

Newsletter – 20.6.25

Horsham Children’s Parade Preparations

The whole school were involved in preparing Horshamasaurus ready for the parade on Sunday 6th July from 10am – 12pm. Under the guidance of artists Aida and Paul, the children really enjoyed the opportunity to get creative and very gluey as they worked together as a team to create this year’s master piece. What was particularly lovely was seeing JBB involving Cadbury children in this artistic process. Please notify the school through the google form or via office if you are able to attend.

Horsham Children's Parade is seeking volunteer marshals to help with the parade on Sunday 6th July from 10.30am-12.30pm. Interested parties should email horshamchildrensparade@gmail.com. All volunteers will need to provide their full name, email address and mobile number and also read and sign the safeguarding form.



Science Day at Christ’s Hospital

William, Elliott, Jac and Bethany in Year 5 were some of the very fortunate children from around 15 primary schools invited to attend the popular ‘Solving Crime with Science Day’ at Christ’s Hospital on Wednesday 11th June.

A doughnut had been stolen from Dr Medley, the Head of Science's office, and there were four suspects. Our children were asked to use forensic science and scientific techniques to provide evidence and help solve the crime. They participated in 3 sessions (biology, chemistry and physics) and carried out tests on blood, hair, clothing fibres, plant traces, rocks, powder, fingerprints, glass shards and ink. There was a lot of information to take onboard. They did a fantastic job and concluded the correct culprit - Suspect C! They thoroughly enjoyed the day and were a credit to William Penn - well done!

It was a very impressive day, with incredible facilities, fantastic student helpers and welcoming staff. We were able to watch the exceptional school band play and all 900 students marched into the dining hall for their lunch as they do four days a week, including Saturdays. They are now offering bursaries for day students as well as boarders.

'At Christs Hospital my favourite activities were using the microscopes and the bunsen burner to look at evidence from the crime scene. The lunch and snacks were delicious and I got to spend the day with my friends. I really enjoyed the whole day.' Bethany.



Pop-Up Art Exhibition in July

On Thursday 12th of June, Fry class enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of art. We were lucky enough to welcome Jane Eava and Maureen Wells to deliver us an art workshop inspired by Yayoi Kusama, an influential Japanese artist.

Maureen gave us a masterclass in sketching before we started to create our art. We then used markers and inks to finish off our masterpieces.

Our work will be displayed in a Pop-Up Exhibition from Wednesday 16th to Saturday 19th July, 10:00 – 5:00pm at Fittleworth Village Hall, RH20 1JB, alongside art from other local schools.

Jane and Maureen commented on the children's great behaviour and positive attitudes to learning and they were incredibly impressed with the art work that the pupils produced. It was a fantastic afternoon and I feel so proud that the class represented our school so brilliantly.



Health and safety

Please refrain from parking in front of the neighbours' driveways. We have had no complaints this term and would like this to remain the same until the end of the summer term.

When collecting your child at the end of the day, please keep them with you at all times. Children are not to play on the gym as it becomes difficult for teaching staff to know whether they have been picked up or not.

Children must leave their mobile phones in the front office as they enter the school and collect them at the end of the day. These must not be left in bags.



Visit from John Milne MP

On Monday 16th June, William Penn were treated to a questions and answers session with the Liberal Democrat Horsham MP. The children found out all about his life in politics and what it is like to work in the Houses of Parliament. John loves many aspects of the job, including getting to travel and meet lots of interesting people. However, his working day often lasts fourteen hours! The children were surprised to learn that he hadn't always been a politician – he had even written a film script when he was younger and had a previous career in advertising. It was a really informative assembly. The MP tackled all the difficult questioning with warmth and humility.

Tomato plants are coming home today!

As part of the 'Grow to Love Veg' initiative, we have all grown tomato plants from seedlings. These have been re-potted and now need to be cared for at home. You can visit the website for more information about this brilliant initiative and find delicious tomato-based recipes: <https://vegpower.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Guide-for-parents-and-carers-digitalgt125-shaun.pdf>

Top tips for how to care for your plant:

The secret to caring for tomato plants is placing them in a sunny spot on a windowsill, balcony or outside (turning daily) and watering regularly when the compost starts to feel dry. Also try to remove side shoots which grow where the base of the leaf joins the stem. This is called 'pinching out'.

