



# The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .01



Welcome to the 'Start of the year' newsletter, we hope it finds you well.

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. It has been lovely seeing Year 1 and Year 2 heading back into school and our new Reception children during their morning sessions. The children are settling well into their new classes and routines and are enjoying being together again. There is a real sense of pride in how smart they look in their uniforms and an excitement in the air with what's to come.

Staff have worked hard over the Summer to ensure the school environment is as warm and inviting as ever. A big thank you to Mr Santos, Mrs Santos and Mrs Anders who completed a deep clean off every inch of the building- leaving it clean and sparkling for us to enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the parents of all our new Reception children and any other new parents across The Horsell Village community. For those who are new, I am Mrs Reeve, The Headteacher here at The Horsell Village School. You will often see myself or a member of the leadership team in the mornings on the school gate. Please pop over and say hello.



Mrs Reeve



Mrs Sharkey



Miss Richardson



Mrs Wright



Mrs Shaw

Community plays a significant part in all that we do here at The Horsell Village School. We are all very excited about the coming year and working together to provide our children with the best possible educational experience we can.

Best Wishes

Mrs Reeve and the team at The Horsell Village School

## Diary Dates

- 11.09.2023 Parent Volunteers meeting  
9.15 am and 2.30 pm  
Children's Centre
- 12.09.2023 Year 2 Parent Induction  
meeting. 9.15 am  
School Hall
- 13.09.2023 Year 1 Parent Induction  
meeting. 9.15 am  
School Hall
- 14.09.2023 Reception full time
- 16.09.2023 Uniform Sale 10am-11:30am  
School car park
- 19.09.2023 Reception Parent Induction  
meeting. 9.15 am  
School Hall
- 21.09.2023 Parent Volunteers meeting  
9.15 am and 2.30 pm  
Children's Centre
- 27.09.2023 KS1 Parent Reading Workshop  
(Yr 1 & Yr2 )  
9.15 am and 6.30 pm  
School Hall
- 29.09.2023 Parent Volunteers meeting  
9.15 am and 2.30 pm  
Children's Centre
- 04.10.2023 Reception Parent Reading  
Workshop  
9.15 am and 6.30 pm  
School Hall
- 05.10.2023 Kindness to Others Day  
Harvest Festival – **child event**
- 17.10.2023 Evening Parent Conferences  
4pm-7pm
- 19.10.2023 Individual School Photographs
- 20.10.2023 Welly Walk & Autumn Day  
**Parent Event**  
  
Finish for Half Term  
3.00 pm

# Induction Meetings

Induction meetings are a great opportunity for you to meet the Year Group Leader and hear about the year ahead, the learning expectations and how you can support at home.

Each of the Year Group Induction meetings will take place at 9.15am in the school hall. They will last for approximately 30 minutes.

Please do not worry if you cannot attend the Year Group Induction meeting as all of the information will be shared on the Year Group Page on the school website.

Upcoming  
Events  
&  
Curriculum news

## YEAR R

Tuesday 19th  
September

## YEAR 1

Wednesday  
13th September

## YEAR 2

Tuesday 12th  
September



## Reading Parent Workshop

Throughout the year we run a number of different workshops focusing on specific areas of the curriculum. This term we will be running workshops on how we teach Reading and Maths.

Each workshop is designed to give you an overview of the teaching approaches we take here at The Horsell Village School and to provide you with strategies on how to support at home.

Again please do not worry if you cannot physically attend these meetings as they will also be shared via email and on our school curriculum website pages.

Each workshop will be held in the school hall at 9.15 am and then repeated at 6.30 pm on the same day.

### Reading Workshops

- KS1 ( Year 1 & Year 2) Wednesday 27th September
- EYFS ( Year R) Wednesday 4th October

### Maths Workshops

- KS1 ( Year 1 & Year 2 ) Thursday 2nd November
- EYFS ( Year R) Thursday 16th November

## School Values



As a school we embrace the Values Education Approach. We aim for our values and the core principle of kindness to show through everything that is said and done in our school.

Our school values are as follows

- Respect
- Honesty
- Co-operation
- Appreciation
- Responsibility.

This half term we will be focusing on the value of :

## Respect

Respect to ourselves  
Respect to others  
Respect to property  
Respecting the right that everyone can have their own thoughts, values and opinions



# 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 schools 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>



Keeping  
Children  
Safe



Mrs Sharkey DSL

Mrs Reeve  
Deputy DSL



Miss Cadley  
Deputy DSL



## Keeping Children Safe Online

Please can we ask for your support at the beginning of the school year to keep your children safe when using mobile phones, smart devices, tablets etc. Giving a child a device without parental controls can put them at risk.

As a school, we recognise the role that we have to teach the children about how to keep themselves safe online within the curriculum. The impact of this teaching is far more effective if we are all working in partnership together.

