

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

**Our Christian Value for this half term is COMPASSION**

**Friday 20th October 2017**

**Diary Dates W/C 30.10.17**

**Monday 30th October**

**Tuesday 31st October**

- Parents Evening

**Wednesday 1st November**

• PAN Consultation Public Forum Meeting

**Thursday 2nd November**

- Second Hand Uniform Sale  
- Parents Evening  
- Surrey Schools Award Ceremony, to collect our trophies for coming first

**Friday 3rd November**

- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at The Weald School

**Letters sent home this week**

All parents: Consultation for Pupil Admission Number (PAN)

All parents: Parents Evening

Years 1 & 2: Victorian Workshop

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at The Weald School

Years 1 & 2: KS1 Nativity Performance and Forest School

F@SH Christmas Fair Information

Good afternoon and welcome to the last newsletter of this half term! I know I definitely feel ready for a break but goodness knows where the time has gone?

This week has been taken up with many a meeting. Mrs Tudor and myself met with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) from Surrey this week. The purpose of the visit is to monitor attendance and punctuality at school. We discuss individual cases, any pupils with broken weeks, late arrivals at school and other absences and the EWO checks the procedures the school has in place to ensure that we are chasing absences and lates. I was really pleased to receive the news that the school continues to have good attendance at 95.68% in 2016/17 so a huge thank you to parents for supporting our drive to keep attendance at school a priority.

Surrey Hills is committed to the safety and education of all our pupils and our priority is to keep the children safe at all times. We practise evacuation procedures regularly and this week we practised our emergency sheltering procedures under guidance from Surrey County Council. This would be used in response to an internal or external incident which could be a threat to the safety of staff and children in the school. A sheltering procedure may be activated in response to any number of situations, these may be for example:

- \* A reported incident or disturbance in the local community
- \* An intruder on the site
- \* A major fire in the vicinity
- \* A warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)
- \* The close proximity of a dangerous dog.

Our procedure aims to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff. In the unlikely event that we have to put this process into action we will ensure that parents are aware of the arrangements.

Next half term looks to be exciting and busy in our build up to Christmas. Please keep a close eye on the newsletter for the dates of events which are happening.

I'd like to wish you all a very good half term break. Please keep safe if you are attending firework and bonfire events and we shall look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 31st October.

A very Happy Diwali to all who celebrate this festival.

With very best wishes.

*Jennie Ratcliff, Headteacher*

## Pumpkin and Squashes Competition 2017

Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff that took part in the pumpkin show. Whether it was growing and delivering pumpkins to the school, building the school display or helping set up the school show, thank you.

Our reputation as a Pumpkin Powerhouse as a school continues to grow and we are well known in the local community for this now. The children have been inspired to grow and care for the pumpkins at home and be proud of their achievements when they have shared them with their class and others at school. We have been able to give the children a purpose to their maths and science skills through the medium of pumpkins which is something to be proud of.

Our school display, which was headed up by Miss King this year, finished 3rd in the Dorking Allotment Holders Show on Saturday at the Christian Centre. We now know to use the pumpkins as characters in any future displays which should allow us to eventually win the coveted title of 'schools champion'. Should you wish to be involved in growing or helping with the pumpkin show next year (or perhaps you have a neglected plot of land to grow on) then please let Mr Wadey know.



### Reminder:

Please ensure your child (ren) has their full correct PE kit in school at all times including a change of socks. With the weather changing, a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms would also be ideal.



### Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing as many of you at our Parents Evening Meetings on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Along with your child's books, you will find a slip for you to write a message to your child to let them know what you are proud of. These will be stuck in your child's book for them to read. The children really love reading your comments.

We would like to ask ALL PARENTS to go online and complete PARENTVIEW for the current year at [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

Thank you

### Kickstart Coaching

There are still spaces for the Kickstart Coaching club for Years 1 & 2 which takes place every Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at school. If you are interested please email Kickstart Coaching at [hello@kickstartcoachinguk.com](mailto:hello@kickstartcoachinguk.com)



## Dorking Schools Football Tournaments

Over this half term the year 5 and 6 boys and girls have been training hard to prepare for the Dorking Schools Football Tournaments. The Year 5 and 6 girls never gave up and worked really hard to achieve 3rd place and bronze medals winning 5 out of 7 games. Erica was also nominated most sporting player of the tournament by the referees.

The Year 6 boys played extremely well finishing in 4th place in a very closely contested competition, winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 2.

The Year 5 boys, despite trying really hard, the goals just didn't flow and they finished 8th place.

All teams showed great sporting spirit—well done!



## SSE Women's FA Cup Final, Saturday 5th May 2018

Tickets are still available for the Women's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on 5th May 2018 and can be purchased via the School Gateway or the School Office. The deadline for buying tickets is the 3rd November.

Adult Tickets—£7.50

Children's under 16 are free.

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 18th Sept	W/C 25th Sept	W/C 2nd Oct	W/C 9th Oct
Weekly Attendance	96.27%	97.35%	96.77%	95.97%
Weekly Number of Lates:	8	15	3	5
Attendance Year to Date:	97.27%	97.18	97%	96.73%



**Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff**

**Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick**

### Abinger Site

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## Diary Dates 2017/2018

Please add these dates to your diary but check the Newsletter each week for any changes/updates. These will appear in red. F@SH dates are shown in blue.

### October

Half Term 23rd — 27th Oct  
Parents Evening 31st Oct  
Abinger: 3.10pm to 5.30pm  
Westcott: 3.40pm to 6pm

### November

PAN Consultation Public Forum Meeting at Westcott site 1st Nov  
Parents Evening 2nd Nov  
Abinger and Westcott: 5.30pm to 8pm  
Parent Forum Meeting at Abinger Site 8th Nov  
F@SH mufti day for donations to the Christmas Fair 9th Nov  
Children in Need 17th Nov  
F@SH AGM at 8pm at Westcott 22nd Nov

### December

Christmas Fair Extravaganza 1st Dec  
Christingle Service at St James Church, Abinger 3rd Dec at 3.30pm  
Reception Christmas Nativity Abinger 13th & 14th Dec  
F@SH & Volunteers thank you coffee morning 18th Dec  
KS1 Nativity at Westcott – 2.30pm at Westcott 18th Dec  
KS1 Nativity at Westcott – 9.30am at Westcott 19th Dec  
Carols by Candlelight at Westcott 6.30pm 19th Dec  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6  
End of Term (early close times) 21st Dec  
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

### January

Start of the Spring Term  
4th Jan

### February

Valentines Disco (YR, KS1 & KS2) at Westcott 9th Feb  
Half Term 12th—16th Feb  
Inset Day 19th Feb

### March

Easter cake sale 29th Mar  
End of Term (early close times) 29th Mar  
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm  
Bank Holiday 30th Mar

### April

Bank Holiday 2nd Apr  
Start of the Summer Term 16th Apr

### May

Bank Holiday 7th May  
Bank Holiday 28th May  
Half Term 29th May—1st Jun



### Miss Patel

#### Ladybirds Class Teacher

I worked at Newdigate Infant School last year, as a Year 1 class teacher and previously owned a Tearoom, Farm shop and small holding business and taught for 6 years at a primary school in East Grinstead.



I enjoy travelling to new places and I have been fortunate enough to visit some incredible sights and experience different cultures. At home I enjoy hiking and running in the countryside, as well as relaxing by either listening to music or reading.

### Reminder: School Lunches

Please can you make sure that all school dinner accounts are settled for this half term.

The cost of school lunches for the remainder of the Autumn Term is £87.75.