Hopefully the children will see some delicious fruit appear over the summer and ready for the September harvest. One of the best ways to eat fresh, home grown tomatoes is straight from the vine! Encourage your little farmers to try them and describe how they taste. There are also plenty of tomato recipes and snack ideas on the website.

Mrs Constable would love some photos of successful plant growing and the tomatoes that are eventually harvested. Please can you email the office with these photos once we return in September, so that they can be shared with the rest of school.



Year 6 Transition Workshop

Year 6 pupils had a school transition workshop with Zoe Bedford from [NLP4Kids](https://www.nlp4kids.org).

The workshop focussed on communication, positive thinking patterns, emotional state awareness, confidence and preparation for secondary school.

Our Year 6 group were very engaged and every child reported feeling more confident after the session, they also said they found it very useful and that they feel so much better about starting secondary school. It was lovely to see them feel lighter and less worried.

How to contact Zoe or find out more;

W: www.ChildTherapySussex.NLP4Kids.org

T: 07470 338563

E: Zoe@NLP4Kids.org



Zoe also offers 1:1 sessions face to face in Billingshurst or online, so if your child is struggling don't wait for the problem to get bigger, get in touch and we can arrange a bespoke programme that will make them feel better.

PTA GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP

To support the amazing 'MISSION MASTERPIECE' art day exhibition planned to showcase our children's creative talents on THURSDAY 26th JUNE at 3.20pm, we are offering a GLASS PAINTING session. We shall provide the glassware, glass paint and an opportunity to do some art with your children or watch and have a catch up! Parents will be invited to buy their child's work for a nominal donation that will go towards the school.

Miss Thomas has kindly provided some inspiration in the photos – see below. Tickets are now on sale via Classlist or we can take cash or card payment on the day! £3 per glass or £5 for 2 glasses. These prices include glassware, paints, crisps and soft drinks. We look forward to seeing you!

WHATSAPP GROUPS

We have set up WhatsApp groups for each year group. If you would like to be added to receive friendly reminders of school events from the PTA, please email us at williampennpta@outlook.com

TERRACYCLE

We need your help!

We are keen to ramp up our recycling initiative to help earn us money for the school (and save the planet!)

We are currently collecting:

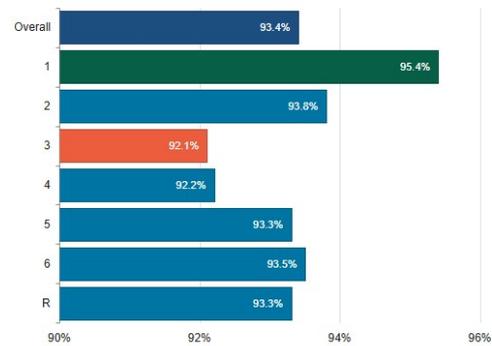
- Biscuit and cake wrappers - any brand
- Babybel wrappers - including the netting, label, and the wax
- Laundry packaging - the flexible packaging for washing capsules and pods – any brand
- Old make up packaging - tubes, compacts, wands, lipsticks and balms – any brand
- Flexible cheese packaging including individual wrappers – any brand
- Plastic bread bags – any brand
- Warburton loaf wax packaging

Please leave in the bins by the school gate and we will keep you updated with how much money we earn. Thank you!



Attendance Matters

Class attendance this academic year:



We have increased overall by 0.1% again this fortnight. Please avoid booking holidays during term time to help ensure we continue to improve our attendance as a whole. Children have 190 days in school a year - leaving a possible 175 for going on holiday outside of school. It is really important for their wellbeing, as well as their academic progress to ensure they attend schools as much as possible. Let's all try for 96% or above next year.