We would strongly recommend:

- Keeping screens and devices where you can see them and children do not have access to devices in their bedroom at night.
- Having regular open discussions with your child about their online activity.
- Checking PEGI age ratings and descriptors on games before buying them for your child and carefully consider whether the content is appropriate for your child.
- Being 'share aware' to protect your privacy.
- Having parental controls in place to filter inappropriate content.

## Volunteering at School

If you would like to volunteer to be a parent helper at school you will need to have a school DBS check as well as attend one of our 'Parent Volunteers' briefings before starting to help in school. You can attend one of these meetings whilst awaiting or before applying for your DBS check. You can find out about how to apply for a DBS through visiting parent's section of our school website. Here you will find the schools unique reference code that you will need when making an application.

Parent volunteer briefings are being held at 9.15 am and 2.30pm on:

- Thursday 21st September
- Friday 29th September

We will be running parent volunteer briefings at the beginning of every half term.



## Jewellery

We ask that no jewellery is worn at school, this includes earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced, during the 6 week healing time, we ask that you cover their earrings with tape every day.

Children in Year 2 may wear an analogue watch to support the Year 2 Maths curriculum of being to tell the analogue time.

Start of term  
reminders

## Birthday Celebrations



We celebrate each child's birthday at school. We would like to remind you that we do not give out birthday sweets.

Please save these treats for home.

## Hair- The long and short

We encourage children to be as active as possible, therefore we ask that hair is tied back everyday.

A good guide is if it is long enough to be tied back then it should be.

Please keep hair accessories as plain and simple as possible and in the school colour of green.

## Keeping Healthy

We ask that your child brings to a fruit snack to school everyday. It should be fresh fruit or a vegetable. We provide your child with an additional snack in the afternoons.

Whilst at school it is also important for your children to keep hydrated. Please send them to school everyday with a named water bottle.

## Communications

Should you need to pass a message onto the class teachers in the morning, please email or ring the school office. We can assure you that the message will get to them. I am sure you can appreciate drop off is a very busy time and the class teachers have a lot to remember as well as settling the children into school. Of course we appreciate that this may not always be possible, but please refer to email or a phone call in the first instance.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Drop off and pick up

To make drop off and pick up run smoothly, please can we request that you:

- Arrive between the allocated time. The school gates open at 8.40 am in the mornings and will close at 8.55 am. Learning starts as soon as they children are in.
- Please do not use your mobile phone on site, during drop off and pick up. We have a duty of care to safeguard all children.
- If coming in at the front of the school through the small side gate please only use this to enter. It becomes very congested at this small gate.
- If you are running late ( we know things happen) - please ring the school office to keep us informed- this helps us to prepare your child / children- especially at the end of a school day.
- If someone different is picking up, please inform the school office before 2.30 pm. Messages received at 3.00pm do not allow the office staff sufficient time to get to the classrooms.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking.

Finally, could we ask that once you have dropped off or picked up your child that you do not congregate on the drive into the car park. It gets very busy during these times and this area can become especially congested for other members of the public.

Thank you for your support.



# School Clubs

Here at The Horsell Village School we have an extensive range of after school clubs for your children to attend should they wish to. If you haven't had the chance to do so yet, head over to our new school website, under the parent section to find out more.

Please note that Reception children are not offered the option to join clubs for the first half of the Autumn term whilst they are settling in.

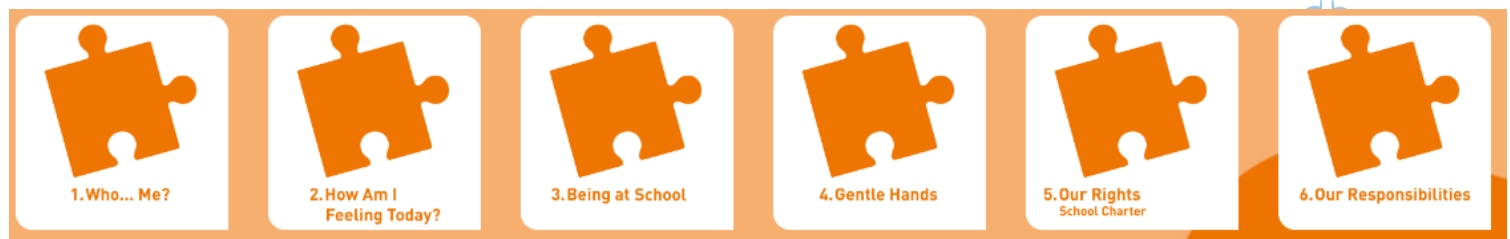


## School Uniform

We already have a small collection beginning to accumulate in our lost property box. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled- this includes sun hats and caps worn during the warmer weather.

During this week's induction meetings we will share information regarding PE days for each class. However we would like to remind you that sometimes these can change so it is important that PE kits are left in school. We will send them home each half term.

## Jigsaw-The mindful approach to PSHE



This half term we will be exploring the unit- 'Being me in my World'. Each week the children will be exploring set themes to help them establish their sense of self in their new classes and new school. (for some children). We will be revisiting key parts of our school motto- with a focus on 'Kindness to others' and how we can show this.

