

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is HOPE

Friday 9th December 2016

Coming Up Next Week



Monday 12th December: Caterpillar, Dragonfly and Butterfly classes to

Westcott –All children to Westcott all day for Dress Rehearsal: Please drop your child off at 8.30am and collect from Westcott at 3.00pm.

Tuesday 13th December: Caterpillar, Dragonfly and Butterfly Classes to Westcott – Nativity Performance at 2.30pm (**siblings can attend this performance**) - All children to be brought over to Westcott at lunchtime by minibus, please collect from Westcott at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 14th December: Caterpillar, Dragonfly and Butterfly Classes to Westcott - Nativity Performance at 9.30am (**we kindly ask that siblings do not attend this performance**). All Children will be at the Westcott site all day. Please drop your child/ren off at the Westcott site at 8.30am. Abinger children to be picked up from Westcott at 3.00pm.

Christmas Parties.

Good afternoon, whilst out on duty this morning, I was pleased to see that the temperature was actually above zero. I do however believe that the cold spell is due to continue so urge you to send children in with warm coats, hats, gloves etc. There are a number of children who get dropped off to school by car who arrive without a coat. Whilst it is lovely and warm inside, the children do spend a substantial amount of time during the school day outside and a coat is vital.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in one way or another in the Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Fayre, supporting the school. A brilliant £1,600 was raised at the event, all of which will be ploughed back into the school to provide resources for your children. I know the PTA, who work tirelessly for the school, will give you a fully updated amount in the New Year. Well done to Holmbury House who donated the most items for the Fayre. They will get their extra playtime next week.

December is a very special time in school. We look forward to the wonderful Christmas nativity performances, wear a Christmas jumper on the Christmas dinner day and Carols by Candlelight. There will be a collection for a charity at the end of each performance. During December children are allowed to wear Christmas hats and Christmas themed hair bands and earrings (studs only). Remember we do not allow gel, wax or nail varnish.

Surrey Hills is a healthy school, and we are the proud recipients of the "Healthy Schools Award". Children are **not** permitted to have sweets or chocolate in their lunch boxes. At breaktime, children in Key Stage 2 should only bring in fruit, vegetables or cheese for their snack. With your co-operation we can ensure that the children enjoy a healthy diet. Thank you.

Finally, I return to a very recent request for considerate and safe parking as I have received further complaints from local residents and the landlord of the Prince of Wales pub about inconsiderate parking when delivering or collecting children from the Westcott site. If parents do not show consideration, the landlord of the Prince of Wales will only allow his **customers** to use his car park.

In addition parents should not be driving up School Lane to drop children off at the Westcott site at the beginning or at the end of the school day even if you are running late. Safety of our children is paramount and we would hate to think that any pupil is injured as a result of inconsiderate driving behaviour.

Wishing you all a good weekend.



*Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher*





Christmas Events

KS1 Nativity (all KS1 Children at Westcott) @ 2.30pm
 KS1 Nativity (all KS1 children at Westcott) @ 9.30am
 Carols by Candlelight KS2 6.30pm at Westcott
 Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13th Dec
 Wednesday 14th Dec
 Monday 19th Dec
 Monday 19th Dec



Thank you to the Westcott Reading Room for inviting our choir to perform (our first performance of the year) at their Christmas coffee morning. We really enjoyed singing our Christmas carols

and chatting to the ladies and gentlemen. We are looking forward to singing at the St Johns coffee morning the Monday before we break up.



Year 5 and 6 WW2 Topic

As part of our WW2 topic, we have had a VE day celebration. We researched recipes and made dishes from this historical period. With rationing, our ingredients were limited; our tasty treats included the famous Lord Woolton's Pie and eggless chocolate cake!



Christmas Cards

Over the Christmas period we operate a Christmas card delivery service. Each site has a special post box. If your child would like to use our post service they must ensure they write a child's whole name and class on the envelope – without this Santa's elves cannot deliver them!



Admissions Surrey County Council have asked us to remind parents that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2017 entry is 15th January 2017. You are encouraged to apply over the Christmas holidays if you haven't already. Even if you have a child already at the school you must apply for their sibling. Surrey especially welcome online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Our Juniors will be celebrating by singing *Carols by Candlelight* in the school playground on Monday 19th December at 6.30pm. If due to bad weather we are unable to hold the carols in the playground, a decision will be made the evening before and parents will be informed.



Christmas Children can wear a Christmas hat, Christmas themed hairbands or earrings (studs only) throughout December. All Children can wear a Christmas Jumper on Monday 19th December. We are asking for a £1 donation which goes to Save the Children.



Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick

Abinger Site

Westcott Site

	Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HZ	School Lane, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3QF
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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.

December 2016

Nativity at Westcott – 2.30pm	13th December
Nativity at Westcott – 9.30am	14th December
Christmas Dinner	19th December
Carols by Candlelight at Westcott 6.30pm – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	19th December

End of Term 21st December 2016 – early close Abinger 1.15pm Westcott 1.30pm

Christmas Holiday 22nd Dec – 3rd Jan 2017

January 2017

INSET Day	3rd January
Parent Lunch – Moles	10th January
Year 6 SATS Parents Information Meeting 3.00pm Westcott	24th January
Parent Lunches – Foxes	26th January
Year 2 SATs Parents Information Meeting 2.30pm at Abinger 3.00pm at Westcott	26th January
Parent Lunch – Badgers	31st January
Parent Workshop – Spelling, Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation Years 1 and 2	31st January

February 2017

Parent Workshop – Spelling, Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	2nd February
Parent Forum Meeting at 7.00pm	TBC
Year 6 Residential Trip - Deposit £137	3rd February
E-Safety Day	7th February
Foxes Class Assembly	10th February

**End of term 10th February 2017 – Normal close time
Half Term 13th February – 17th February 2017**

Parent Lunches – Hedgehogs	21st February
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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
Parents Lunch – Ladybirds	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 3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger 3.40 – 6.00pm at Westcott	21st March
Parents Evening	23rd March

FUNSPORT ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

SURREY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTCOTT, DORKING, RH4 3QF

XMAS & FEBRUARY CAMPS



Come and join in the fun with FunSport at our activity holiday camp at Surrey Hills Primary School. FunSport provide exciting holiday camps and are offering you the chance to come and join us this Christmas and February.

Our innovative programme of games and skill practices will greatly enhance the development of your child's ABCs - Agility, Balance, Co-ordination - the fundamentals of sporting performance. A typical day will include fun games such as Medicine Man, Ultimate Frisbee, Capture The Flag and Shark Island. We will also have sports such as football, tennis and basketball, plus a wide range of other activities.

Tournament day is held on the last day of camp and children compete for their team to win a prize and medals.

We take children aged 4 to 12 years. Children from 5 years of age may stay a full day. 4 year olds may attend half days only.

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Pleiades are running a club on our INSET Day on 3rd January 2017. Please contact the number above if you would like to book a place.

**The school will close at the following times on
Wednesday 21st December:
Abinger: 1.15pm
Westcott: 1.30pm**

Please note we have an INSET Day on 3rd January 2017. We have one more INSET Day to set and will let you know when this will be as soon as possible.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk
Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 926191
Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160
After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091