

# Newsletter



*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*

C of E Primary School

This Value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP

Friday 7th October 2016

## Coming up next week

### Saturday 8th October

F@SH Jumble Sale -  
2.00pm until 4.00pm  
at Abinger



### Tuesday 11th October

Harvest Service Abinger Site -  
St James' Church  
Years 1 and 2

### Thursday 13th October

Surrey Hills Pumpkin and  
Squash Competition from  
3.35pm in the school hall at  
Westcott

### Friday 14th October

**INSET DAY**

Good afternoon! It seems Autumn is creeping up on us. The children however are enjoying all the festivities which this season brings. Many classes have been looking for signs of Autumn and singing in assemblies has been reflecting the season too.

We started the week with the Westcott Harvest Festival service at Holy Trinity, the children's reflections and prayers made all stop and think about how fortunate we are. Thank you for all of the items that were donated these will make a huge difference to their chosen charity. Next week we will be holding the Abinger Harvest Festival service at St James Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. The children should bring donations to school with them on the day where they will be displayed in the church; at the end of the day you will then have the opportunity to purchase the fresh produce donated. Money raised will be sent to the charity Mr Robson set up to educate children in the slums of Mumbai, Street Child.

This week the children in Year 3 and 4 have visited Haslemere Museum. They were all very enthusiastic about the day and their learning ~ what a great way to learn about mummification!

Next Friday there is an INSET day for staff.

## Letters sent home this week

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

- Letter from Mr Wadey to Caterpillars Class only.

This year, the whole school is focusing on developing the enjoyment of reading. One of the actions is to update the school reading scheme so please can you have a good look at home for any school books and return them before half term. On the 31<sup>st</sup> October, a reading specialist will be working with our staff to update and refresh our reading scheme. We are very grateful to F@SH who have donated £5000 to purchase books for the reading scheme which will inspire and engage the children in their reading.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be F@SH class reps, if you are interested in being a class rep and would like to know more there will be an opportunity to talk to Ellie Quinn at the F@SH jumble sale tomorrow at the Abinger site. It is a great community event which starts at 2pm and closes at 4pm. There will be refreshments available; I look forward to seeing you there.

Finally I wish the Surrey Hills cross country team all the best as they will be competing against other Dorking schools at The Weald this afternoon.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

## Surrey Hills Pumpkin and Squash Show

Please bring your pumpkins and squashes to school by 11th October. These need to be given to the class teacher.

The school hall at Westcott will be open from 3.35pm on Thursday 13th October for Parents/ Carers/ staff and children to peruse the exhibits.



*Jennie Ratcliff*  
*Headteacher*



# HARVEST FESTIVAL Tuesday 11th October

## Abinger Harvest Church Service - Years 1 and 2

The children will attend a Harvest Service at St James' Church. Unfortunately we are unable to ask parents to join us for this service due to a lack of space in the church. Parents can bring donations to the Abinger site on the morning of Tuesday 11th October. These will be displayed in the church and then there will be an opportunity to purchase the produce at the end of the day. Money raised will be donated to the charity Mr Robson set up to educate children in the slums of Mumbai, Street Child..

**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.



## Break Time Snacks

It has come to the attention of several staff that snacks children are choosing at break time are not suitable. We promote healthy eating within the school and ask that children bring in a piece of fruit / vegetables to enjoy at break time. Absolutely no cake, sweets or chocolate please! The children have been reminded this week and their class teachers will be monitoring their snacks. Your child also needs to bring in a full bottle of water every day. Thank you for supporting us and encouraging the children to make healthy choices. **Please remember that we are a nut free school so please make sure your child's packed lunch is nut free.**



Please make a note of your child's Class Assembly.

### Westcott - start time at 3pm

#### Autumn Term

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Moles
11th November	Rabbits
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Badgers

#### Spring Term

10th February	Foxes
17th March	Hedgehogs

#### Summer Term

26th May	Squirrels
9th June	Ladybirds
30th June	Bees

### Abinger—Start time at 10.30am

#### Autumn Term

4th November	Butterfly
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#### Spring Term

17th March	Dragonfly
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#### Summer Term

7th July	Caterpillar
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## School Comms/ School Gateway

The school's communication and payment system, if you haven't set up your account already please follow the instruction below. If you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

*The system is called School Gateway – and it's available for you to use now.*

- Go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)**
- When you visit the School Gateway website for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter your email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school**
- The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and your account will be activated for you.**

*As soon as you've got the system set-up, you'll be able to pay money to the school online rather than send cash or cheques.*



## IMPORTANT REMINDER—Illness

To enable us to contain diseases and infections please follow the '48 Hour Rule': keep your child off school for 48 hours after showing the symptoms of an upset tummy or sickness. This keeps bugs out of school and away from other families and staff. Thank you.

**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@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk	westcott@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk
	www.surreyhillssurrey.sch.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.

### October 2016

F@SH Jumble Sale at Abinger	8th October
INSET Day	14th October
School 'Fresher's' Disco—All years at Westcott—times TBC	20th October

**End of Term 21st October 2016 - Normal close time**

**Half Term 24th – 28th October 2016**

<b>Moles Class Assembly</b>	<b>21st October</b>
Maths Week	31st October
Parent Forum Meeting @ 9.30am Date	TBC

### November 2016

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
Parents Evening 3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger 3.40pm – 6.00pm at Westcott	8th November
Parent Evening 5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger And Westcott	10th 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
<b>Christingle at St James' at 4.00pm</b>	<b>4th December</b>
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 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
E-Safety Day	7th February
Foxes Class Assembly	10th February

## Roald Dahl Centenary Concert

Friday 28th October at 3.00pm until 4.15pm

Martineau Hall, Dorking Halls, Reigate Road,  
Dorking RH4 1SG

A family friendly concert to celebrate the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth by Chamber House Winds. This concert will include Three Little Pigs and Revolting Rhymes and a few other family classics to amuse and revolt the audience, including the infamous Concerto for Hosepipe! Sponsored by Dawkes Music. Children are encouraged to stay on after the concert and have a go at playing the instruments. Admission: £8 per Adult, £5 Children. Family Ticket for 2 Adults and 2 Children £25. Box office : 01306 881717



## Holmbury & Westcott Wolves FC

are looking for boys and girls to join their U11 team. If you would like more information please speak to Francesca Berg (Harry and Leo Burton's mum Year 6) or let the office know and they will pass on your details.

### 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