

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUTHFULNESS

Friday 10th February 2017

Coming Up Week

Tuesday 21st February
Hedgehogs Parent Lunch

Thursday 23rd February
Running Club

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS IS BACK ...

We are pleased to be collecting vouchers once again to exchange for lots of fantastic cooking, gardening and sports equipment. You can collect vouchers when you shop in store or online. The collection box is in our School Offices.

Year 6 Residential Trip

The next instalment for the Thames Young Mariners trip in June is due on Friday 3rd March, the amount is £33.75.



Headlice Alert We are still receiving messages from parents informing us that their child has head lice. Please be extra vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. You can buy over the counter remedies or simply use hair conditioner and a nit comb to remove them.

Good morning and welcome to our last newsletter of the Spring half term.

It has been an amazing two weeks for us with regards our sporting successes. Last week the Y5& 6 team won the Sportshall athletics. In addition, the Y3&4 and the Y5&6 teams won the gymnastics competition. Yesterday the hockey team won their tournament so they will now play at the county final. I would like to thank Mrs Stowell who has worked so hard with the children preparing them well for these events.

I am delighted that our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection graded our school as **GOOD** in all areas including effectiveness of leadership and management. The full report is attached to this email, which I am sure you will agree is extremely positive. In particular:

- *"The headteacher has ensured that the school has made good progress since the previous inspection in developing its Christian ethos so that it has even greater meaning and purpose for all members of the school community."*
- *"Parents say that they are 'delighted' with how the school helps their children appreciate values and an understanding of Christianity and other world religions."*
- *"Religious education is a vibrant subject in the curriculum. It makes an important contribution to the children's moral and cultural development through the exploration of issues relating to social justice and fairness...."*
- *"CARE values are well embedded in the life of the school through the high quality of relationships that underpins the school's ethos."*
- *"They have a strong sense of social justice that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity no matter their background."*
- *"...best quality work comes from discussions when children are challenged to think at a deeper level and relish being questioned by their teachers"*
- *"Children respond with enthusiasm and eagerness when challenged with 'big questions' and are acquiring a richer vocabulary through which they express their views in greater depth."*

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Vana after nine years in post. I am sure you will all miss her smiling greeting as you arrive at school in the morning; as the first person many people see when arriving here, Mrs Vana has done a fantastic job of helping make Surrey Hills a welcoming school. We will miss her calm approach, but wish her lots of luck as she leaves to focus on her studies; who knows she may well return as our school councillor?

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 20th February.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher

Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

On Monday – the 6th of February - our hard-working, KS2 gymnastics team participated in the Dorking schools' gym competition at The Ashcombe School. Everyone felt nervous at the beginning but soon calmed down after a successful first round. With parents cheering us on, our two teams, year 3, 4 and year 5, 6 A and B, entered the second and third round to then come to the results. It was very tense, but we won in both teams and now we are very proud to have two new trophies sitting importantly on the awards desk. Go Surrey Hills!

By Molly and Poppy (Year 6).



Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

On Thursday 9th February, the Surrey Hills hockey team went to St Johns school to compete against other schools. We had a lot of fun and it was a day to remember. We competed against St Johns, The Weald and St Pauls. Miraculously, we came 1st winning all our games. At St Johns we played on a soft 3G pitch. The teams were great so it was a tough tournament. Everyone played well and are very happy with the victory. Against St Johns we won 7-0, The weald 5-0, and St Pauls 3-1. The hockey players were: Oli , Hayden , Mia , Farah , Tess , Sam , Felix and Hester .

By Sam (Year 6) and Felix (Year 5).



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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.

February 2017

Half Term 13th February – 17th February 2017

Parent Lunches – Hedgehogs 21st February

March 2017

World Book Day 2nd March

Parents Lunch – Rabbits 2nd March

Year 6 Residential Trip—Payment £33.75 3rd March

Year 4 Residential Trip—Deposit £164 3rd March

Parent Lunches – Squirrels 7th March

Whole School Science Day 10th March

Year 2 Pedals Course 13th March

Parents Lunch – Ladybirds 16th March

Year 6 Junior Citizen Event 16th March

Hedgehogs Class Assembly 17th March

Dragonfly Class Assembly (9.00am) 17th March

Shakespeare/ Book Week 20th – 26th March

Parents Lunch – Butterfly 21st March

Parents Evening 21st March

3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger

3.40 – 6.00pm at Westcott

Parents Evening 23rd March

5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger and Westcott

Mothers/Grandmothers

Activity Afternoon 24th March

Parent Lunch – Dragonfly 30th March

End of Spring term 31st March 2017 – Early close times

Abinger 1.15pm Westcott 1.30pm

Easter Holiday 3rd April – 18th April 2017

April 2017

Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75 7th April

Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00 7th April

Parent Lunch – Bees 20th April

Parent Lunch – Caterpillar 25th April

Parent Class Drop In 25th April

8.45am – 9.30am Abinger

2.30 – 3.15pm Westcott

May 2017

Bank Holiday 1st May 2017

Teddy Bears Picnic 1st May

Parent Forum Meeting Date TBC

Year 6 Residential Trip- Payment £33.75 5th May

Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00 5th May

KS2 SATs Week 8th May

Squirrels Class Assembly 26th May

End of Term 26th May 2017 – Normal close times

Half Term 29th May – 5th June 2017

End of Summer Term 21st July 2017 – Early close times

Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

We have one remaining INSET Day for this academic year, it is on; 7th July.

The school will be closed for staff training on this day.

eSafety Day

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in Internet Safety Day 2017. This annual event is highly important; although Internet safety is taught throughout the year in every class, this is the one day per year that every child in the country learns concurrently about the importance of appropriate technology use. From the dangers of strangers on the Internet to avoiding viruses and malware, activities across the school were varied, fun, age appropriate and vital for pupils' future safety online.

"It was great! I learned that you should never open an attachment in an email if you don't know the person who sent it. I'd hate to get a virus. I never knew that could happen before." (Felix, Year 6)

Here are some resources that may assist you in keeping your child safe on the internet:

thinkuknow.co.uk internetmatters.org

NSPCC – online safety

For more information about Internet safety, please attend our upcoming E-Safety workshop (date announced soon) or speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 6 Secondary Applications

On the 1st March 2017 you will receive an email with the outcome of your application. You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by 15th March 2017.

Reception/Year 3 Applications

The date for Reception applications has now closed. On the 18th April 2017 you will receive an email with the outcome of your application. You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place by 2nd May 2017.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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