

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUST

Friday 28th April 2017

Coming Up Next Week

Monday 1st May

- Bank Holiday
- Teddy Bears Picnic
12pm to 4pm

Wednesday 3rd May

- Reception and Year 1 SeaLife Centre Trip
- Year 5 and 6 Mixed TAG Rugby County Finals

Thursday 4th May

- Running Club

No Parking at The Prince of Wales Pub on the 8th and 9th May

Due to funeral wakes taking place at The Prince of Wales pub on the afternoons of Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th May, parents are requested to not park here on these days. Please do respect this request.

Year 4 Residential Trip

The next instalment for the Newbarn trip in June is due on **Friday 5th May**, the amount is £22.00

Year 6 Residential Trip

The next instalment for the Thames Young Mariners trip in June is due on **Friday 5th May**, the amount is £33.75.

I'd like to say it's been a quieter week at Surrey Hills this week, but alas no! It started with the choir wowing us at Dorking Halls, as they joined local schools at the Mole Valley Music Festival. Together they beautifully sang Jake and the Right Genie. A big thank you to Miss Lucas and Mrs Thompson who worked with the choir to make sure they were well prepared for the performance.

It was brilliant to see so many parents at the SPAG Parent Drop on Tuesday. During the session, children worked alongside their parents on fun yet challenging spelling, punctuation and grammar activities. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning.

On Wednesday, I accompanied our Sportshall Athletics team and our Quicksticks hockey team to the county finals at Surrey Sports Park. I am extremely proud of both teams who embraced all of the School Games Values: honesty, team work, self-belief, respect, passion and determination.

The hockey team, coached by Mrs Williams, played really well through the driving rain and sleet. They were a great team who encouraged each other; it was great to see their determination in every match.

A HUGE congratulations to the athletics team who competed against 12 of the best schools in Surrey and came second, by only 2 points. What an amazing achievement! I would like to thank Mrs Stowell for working with the children to make sure they were prepared and confident for the finals.

Thank you for the messages of support we have received following the email on Tuesday. I would like to reassure you that all members of staff take health and safety and safeguarding seriously. As a school, we adopt the Surrey Safeguarding policy which is reviewed regularly, all staff and volunteers sign a behaviour code of conduct which states mobiles phones can only be used in the staffroom or my office, staff and governors attend regular training sessions and only 'dumb' phones will be used by staff on school trips. The Ofsted, HMI and the SIAMs reports all recently concluded that our Safeguarding procedures are good and robust.

Next week is also busy; I wish the Reception and Year 1 children lots of fun and adventures as they head out to Brighton SeaLife Centre and the beach as part of their work related to their learning theme

I look forward to seeing you at the Teddy Bear's Picnic on Monday. It is a brilliant fundraising event so please pop along with your favourite teddy. This year there are new stalls to visit. The funds raised will be invested in canopies for the outdoor areas at the Abinger site and more technology which will support your child with their learning. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend - let's hope for some warmer weather!

Jennie Ratcliff,
Headteacher

Sportshall Athletics County Finals

On Wednesday 26th April 2017, pupils of Surrey Hills (Year 5 and 6) took part in the Sportshall Athletics County Finals at Surrey Sports Park. We came 2nd out of 12 teams (who are all the best schools across Surrey who have competed in Sportshall Athletics). We came up against teams such as: Cleves (who won the competition), Holy Trinity and loads of others. We got 610 points and came 2nd by 2 points. It was a brilliant experience and achievement and everyone gave it their all in every throw, race and jump. We are certain that we set a positive example to our school and community. We are thrilled by our efforts and we hope we have inspired some other pupils to take part in further competitions as anything is possible.

Harry and Oliver, Moles Class



Mole Valley Music Festival

On Monday evening the Surrey Hills choir took part in the Mole Valley Music Festival. This was great opportunity for the children to come together and sing on mass with other local schools. The children performed 'Jake and the Right Genie' to a packed out audience at the Dorking Halls. We were very proud of all the children, who sang beautifully. There was even the opportunity for some audience participation!



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Quicksticks Hockey Country Finals

On Wednesday 26th April, we set off on our journey to do well in the Surrey hockey tournament. At the Surrey Sports Park (where it was hosted) we went out in the freezing, wet weather. We did amazingly well considering we had to change our team because most of our players were in the Sportshall Athletics team. We are the first ever Surrey Hills hockey team to get this far. We came 6th out of 12 schools; the teams we played were the best in Surrey.