13.6.25	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	Ioana You have shown fantastic enthusiasm in our PE lessons. You never give up and always support and encourage others. Well done!	Kingsley You are growing in independence and showing readiness for Year 2. I was hugely impressed by your writing this week – and your kindness and help in tidying up outside!	Sonny What a fantastic week you have had! Thank you for working independently, taking part in classroom discussion and growing in maturity. Well Done!	Maxwell For working with such determination and drive this week. You have been focused in class and a wonderfully helpful member of Fry. It is fantastic to see you gearing up for Year 4. Well done Maxwell!	Charlie After a recommendation from our visiting artists on Thursday 12 th June, I couldn't not put you in the Golden Book this week. They both commented on your attitude to learning, your superb concentration and your wonderful piece of Art you produced. They even suggested it was GCSE level. Amazing Charlie!	Jenson For being so immersed in our focus book in English. You have made valuable contributions to the class discussions, and have acted maturely when talking about the issues raised in the book. Thank you.	Michael For a simply fantastic week this week! You smashed through your reading challenge, made a wonderful clay alien and have really applied yourself in Maths. Keep up this great effort!
Learning Leaders	Francesca You are a learning superstar! Always listening, focusing and interested in what is being taught. Thank you for showing others how it is done – you have become a role model in Year 1!			Betsy For showing a new determination in Maths and English this week. Although you can find things tricky, you don't let that put you off from working hard and trying your best. You are an advocate for growth mindset! Well done Betsy!			

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Golden Children	Zara-Grace Well done for your super learning attitude. You are always ready to challenge yourself and make the most of the day, whilst being kind, caring and encouraging to others.	Johnny We always notice you being ready, polite and focused. Mrs Castle loves working with you in phonics, and we are so proud of your progress since you came to our school. Keep it up!	Jackson This is for writing progress! Wow! Your stamina, sentences and effort have really gone up this term. I am thrilled! You are showing that you are ready for Key Stage 2 and it's come at the perfect time. WELL DONE!	Carson For contributing some great ideas and knowledge in our History lessons this week. It is certainly a subject that sparks your interest. It has been great to see you so engaged. Great work Carson!	Layla For being so engaged in our English lessons this week. Our current class text, Charlotte's Web, is inspiring you to produce some fantastic writing. Of course it is always presented beautifully. Well done Layla!	Zack For really applying yourself in English this week. You have shown such a positive attitude towards learning. Keep up this work ethic and you will be ready for Year 6. Well done Zack.	Micaela For consistently showing such a mature mindset towards not only your learning, but to general school life too. You are more than ready for your next step up to secondary school. Fabulous approach to school, thank you Micaela.
Learning Leaders	Bear You are growing in independence and gaining in confidence. I am so proud of you this term, Bear, and the person you are becoming. We look to you for an example of how to listen, how to be kind and how to try your best. Thank you!			George You always set the tone and example when it comes to your learning, and you actively encourage others to follow suit. Your positive outlook towards new learning is a joy to behold. You should be incredibly proud of your efforts; we certainly are. Well done George!			

Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Indie for the medal she earned in a football tournament where she scored 2 goals!

Well done Sonny for earning Player of the Day for his football team.

Time Tables Rock Stars Best Dressed competition winners in Fox were:

1st Place: Zachary

2nd Place: Evie R

3rd Place: Beaux

Diary dates for the Summer Term

Below are the dates for the term. Please note that there is a Rain Off day for Sports Day. New information is highlighted in yellow.

June 2025	
26 th	Mission Masterpiece Art Exhibition for parents 3:20pm
27 th	Sports Day 1.30pm. Please come to support your children.
30 th	Science Day
30 th – 4 th July	PTA Donation week – bring in uniforms, books, fancy dress, children's toys, games and teddies
July 2025	
3 rd	PTA non-uniform for wrapped sweets for the Summer Fair
4 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
6 th	Horsham Children's Parade
13 th	PTA Summer Fair: 11.00am – 2.00pm
14 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
14 th	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol: 1:30 -2:30pm. Year 6 Parents are welcome to stay for this
16 th	KS2 Leavers disco: 3.30 – 4.30pm. Year 5 & 6 pizza and award ceremony: 4:30pm – 5:30pm (children only)
18 th	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly: 1.00pm Last day of term: 1.30pm finish
21 st	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
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New Support on the Move Toy Library

Expand your child's imagination through play!

