

Newsletter



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C of E Primary School

This Value for this half term is HOPE

Friday 4th November 2016

Coming up after half term

Tuesday 8th November

Parents Evening - held in the school hall

Abinger: 3.10pm - 5.30pm
Westcott: 3.40pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 10th November

Parents Evening - held in the school hall

Abinger: 5.30pm - 8.00pm
Westcott: 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Friday 11th November

Nasal Flu Vaccination (Years 1, 2 and 3)

Rabbits Class Assembly at 3.00pm

Letters sent home this week

Letters sent home from the school office this week. Paper copies will be available from the office on request.

- Drama Workshop - Years 1 and 2 only

F@SH NEWS

AGM – 21st November at 8.00pm at the Westcott Site – ALL WELCOME!

Friends at Surrey Hills (F@SH) are the schools volunteer fundraising body who run events throughout the year. Our AGM will take place on 21st November at 8.00pm on the Westcott Site. It would be lovely to see lots of you there for a glass of wine and to find some new volunteers!



Good afternoon and welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and no doubt you will be attending firework celebrations this weekend.

It has been a busy first week back at school. Maths week has been very successful; it was amazing to see the creative costumes yesterday. All of the children enjoyed the workshops that challenged their mathematical thinking. A big thank you to Mrs Kong for arranging the week and fun challenges. Thank you also to the staff who led the informative mathematics parent workshops which were well attended. If you were unable to attend the meeting a set of the notes will be sent home to you.

We have spent this time this week reviewing the books in our reading scheme to ensure they are appropriate and will engage your child. This is one of the actions from our school development plan as we know that reading has a huge impact on improving writing. Gaps in the reading scheme have been identified so the money donated by F@SH will be used to purchase new books. In addition, books have been identified to support children as they move from the reading scheme to free readers, these are labelled brown, ruby and black. There will be more information about the importance of reading with your children, especially in Key Stage 2, and the school reading scheme at our workshops for parents on the 28th November for Year 1 and 2 and the 29th November for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

A reminder that next week we are holding our parents' evenings. You should all now have booked an appointment or, if not, you will be contacted by a member of staff to arrange a suitable time. During the evening you will have the opportunity to look through your child's books and make a comment on a bubble to celebrate the achievements they have made this term which will be stuck in for your child to read.

Finally I am pleased to inform you that we will be having our HMI monitoring visit on Monday 7th November. Ms C Dulon will be with us for the day looking at the impact of leaders' and governors' actions as well as the progress that has been made since the inspection in December 2015. The HMI inspector would welcome feedback from parents through the Parent View website so please can I urge you to click on the link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> this weekend.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher



Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents' Evening - Online Appointment Booking

Our Parents' Evenings will be held on 8th November and the 10th November at the following times:

	8th November 2016	10th November 2016
Abinger Site	3.10pm until 5.30pm	5.30pm until 8.00pm
Westcott Site	3.40pm until 6.00pm	5.30pm until 8.00pm

Appointments can be booked online. The booking system will close at 4.00pm on 7th November for appointments on the 8th November and at 4.00pm on 9th November for appointments on 10th November.

Please visit <https://surreyhillsparenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointment. A short guide on how to book appointments is attached to this newsletter). You will need to login in with the following information;

- Pupils First Name
- Pupils Surname
- Pupils Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

If you have any problems booking an appointment please contact the school office on the 31st October when we return to school.

PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENT WITH OUR SENCO

If you require an appointment with Mrs Sawyers, Inclusion Leader (SENCO), to discuss any special educational needs please make this separately by calling the school office on 01306 881136. Mrs Sawyers will be available on the following dates:

Abinger	8th November	3.10pm - 5.30pm
Westcott	10th November	5.30pm - 8.00pm

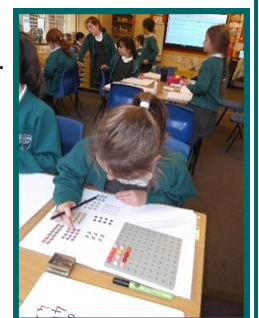


MATHS WEEK This has been a great success and the children have really enjoyed the extra focus on maths this week. All took part in outdoor challenges with zest – applying their problem solving skills and working well with others. We also had a Maths Workshop on both sites and the children enjoyed their maths mufti day – some very interesting ideas were paraded including a human calculator, creative use of playing cards and a number king!