By Felix and Henry, Moles



Uniform

As it is now the summer term, children are most welcome to wear summer uniform. Please look at the list on the school website which gives a clear list of acceptable clothing. A quick reminder also about footwear. A number of children have returned to school wearing trainers. These are not school shoes unless they are being worn due to a foot injury, in which case a letter should be sent to the class teacher.

Well Done Sam W

In the Easter holiday I cycled 51 miles for charity. After finishing the Downs Link (Guildford to Shoreham) in 4.5 hours, I cycled along the sea to Worthing. The next morning I cycled from Worthing to Brighton enjoying the morning sea breeze.

Sam W, Moles

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Diary Dates 2016/2017

Please add these dates to your diary but check the Newsletter each week for any changes/updates these will appear in red.

May 2017

Bank Holiday 1st May 2017

Teddy Bears Picnic	1st May
Reception and Year 1 Sea Life Centre Trip	3rd May
Years 5 and 6 TAG Rugby	3rd May
Year 6 Residential Trip- Payment £33.75	5th May
Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00	5th May
KS2 SATs Week	8th May
Years 5 and 6 Boys Kwik Cricket	19th May
Years 5 and 6 Girls Kwik Cricket	23rd May
Squirrels Class Assembly	26th May
Parent Forum Meeting Date	TBC

End of Term 26th May 2017 – Normal close times

Half Term 29th May – 5th June 2017

June 2017

Sports Day – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	8th June
Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75	9th June
Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00	9th June
Ladybirds Class Assembly	9th June
Arts Week	12th June
Years 5 and 6 Rounders	12th June
Years 3 and 4 Dance Festival TBC	12th or 13th June
Years 3 and 4 Rounders	13th June
Reserve Sports Day – Years 3,4, 5, and 6	15th June
Fathers/Grandfathers Activity Afternoon	16th June
Year 4 Residential Trip	20th – 23rd June
Years 3 and 4 Mini Tennis	20th June
Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford	26th June (am)
Year 6 Residential Trip	26th (pm) – 30th June
Sports Day – Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Abinger Site)	29th June
Year 5 The Big Sing	29th June
Bees Class Assembly	30th June

July 2017

Move up Day	4th July
Reserve Sports Day - Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Abinger Site)	6th July
Years 5 and 6 Pixham Athletics	6th July
Inset Day	7th July
Caterpillar Class Assembly (to be rescheduled)	7th July
Year 5 Summer Fair – 9.00am at Abinger	12th July
Year 5 Summer Fair – 1.00pm at Westcott	13th July
Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 6.30pm	18th July
Year 6 Leavers Party – 6.30pm – 8.30pm	20th July

End of Summer Term 21st July 2017 – Early close times
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

Summer Holidays 21st July – 2nd September 2017

Happy Families

Parenting advice and support

To develop confident, happy children

Courses and Workshops Spring Term 2017

- o **'Dealing with Difficult Emotions' (a.m.)**
Friday 12th May 9.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.
at Burgundy & Black – Dorking
- o **Pre-Teens and Teens Workshop 1 (Eve)**
(The teenage brain, self esteem and emotions)
Tuesday 23rd May 7.30p.m to 9.30 p.m.
at Dorking Christian Centre
- o **Issues around Screen Time (a.m.)**
Friday 9th June 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.
at Burgundy and Black – Dorking
- o **Positive Parenting (Eve)**
Tuesday 13th June 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
At Dorking Christian Centre
- o **Pre- Teens and Teens Workshop 2 (Eve)**
(Channels of Communication and Technology)
Tuesday 27th June 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
At Dorking Christian Centre
- o **Positive Parenting Workshop (a.m.)**
Friday 30th June 9.30 to 11.45 a.m.
At Burgundy and Black

For further information and to book a place

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Help for the Helper: Supporting families facing mental health challenges

Newly formed community group, Dorking Minds, is to offer a series of talks with the aim of supporting parents of children with mental health issues. The first session will be on Monday May 8th from 7.30-9pm.

Knowing that it can be a confusing and lonely journey when a family member develops mental ill health, especially when that family member is young has prompted this newly formed local initiative to consider ways in which support groups might be set up.

Susan McGrath, a local counsellor and a founding member of Dorking Minds, will be leading a session focussing on ways parents can sustain themselves whilst supporting a teenager with mental health issues.

This talk is part of Dorking Minds' response to the Mental Health Foundation's National Awareness Week www.awarenessdays.co.uk. The theme this year is Surviving to Thriving.

The ultimate aim is to set up a regular group to offer 'Help to the Helpers'. If you are interested please contact Susan as soon as possible as places are free but limited at to info@dorkingminds.org.uk to secure your place.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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