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### Inspiring the individual; creating a community

#### Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUTHFULNESS

Friday 3rd February 2017

**Coming Up Next Week** 

#### All Week

Bikeability Level 2 - Year 6 - Group 4

#### Monday 6th February

Years 3/4 and 5/6 Key Steps Gymnastics at Ashcombe

# **Tuesday 7th February** E-Safety Day

Thursday 9th February Running Club

#### **Thursday 9th February**

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Years 4/5/6 Gym and Dance Performance at Priory

## Friday 10th February

**Foxes Class Assembly** 

#### Year 6 Residential

Please can all deposits of £137 for the Thames Young Mariners trip in June be paid by Friday 3rd February 2017. The next instalment of £33.75 is due Friday 3rd March 2017.

#### **Road Safety**

Please may we remind parents/carers to use the pelican crossing when crossing the main road. We would ask parents to help lead by example, and to follow the Green Cross Code—THINK road safety.

Good afternoon.

Welcome to our penultimate newsletter before the half term. It seems only two minutes ago that we were welcoming families and children back after the Christmas break. As always much has been going on.

If you have been out and about locally during the daytime, you may have seen our year 6 pupils out on the roads of Westcott undertaking their cycling proficiency course. This is extremely valuable for Year 6 pupils to do in readiness for secondary school, where some pupils choose to cycle to school.

Many thanks to the parents who attended the spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) workshops this week. Both were well attended and we thank you for your support. If you have any suggestions for workshops we can run in the future, please email westcott@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk.

Yesterday the children in Year 2 went to RHS Wisley Gardens to see the beautiful butterflies in the greenhouse. The children had a fabulous time and were exceptionally well behaved, thank you for representing Surrey Hills so well.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the children in Year 5 and 6 who represented Surrey Hills at the Sports Hall Athletics at The Ashcombe School. I am very proud of all the children as they showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. As a result of their hard work and determination we have two more shields in our reception area; the boys' team were first overall, the girls' team were third so the Surrey Hills team were awarded first place overall. Thank you to Mrs Stowell who has worked hard with the children to make sure they were well prepared for the event.

**SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS IS BACK** ... We are pleased to be collecting vouchers once again to exchange for lots of fantastic cooking and sports equipment. You can collect vouchers when you shop in store or online. The collection box is in our School Offices.

Best wishes.

Jennie Ratcliff Headteacher

#### **Surrey Hills WIN Sports hall Athletics!**

On Thursday, a group of year 5 and 6 pupils took part in Sports hall athletics at the Ashcombe School. After battling through fierce competition from six other Dorking schools in events such as: Javelin; Standing Long Jump; relays and speed bounce, Surrey Hills won the competition!

The girls' team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the boys came 1<sup>st</sup> and Surrey Hills were announced as the overall winners. We are very proud of the hard work the children put in to the competition and it's brilliant to see this pay off! The children represented our school with immaculate behaviour, superb teamwork and fabulous sportsmanship. The team now proceed to represent Dorking in the County finals at Surrey Sports Park on the 16th March.

"Overall, we had really great teamwork and managed to win almost all of our races!" – Hayden

Gale – Year 6



"There was brilliant sportsmanship; when I was doing the chest push, other schools congratulated me." Leo Burton – Year 6

#### **Year 2 Visit to Wisley**

The Year Two children observed colourful butterflies taking flight among plants from far-off shores that create the tropical paradise within the glass house at RHS Wisley Gardens. The children enjoyed spotting different types of exotic butterflies such as the Blue Morpho, Giant Owl, King Swallowtail and Malay Lacewing. They also enjoyed learning about the lifecycle of the butterfly, spotting butterfly eggs hidden on the luscious leaves, sketching their surroundings, and planting a cosmos.

"We went to the glass house and we saw lots of different types and sizes of butterflies. What an incredible trip!" Gabrielle, Ladybirds Class. "It was an exciting day. I enjoyed seeing the brightly coloured butterflies and playing the smell game "Florence, Butterfly Class.





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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

Year 6 Residential Trip - Deposit £137

E-Safety Day

Foxes Class Assembly

3rd February
7th February
10th February

End of term 10th February 2017 – Normal close time 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 Hedgehogs Class Assembly 17th March Dragonfly Class Assembly (9.00am) 17th March 20th - 26th March Shakespeare/ Book Week 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

5.30 pm - 8.00 pm at Abinger and Westcott

Mothers/Grandmothers

Activity Afternoon 24th March Parent Lunch – Dragonfly 30th March

End of term 31st March 2017 – Early close time – 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 1stMay 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

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

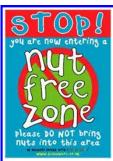
The school will be closed for staff training on this day.

Illness/Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please can you telephone or email the school office on the first day of absence by 9.15am.

Abinger: 01306 730747 abinger@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk

Westcott: 01306 881136 westcott@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk



Surrey Hills aims to practice a nut free policy although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed. This policy serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat

and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. Please can we ask that you do not send children to school with nuts/ nut products in their lunch box. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Outstanding Payments** If you have any outstanding money owed for School Meals, school trips etc. please can you pay on School Gateway as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### **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			
Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk		
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