake', because of the snow on the 1st February, was once again very well attended with over 80 parents attending. Thank you for coming.

Easter Service

Please join us if you can for the Easter Service which is on **Thursday 4th April at 9.30am**. The children are really enjoying practicing their songs.

Just a reminder of our 'First day calling'

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and are making changes to our absence procedures. To help us to safeguard your family, please contact us as soon as possible if your child is absent from school and let us know of a reason for absence. You can do this by selecting one of the following methods:

- Phone: 01483 714804
- Email: reception@horsell-village.surrey.sch.uk

If school have not received a reason for absence by 9.15am, then the following procedure will be followed:

1. The school will telephone the first name on the contact list.
2. If there is no response, school will ring other numbers on the contact list, until a reply is received.
3. If school have had no response, a home visit will be made if possible, by either school staff or other agencies working with the family.
5. School will contact the Police if all other stages have been completed and there is still no contact regarding the absent child.

It's the Summer term after the holidays and hopefully we will see some sun!

Summer Uniform

We don't have an official start date for when the Summer uniform can be worn, you can choose, however what we do know is that the weather will continue to be changeable! Please make sure your child comes to school every day prepared for all eventualities; with a waterproof coat, jumper or cardigan for when it is colder and wet, as well as a sun hat with a wide brim or legionnaire hat to give shade to the face for when it's sunny.

Rucksacks

If you are getting a new or summer back pack for your child can we please make a plea to use the school one or a similar one. The lovely Smiggle ones or football club ones are just so large they don't fit on our pegs. Please don't go out and get new ones, it was just if you were thinking of replacing any. Thank you.

Suntan Lotion

We ask that sunblock is applied first thing in the morning and not brought into school. We ensure the children spend time in the shade and ask them to wear their hat when they are in our outside classroom. For more information, please see our Sun Protection Policy on our website. We ask that sun glasses are not brought into school.

Summer Shoes

As it gets warmer, we begin to see some Summer shoes at school. Could we please remind you when buying Summer sandals, especially for the girls, that they must have a solid toe and heel. This is to make sure that sandals do not get caught on any equipment at lunchtimes and in the outside classroom. We would like to remind you that trainers are not acceptable footwear in school.

Our outside area

It is lovely seeing all the children use our equipment in the playground before and after school. Please remember however that it is designed for children who are aged 4 and older. We ask that you supervise younger children very closely. We also ask that before and after school you supervise all your children, whatever age, to ensure that they are using the equipment safely.

Please remember that we ask for all adults and children, even younger siblings, not to ride their bikes or scooters in the playground and car park. These must be pushed or left in the scooter park to enable everyone to be able enter and leave safely. Many thanks for your help with this.

Children Centre Update

We emailed you in December asking you to take part in the consultation around Children Centres. As you may know, there will be changes this year to Children's Centres and how Surrey County Council supports families.

The new approach will involve Surrey County Council focusing its resources on helping the families most in need of support, which means that some of the existing Children's Centres will close and others will become Family Centres. We know that in the proposal the Horsell Centre will close, however, there is not a timeline for this and we are still 'business as usual'. Surrey County Council will no longer provide universal services for all families at Family Centres but other organisations, such as health visitors, may offer these at the centres and at other community venues. There is a [new page](#) on the Surrey County Council website which provides information about the final proposals that were agreed by Surrey County Council's Cabinet. This also has a link to the results of the consultation that was undertaken to get views and suggestions on the draft proposals.

The changes will take place at different times across Surrey's 11 districts and boroughs, so to make sure families can find out what is happening in their area the [district and borough pages](#) on the Family Information Service website will be regularly updated from April. They will provide information about when current activities offered at Children's Centres will close and where Family Centres will open. You can use the [Family Information Directory](#) to find universal and other services, support groups, activities, events and more.

Governor Update

The Governors had their Full Governing Body meeting last week and we welcomed two new governors on to the team. Shanna Hall has joined the Resources Committee and John Lockwood has been co-opted onto the same committee.

Like many other schools, we were asked to attend an Annual Trust Review last term with the Department for Education's Regional School Commissioner. The meeting went very well; the Regional School Commissioner praised the current performance of the Trust, highlighting the good progress and attainment within each of the five schools. The question asked was, where to next? How are we going to continue to improve and develop further? With this in mind we are continuing to explore our next steps as a Trust and how we can work closer in partnership together. Later this week there will be an update on this.

Warmest wishes

Elaine Cooper