'Working in mixed year groups gave us different perspectives about the questions. This made us think about the best approach to solve the problems.' (Leo Yr 6). *'I enjoyed coming into school on mufti day and see everyone else's maths costumes.'* (Syun – Yr 3).



Years one and two have enjoyed looking at maths throughout the curriculum. For this week's artwork the children in year one used shapes to make some 'rangoli' patterns and year two used the artist 'Kandinsky's' work as inspiration for their shape pictures. The children have also enjoyed working with their friends to solve problems on a maths hunt. They have also enjoyed working with their friends on maths games and challenges. This week Reception have been outside on a Maths challenge trail measuring our steps around the boat and the playground. We have been watching Numberjacks to help us with our numeral recognition. We dressed up and recognised the numbers on each other and we had lots of fun with counting everything and anything.



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
	01306 730747	01306 881136
	abinger@surreyhillsparenteveningsystem.co.uk	westcott@surreyhillsparenteveningsystem.co.uk
	www.surreyhillsparenteveningsystem.co.uk	

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.

November 2016

Parent Forum Meeting @ 9.30am Date	TBC
Parents Evening	8th November
3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger	
3.40pm – 6.00pm at Westcott	
Parent Evening	10th November
5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger	
And Westcott	
Nasal Flu Vaccination (Years 1,2&3)	11th November
Rabbits Class Assembly	11th November
Anti-Bullying Week	14th – 18th November
Open Morning	
Year 3 at Westcott at 9.30am	16th November
Open Morning	
Reception at Abinger at 9.15am	17th November
F@SH AGM—All Welcome at 8.00pm	
At Westcott	21st November
Mufti Day for Christmas Day	25th November
Badgers Class Assembly	25th November
Parent Class Drop In –	
2.00pm – 2.30pm Abinger	28th November
Reading Workshop for Parents	
Years 1 and 2	28th November
Parent Class Drop In –	
2.40pm – 3.10pm Westcott	29th November
Reading Workshop for Parents	
Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	29th November

December 2016

School Christmas Fair Extravaganza	
3.50pm - 5.30pm	2nd December
Christingle at St James' at 4.00pm	4th December
Thank you Coffee Morning for	
Parent Helpers at 9.30am at Westcott	5th December
Nativity at Westcott –	
2.30pm at Westcott	13th December
Nativity at Westcott –	
9.30am at Westcott	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	26th January
Meeting 2.30pm at Abinger	
3.00pm at Westcott	
Parent Lunch – Badgers	31st January

Cross Country – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Well done to our Year 5/6 boys team who are currently in 3rd place overall. Also a huge well done to Hayden G who came 1st in the boys Year 5/6 race.



Date for your diary!

Friday 19th November is Children in Need. We will be raising money by holding a spotty cake sales and having a spotty mufti day.

Abinger Site: We are asking all classes to provide spotty cakes for a cake sale at pick up time.

Westcott Site: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - please provide spotty cakes for a cake sale at pick up time. Those who get the bus or taxi home will have time to purchase a cake before they leave.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - please check the back of the sofa, your parents car, mum and dads pockets etc for any loose change as we are going to try and fill in an outline of Pusey Bear with the money you bring in.

We will also be holding a Spotty Mufti Day - all children are welcome to come to school on Friday 19th November wearing an item of spotty clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.



The weather is changing and field can get very wet so ensure your child has a pair of spare shoes and over trousers in school every day otherwise they will be unable to use this facility.



If your child will be starting in reception in September 2017, you are invited to the Abinger site on

17th November at 9:15am. If you are looking for a Year 3 place for September 2017, please come to the Westcott site on 16th November at 9:30am.

MAKE A DATE
TO COME AND SEE US



Leave of Absence Requests I would like to remind all parents that holidays are not permitted during term time. If you book a holiday in term time you could be fined. Absences during term time are only granted in exceptional circumstances.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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