

Newsletter



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C of E Primary School

This Value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP

Friday 21st October 2016

Coming up after half term

Monday 31st Oct—Friday 4th November—Maths Week

Tuesday 1st November

Maths Workshop for Parents Years 1 and 2 at Westcott site at 7.00pm

Wednesday 2nd November

Maths Workshop for Parents Years 3 and 4 at Westcott site at 7.00pm

Thursday 3rd November

Maths Workshop for Parents Year 5 and 6 at Westcott site at 7.00pm

Friday 4th November

Butterfly Class Assembly at 10.30am (Abinger site)

Individual/ Sibling Pupil photos

Letters sent home this week

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

- Reading Book Letter - All years
- Cross Country Competition - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only
- Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 Course - Year 5 children who are taking part only
- Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 Course - Year 6 only
- Curriculum Newsletters - All Years
- Theatre Workshop - Years 5 and 6 only
- Maths Workshop - All Years

Good afternoon,

Last night's disco was a fantastic end to our half term. Many thanks to F@SH for organising such a fun event and to the staff and parents who helped. It has been a very full half term. Highlights included: a visit to Haslemere Museum, the Mad Hatters Tea Party, a visit from the Fire Brigade and a Fairy Tale Banquet.

This week you will have received a letter about our reading scheme books. We are currently in the process of reviewing our reading scheme and therefore need all books to be in school. I recognise that your child will not have a school reading book over this half term break, however please use this as an opportunity to visit your local library and to enjoy reading books that you have at home.

We will be holding parents' evenings on the 8th and 10th November. Attached to the newsletter is a guide on how to book online. Please do book an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you have any problems booking please contact the office.

We are sad to be saying farewell to Miss Palmer today. We thank her for all she has contributed to Surrey Hills and wish her all the best in the future. Mrs Whiting will be joining us after half term to teach Ladybirds Class.

I wish you a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 31st October.

Bethan Lucas
Assistant Headteacher

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 from 9.00am tomorrow. 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://surreyhills.parentseveningsystem.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. Please see the note at the end of the Newsletter regarding making appointments with Mrs Sawyers, Inclusion Manager.

Reception and Year 1

This first half term has been an exciting one for the children in Reception and Year 1. The children have been busy making new friendships and rekindling old ones, this gives them the confidence to take on even more challenging situations. This was tested to the limit when Caterpillars class visited Bees class for the day to be Pumpkin Judges at the Westcott Site.



The children spent time measuring and comparing the pumpkins and writing about the colour shape and texture. Some even made stories up with Giants and Pumpkins and magical deeds. We are looking forward to next half term when we will be thinking about Superheroes and the different ways we all celebrate.



Year 2

This term, Year Two have enjoyed learning about life during 'The Great Fire of London' through their topic 'Enter the Time Machine'. They have imagined they were Samuel Pepys and have also enjoyed taking on different characters roles. The children have learnt about materials and the classes have been lucky enough to have a visit from Dorking Fire brigade. The firefighters helped the children to consider how the fire would have spread through London in 1666 by safely setting fire to their Tudor houses. We look forward to next half terms time machine adventures where we will be visiting the trenches and learning about Florence Nightingale.



Years 3 and 4

This half term the children in years 3 & 4 have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. The trips to Haslemere Museum were fascinating – giving an opportunity to see an actual mummy and take part in a mummification work-



shop. In addition, we've learnt and written about Tutankhamen's discovery; investigated how he might have died; produced Egyptian inspired batiks and investigated the Egyptian number system.

"My favourite thing was writing instructions on how to mummify." (Xander – Squirrels Class)

"I loved mummifying my teddy – he's still got his bandages on!" (Niamh – Hedgehogs Class)

"I liked finding out about Tutankhamen's tomb and how long it took to discover it." (Eve – Squirrels Class)

Years 5 and 6

Last week, years 5 and 6 had an exciting visitor- Mrs Armstrong! She visited us to share lots of fantastic Science experiments. We explored the use of different chemicals and loved looking at chemical reactions- especially the dry ice! We also discussed Biology and had the opportunity to look closely at muscle tissue through a microscope!

We thoroughly enjoyed this experience and we are looking forward to trying out some more great experiments in Science!



We would like to thank Mrs Armstrong for taking time to visit us!



Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick

Abinger Site

Westcott Site



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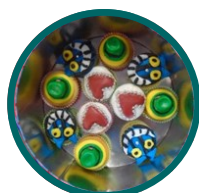
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On Thursday, years 5 and 6 celebrated The Mad Hatters Tea Party. This was a lovely finale to this half term's topic. We researched, designed and created many exotic and scrumptious dishes. Almost all of the plates were spotless by the end! We would like to thank all of the parents for handing over their kitchens and supporting the children with their creative baking!



F@SH NEWS



School Disco A huge **thank you** to everyone who made our first disco of the year a huge success, to all those who bought tickets and our lovely volunteers and staff

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!



Maths Week – 31st October until 4th November

Maths week follows half term below is an outline of key events.

DAY	MORNING	EVENING
MONDAY 31 st Oct	Whole School assembly Maths trail – EYFS/KS1	
TUESDAY 1 st Nov	Maths trail – Years 3 & 4	7pm – Westcott: Yrs 1 & 2 workshop (parents)
WEDNESDAY 2 nd Nov	Westcott – Maths workshops for all classes.	7pm – Westcott: Yrs 3 & 4 workshop (parents)
THURSDAY 3 rd Nov	Maths trail – Years 5 & 6	7pm – Westcott: Yrs 5 & 6 workshop (parents)
FRIDAY 4 th Nov	Maths dress up day – anything with a maths link! Celebration assembly – linked to maths. Class presentation of work	
Abinger: Maths workshop for children (date to be confirmed).		

It would be wonderful to see as many adults as possible at evening workshops. These will give the opportunity to find out more about how maths is taught in each phase, methods used and what 'mastery' involves.

All children will be taking part in workshops – a separate letter has been sent regarding these. A voluntary contribution of £2 is requested to cover some costs.

Dress-up day on Friday – perhaps a T-shirt with numbers or shapes / a stuck on number? (Please don't feel you need a full mathematical costume!)

Finally, if any parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent, who uses maths in their work, would like to come in and chat to the children about their job, please let us know. It would really help for children to understand maths in the 'real world'.

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.

October 2016

End of Term 21st October 2016 - Normal close time

Half Term 24th – 28th October 2016

Maths Week 31st October

November 2016

Maths Workshops

Workshop for Years 1 and 2 Parents at Westcott 7.00pm 1st November

Workshop for Years 3 and 4 Parents at Westcott 7.00pm 2nd November

Workshop for Years 5 and 6 Parents at Westcott 7.00pm 3rd November

Butterfly Class Assembly 4th November

Individual/ Siblings Pupil Photo 4th November

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

Year 5 Boys Football Team

Well done to the Year 5 Boys Team for coming second in the Dorking School Football Tournament. We were very proud of their sportsmanship.



SCHOOL LUNCH

The cost of meals are £2.20 per day/ £11.00 per week. All meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week/ term.

Please pay via School Gateway. If you have any problems please contact the school office. We need one week's notice if you would like to change your child from packed lunch to school dinners/ or school dinners to packed lunch. Thank you.

Don't forget Parents' Evening!

PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS 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

Individual Pupil Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 4th November to take individual and sibling photos of the children. Those who have siblings on the same site will have their photo taken during the day but if you have children on both sites there will be an opportunity to have sibling photos taken at the Westcott site at 3.30pm. If you would like to have a sibling photo taken on the Westcott site please inform the office so we can give the photographer an idea of numbers.



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. Details to follow after half term.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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