

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

Our Christian Value for this half term is Peace Friday 15th December 2017

Diary Dates W/C 18/12/17

Monday 18th December

 KS1 Nativity at 2.30pm at Westcott

Tuesday 19th December

- KS1 Nativity at 9.30am
- KS2 Carols by Candlelight at 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th December

- Christmas lunch at both sites
- Christmas jumper day at both sites
- KS2 Church service at 2pm

Thursday 21st December

Last day of term
 Abinger finishes at 1.15pm
 Westcott finishes at 1.30pm

Letters sent home this week

 Year 5 and 6 Mobile Phone Advice (PC Dootson)

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

Thank you to all your donations for The Royal British Legion together we raised a total of £111.

Thank you

Good afternoon,

Welcome to our final newsletter before Christmas. Both sites have been busy as a million and one things are happening at the moment. This week, we were impressed by the reception nativity performances and I'm looking forward to the KS1 nativity performances next week. It was lovely to see so many parents and a big thank you to F@SH for providing the refreshments.

Heading into our last week, please remember that we have our KS2 Carols by Candlelight in the Westcott playground on Tuesday. If you have flameless candles, please bring them with you. Christmas lunch is also on Wednesday and children are welcome to come in wearing a Christmas jumper/top/hat for a £1 donation to Save the Children.

Please remember school finishes at 1.15pm on the Abinger site and 1.30pm on the Westcott site on Thursday 21st December.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children, parents, staff and governors of the school a very Merry Christmas and also wish you all a well-deserved break. I hope you all manage to spend some time with friends and family and I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 4th January.

Wishing you all a good weekend as we lead into the festive period.



Teddy Bears Picnic

The Teddy Bears Picnic held in May is F@SH's biggest fundraiser of the year. Unfortunately, there is no lead for this for this year. The role would be supported by a Committee of people but urgently needs a lead. If you are interested in taking the lead please contact F@SH on:

fash@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk

Volunteers Needed

In order to support the school Christmas lunch and staff lunch, volunteers are needed to cover the staff. F@SH currently only have four helpers, if you are free next Wednesday lunchtime and can help please contact F@SH on:

fash@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk

Year 5 and 6 Pizza Enterprise Competition

Last week Years 5 and 6 undertook a D.T. and enterprise project to design, plan, create and sell a pizza to a local businessman in need of a product for a very important client meeting. The students loved it, producing not only delicious and creative pizzas, but superb sales pitches. Local businessman Ralph Sutton judged all pizzas, adverts and presentations; we thank him for giving up his time to support this project. The week was rounded off with a mass pizza consumption session!

"It was such great fun and I learned a huge amount! The pizzas were delicious, too." River, Moles Class.





Reception Nativity

Bees and Caterpillars celebrated Christmas with two fantastic performances of Happy Birthday Jesus! this week. The performances were amazing and all the children spoke and sang with such confidence it is hard to believe they have only been in school a term.

"I was an angel and I liked it when I sat in front of the manger" Grace, Caterpillar Class.

"I was a shepherd and I liked it when we sang Walking to Bethlehem and I got on the stage." Finlay, Bee Class



Parent Quote, The Christmas Angel Nativity

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to St James Abinger and to all the people involved in organising The Christmas Angel Nativity Panto held on Wednesday evening. What a fantastically talented cast and brilliantly written script that kept us laughing all the way through. From the 'The Great British Bake Off' to the chase scene with baby Jesus, it was just brilliant! It certainly got my family in the Christmas mood.

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 13th Nov	W/C 20th Nov	W/C 27th Nov	W/C 4th Dec
Weekly Attendance	97.78%	96.06%	95.83	95.05
Weekly Number of Lates:	5	6	12	8
Attendance Year to Date:	96.91%	96.82%	96.68%	96.49%



Carols by Candlelight

KS2 Carols by Candlelight on

Tuesday 19th December at 6.30pm

in the Westcott playground.

The hamper raffle will be drawn during the event.

KS2 children and staff have been busy preparing for Carols by Candlelight, please remember this is KS2's opportunity to celebrate the season.

We hope to see you there.

Measles Outbreak in Surrey

There is a measles outbreak in Surrey affecting unimmunised children and adults. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. **Vaccination with 2 doses of MMR is the only way to protect children and young people.** There are also measles outbreaks occurring in Europe, particularly in Romania, Italy and Germany, and if you are planning to travel overseas please ensure that your child is up to date with their routine immunisations, including MMR.

The first MMR vaccine is given to toddlers at the age of 13 months and the second injection at around 3 years and 4 months before your child goes to school. MMR can be given to older children, teenagers and young adults if they missed their injections when they were younger. **Contact your GP practice if your child needs an MMR vaccine.** The vaccine is free. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can contact the GP to ask.

Measles is not just a little kids' problem. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. The first signs of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days, a spotty rash will appear. It starts on the face and neck before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think your child has measles, ring your GP practice for advice. Don't turn up to the surgery, walk in centre or to accident and emergency without calling ahead. The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that if your child has measles – they won't pass it on to others. Keep people with symptoms of measles away from others to avoid spreading measles, and stay away from school, nursery or work for 5 days after the onset of rash.

If you would like more information, see https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/ Christine Nannozi, Strategic Risk Management Team

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Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails			
Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk		
After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091		
Breakfast Club at Abinger	01306 730747		
Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160		

Choir Christmas Performances

With the festive season now in full flow, so too is the choir's hectic performance schedule. Last week we performed for local residents at Wesctott's Reading Room, and then on Saturday we sang at Deepdene Trail's Winter Wonderland. The choir sang beautifully at both performances. A special thank you to everyone who braved the cold on Saturday morning - it was a lovely performance and event! Next week we are singing at St John's chapel and for the school's volunteers' coffee morning. And, of course, we must not forget Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday evening.

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.

December

Thank you coffee morning for F@SH and 18th Dec Volunteers at Westcott
KS1 Nativity at Westcott at 2.30pm at Westcott 18th Dec

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KS1 Nativity at Westcott at 9.30am at Westcott 19th Dec F@SH providing refreshments

Carols by Candlelight at Westcott 6.30pm 19th Dec Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

School Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

20th Dec

20th Dec

End of Term (early close times)

21st Dec

Abinger 1.15pm, Westcott 1.30pm

January

Start of the Spring Term 4th Jan Squirrels class Assembly 26th Jan

February

Valentines Disco (YR, KS1 & KS2) at Westcott 9th Feb
Half Term 12th—16th Feb
INSET Day 19th Feb
Foxes Class Assembly 23rd Feb

March

Moles Class Assembly
Dragonfly Class Assembly
23rd Mar
Easter cake sale
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
Hedgehogs Class Assembly 18th May
Badgers Class Assembly 25th May
Bank Holiday 28th May
Half Term 29th May—1st Jun

June

Ladybirds Class Assembly 15th Jun INSET Day 22nd Jun

July

Caterpillars and Bees Class Assembly End of Term (early close times) Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm INSET Day 13th Jul TBC 20th Jul

23rd Jul

Lunchtime Club

If you have any board games, card games, Lego, construction toys going spare, the lunchtime club would greatly appreciate any donations.

Lunchboxes

Please remember to collect any lunchboxes by the end of the term, any remaining will be donated to The Children's Trust charity shop in Dorking.



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