# English



## Phonics and Reading



At The Horsell Village School, we teach Phonics and Reading using the Bug Club Phonics scheme. This year, using PTA funds, we were very fortunate to have been able to increase our stock of books that support our scheme. These books will be sent home with our children in Reception, Year 1 and some in Year 2 who are still in the early stages of developing their reading skills.

The Bug Club books match the current sounds your child is learning in Phonics, at school, and are for your child to consolidate their Phonics and Reading practice. KS1 children will bring home a banded book which is a wider reading book.

Last week, the Year 1 and 2 children brought home their reading records along with a parent guide on how to support your child's reading at home.

The Reception children will begin taking their reading records home next week so please look out for this.

If you would like to know how to further support your child's reading at home, and to find out a little more about the school's approach to Reading, please do come along to our Reception and/or KS1 Parent Reading workshops.

(see dates on the first page of the newsletter).

## Writing

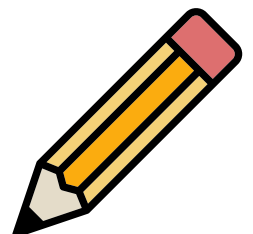
### Handwriting

In Reception and Year 1, we use a handwriting scheme called Letter-join to teach handwriting. At home, parents can log in and access this interactive programme. Please click on your child's class where you will be able to see the correct handwriting style we are teaching at school and your child can practice their letter formation.

<https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/log-in.html>

username: jk9991

password: home



# What's happening in Reception...

We are so proud of all the children and the way they have started to settle into school and the routines in each class.

Over the morning visits and extended sessions we have been busy learning about school expectations as we find our way around the classroom, building and playground.

We are also enjoying getting to know the different members of our class, discovering interesting facts about our new friends and sharing information about our own lives, likes and dislikes with them.

We are very excited about staying for lunch and then extending to a full day on Thursday.

Our first topic at school is 'Anyone can be a Hero'. During this topic we will be exploring and finding out about all the adults that work at school. We will be talking about the many different jobs people have and what we might like to do when we are older. We will also be thinking about ourselves as learners and what this looks like. Here at school we use the "Characteristics of an Effective learner zoo to help us.

We teach through key texts, exploring a range of vocabulary. Above are pictures of the key texts we will be using this half term.



Key texts to this half term



## Phonics

Here at The Horsell Village School we use the approach from 'Bug Club' to teach our phonics program. Each lesson is split into 4 sections, - identifying sounds, blending, reading and writing.

We will be starting our phonics lessons this week and then sending out reading books at the end of next week.

The first set of sounds we will explore are:  
s a t i p n



Our learning zoo.

# What's happening in Year 1...

A warm welcome to everyone who has joined Year 1, this year. The children have had a wonderful start to the term and have settled into the new routines of KS1. This week, we are launching our new topic, 'Destination Outer Space'. The children will be introduced to a new text and will be practising writing simple sentences about the character and story, exploring different adjectives to use in their sentences. This half term, we are mastering being able to say the sentence we want to write, using finger spaces between each word and reading back what we have written.

In Maths, the children will be reading and writing numbers. They will be recognising 1 more and 1 less than a given number, counting on from a number and comparing numbers.

In history, the children will be learning about significant people and events to do with space. In Art, we will be exploring the colour wheel and learning about colour mixing. We will use our paint skills to create space art inspired by Joe Van Wetering in the coming weeks.

In Science, we will be exploring materials and their properties and describing what materials different objects are made from.

## Phonics



To begin the year, the children are revisiting the sounds they have not yet mastered. All phonics sounds are in the centre of the reading record for you to practise with your child at home.

## 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.



friendship

lonely

change

compare

Space/space

hopeful

spaceship

planet

explore

Earth



# What's happening in Year 2...

Welcome back everyone! We are very excited to be sharing the start of another learning journey with our brand new Year Two's. We have a fantastic year ahead of us.

We will begin by getting to know our class owls in detail. Looking at what their key features are, how they live and the food chain that they are part of. To help inspire us, we will be using the books, 'Owl Babies' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. We will be learning all about nouns and adjectives and creating owl information posters.

We will then be moving on to learning all about 'Master Makers'.

In Maths, we will be learning about place value, counting objects to one hundred by counting in groups of tens and ordering objects and numbers.

In Science and DT, we will be exploring and learning all about materials and their properties; investigating their strength and flexibility and investigating the ways that they can be joined together.

In History, we will be discovering who Isambard Kingdom Brunel was and why he is significant.

Towards the end of the month we will be out and about in our locality on a sculpture walk. We will be learning all about the different sculptures that we see, discussing the materials they are made from and how we know and creating maps to inform others as to how to find them.



## Phonics



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

Phase 3/4

Phase 5

## Tricky Words

These are in the centre of the Reading Record for your child to practise at home.

nest

author

swooping

exotic

habitat

local

nocturnal

Canal

talons

town

prey

village

windswept