Our Toy Library is now on board the Support on the Move vehicle, bringing fun, learning and play directly to your community!

- ★ A great way to support your child's development
- ★ Borrow toys for 2 weeks at a time
- ★ Suitable for a variety of age groups
- ★ Just £2 per household for a yearly membership
- ★ Free annual membership for the month of June!
- ! Look out for our mobile advice hub in your village –

Slinfold	Warnham	Barns Green	Broadbridge Heath	Pulborough
Parked at the Slinfold Village Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12:30-14:30	Parked outside St. Margaret's Church, Warnham every 2nd and 4th Friday 10:00-12:00	Parked at the Barns Green Village Hall car park every 1st and 3rd Thursday 16:30-18:30	Parked outside St. James Church, Broadbridge Heath every 1st and 3rd Wednesday 9:30-10:30	Pulborough Sports & Social Club every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 9:30-10:30

www.horsham-matters.org.uk

Come along, meet our friendly team, and start borrowing toys today!

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 PLEASE CONTACT HORSHAM MATTERS: 0300 124 0204
 SUPPORT: HORSHAM-MATTERS.ORG.UK
 WWW.HORSHAM-MATTERS.ORG.UK

PLEASE NOTE OUR FOOD BANKS ARE CLOSED ON BANK HOLIDAYS

MONDAY
 10:00-11:00 HUB ON THE MOVE, BILLINGSHURST LIBRARY CAR PARK, RH14 9JZ
 11:30-12:30 HUB ON THE MOVE, BROADBRIDGE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE CAR PARK, SARGENT WAY, RH12 3TS
 14:00-15:30 HUB ON THE MOVE, STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK, RH20 4NZ
 14:30-16:30 HORSHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD ROAD, RH12 2RG
 15:00-16:00 SOUTHWATER, THE CHURCH ROOM, HOLY INNOCENTS, CHURCH LANE, RH13 9BT
 16:00-18:00 PULBOROUGH, SPORTS PAVILION RECTORY CLOSE, RH20 2AJ

TUESDAY
 10:00-12:00 HORSHAM MATTERS, REDKILN CLOSE, RH13 5QL

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 10:00-12:00 HORSHAM MATTERS, REDKILN CLOSE, RH13 5QL
 12:30-13:30 SOUTHWATER, THE CHURCH ROOM, HOLY INNOCENTS, CHURCH LANE, RH13 9BT
 14:00-15:30 HUB ON THE MOVE, STORRINGTON LIBRARY CAR PARK, RH20 4NZ

THURSDAY
 10:00-11:00 HUB ON THE MOVE, WARNHAM VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK, RH12 3RH
 11:30-12:30 HUB ON THE MOVE, HENFIELD, LIBRARY CAR PARK, BN8 5HN
 13:00-15:00 HORSHAM KINGDOM FAITH CHURCH, FOUNDRY CLOSE, RH13 5PX
 15:30-17:30 HORSHAM MATTERS, REDKILN CLOSE, RH13 5QL

FRIDAY
 10:00-12:00 HORSHAM MATTERS, REDKILN CLOSE, RH13 5QL

SATURDAY
 10:00-12:00 HORSHAM DRILL HALL, DENNE ROAD, RH12 1JF

CONNECTING CAFE
 A LOW COST LUNCH!
 A FREE MEAL IS ALSO AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD ONE!

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, RUFFEY
 OPEN EVERY TUESDAY
 11.30AM – 1.30PM
 CHARITY NUMBER: 1116253

PULBOROUGH SPORTS PAVILION
 RECTORY CLOSE
 OPEN EVERY THURSDAY
 11.30AM – 1.30PM

THE HUB ON THE MOVE IS OUR MOBILE FOODBANK VEHICLE