

Dear Parents/Carers

### **School Trip Helpers**

If you are interested in helping on our school trips, we ask that you have a DBS with the school, if you don't have one but would like to find out more, please contact the school office. They can take some time to come back please bare this in mind when enquiring.

### **Communication from Surrey Police**

We are writing to share some information that has been provided to schools across Surrey, in light of recent national developments. While these matters may be concerning, we want to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our students remains our highest priority.

Over the summer, there has been an increase in protest activity in some parts of the UK, particularly around the use of hotels to accommodate asylum seekers. In Surrey, we have not seen the same level of disruption, and our local police teams continue to work closely with schools and communities to ensure everyone feels safe and supported.

Surrey Police is aware of some online posts and videos suggesting threats made by individuals staying in hotels. We understand that such content can be distressing. However, no specific threat has been identified to any school in Surrey, and police are actively monitoring the situation.

To provide reassurance:

- Police patrols have been increased in key areas.
- Youth Engagement Officers are visiting schools to speak with staff and students.
- Any new information will be shared with schools as appropriate.

We encourage families to be mindful of what they see online. Not all information is accurate, and it's important to help children understand how to question and verify what they read. This includes recognising the difference between:

- Misinformation – false information shared without harmful intent.
- Disinformation – false information deliberately spread to mislead.

We know this can be a challenging time for some communities. Please continue to support your children in having open, respectful conversations with their peers, and help them feel confident in responding to difficult messages or behaviours in a thoughtful way.

If you have any concerns, you can contact Surrey Police via their website or social media channels. In an emergency, always call 999. If you prefer to report something anonymously, you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Helpful resources for families:

- Childline: Fake news and misinformation
- Cyber Webinars – South-East Cyber Crime Unit
- Report a hate crime – True Vision

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, inclusive, and informed school community.

### **Twelve 15 Update**

Please see attachment regarding Twelve 15

**If your child has a significant injury at home, please inform both the class teacher and the Office Team as a risk assessment may be required.**

### **Infant Gate Access**

From Monday, we will be implementing a new procedure regarding access through the infant gate to enhance site safety and ensure smooth transitions during key times of the day.

The gate will be closed during the following periods:

- Morning: 7:15am – 8:30am
- Afternoon: 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Children attending Breakfast Club or After School Club, along with their parents or carers, may slide the lock across to open the gate and enter the school. We kindly ask that you close the gate securely behind you.

To support morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, a member of staff will be available to open and close the gate to allow parents and carers to drop off or collect children directly from their classroom doors.

- Morning drop-off: 8:30am – 8:45am
- Afternoon pick-up: 3:05pm – 3:15pm

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### **Please be extra vigilant when walking to and from school**

A parent informed us their child almost picked up a sharp object off the pavement at the junction of Gorsewood Road and Sutton Avenue. Luckily, they were alongside them and no one was hurt.

We are sharing this to remind everyone to stay alert when walking to and from school. Please talk to your child about not picking up any rubbish they see and to let you know if they spot anything unusual or unsafe. We will also be asking our class teachers to speak to the children in their class to reinforce this message.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

Your child should come home with a data collection sheet, please fill this out with any changes to your data.

### **Holiday Club**

Bookings are now open, see flyer attached.

### **EYFS Communication and Language Workshop – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 9-9.30am**

Mrs Molner and Mrs Knight will be holding a C&L workshop on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 9-9.30am in the school hall.

### **Reminder - Harvest Festival on Friday 3rd October**

On Friday 3rd October, between 9-10am, The Hermitage Infant School will be holding their annual Harvest Celebration. We are looking forward to parents and carers being able to join in our Harvest Celebration on the school playground, weather permitting. If the weather turns out to be wet we will hold our Harvest Celebration in the School hall and unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents to join us.

During the lead up to our Harvest Celebration, we invite our children to bring in a small non-perishable food donation. This can either be tinned or dried food. These

contributions are voluntary, however if you feel that you are able to donate one item, we will be collecting these from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

We will be donating the food we collect to Woking Foodbank. Woking Foodbank has been an incredible source of support for many families and individuals, particularly, during recent challenging times.

Examples of food that they ask for are -

- Mashed potato
- Packets of rice/pasta
- Canned ham
- Chick peas
- Canned vegetables
- Preserves
- Brown/Tomato Sauce
- Cereal
- Sponge Puddings
- Rice pudding

We look forward to welcoming you to our celebrations.

## **HSA News**

### **HSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

A big thank you to everyone who responded to our Facebook poll about the AGM. Your feedback was really helpful!

For those who can't attend in person but expressed interest in joining online, we're pleased to confirm that the AGM will now be a hybrid event. You can join us virtually using the details below:

### **HSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- **Date & Time:** 30th September 2025, 07:30 PM London
- **Join Zoom**  
**Meeting:** <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81829991745?pwd=orQuMfjHTMUgyj2setlpv9RVjUE2mw.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 818 2999 1745

- **Passcode:** G8rg1F

For everyone attending the Pimms on the Patio and/or the AGM in person, we can't wait to see you there!

Kind Regards

The Hermitage Infant School