

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is Respect

Friday 23rd February

Coming up next week

All week

Year 6 Bikeability - Group 1 & 2

Wednesday 28th February

Rabbits Class Parent Lunch

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Friday 2nd March

Second hand uniform sale at Westcott

EYFS Forest School

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country

Letters sent home this week

- Years 2 and 4 Bikeability
- Parents Evening
- Mole Valley Music Festival
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country

Year 6 Residential Trip

The next instalment of £37.00 for the Thames Mariner trip in July is due by Friday 2nd March.

Year 4 Residential Trip

The deposit of £167.00 for the New Barn trip in June is due by Friday 2nd March.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

**Friday 2nd March
at 3.30pm, at Westcott**

SALE

Good afternoon and welcome back.

Our week started with a productive INSET day focusing on the teaching of phonics, reviewing the impact of the marking and feedback policy plus all staff have undergone First Aid training. We hope you enjoyed the extended break and that your children are fully refreshed and ready for the next 5 weeks. Although this half term is short, it will be busy so keep an eye on the diary date section.

During half term, the hall at the Abinger site had a makeover. It looks wonderful and I am very grateful to the parents who volunteered to redecorate it. It was enormous task but it was worth it as the room looks amazing. The children and staff are pleased that the custard yellow paint has gone!

Our value for this half term is Forgiveness. During this time, the children will be discussing how everyone makes mistakes (it's part of being human and how we learn) and sometimes our mistakes hurt others. They will also reflect on the occasions when mistakes made by other people hurt them. This will lead onto a discussion about being able to forgive which can be difficult. A values newsletter will be sent home next week.

Sadly Jane Biggins, leader at Holmbury Playgroup, died on the 11th February. She touched many lives through her work at the playgroup and will be greatly missed. There's a book available in the children's area of Holmbury Church to capture your thoughts, prayers, memories, poems, pictures, if you wish. The church is open every day 9ish - 5ish. Our thoughts are with her family.

There's plenty of paper and pens for children to use as well.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Every moment of your child's education is important! Please help us to improve our attendance by sending your children to school every day and making sure that they arrive on time! We thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Remember:

- If your child is sick or attending a medical appointment, please phone the school before 8.30 a.m.
- Try your best to ensure that dental and medical appointments are made outside the school day.
- PLEASE remember that I am unable to authorise holidays, which should always be taken during the school holidays – 13 weeks in total!

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March

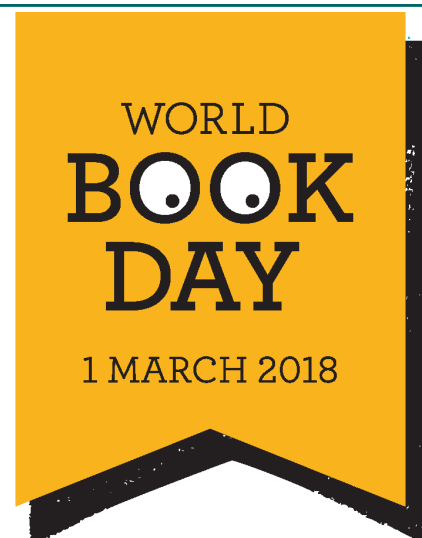
Children are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in class.

During the day children will take part in a variety of reading activities, to promote a love for reading.

Your child should bring in their favourite book or poem (please name it) and be ready to discuss why they have chosen it.

The £1 book tokens will be handed out on World Book Day and can be used at the upcoming Book Fair being held from the 7th to 12th March.

For further information on World Book Day [click here](#).



Mud Run – Sunday 22nd April 2018



FASH are excited to announce that we will be entering Surrey Hills School in the morning session (9am-12 mid-day) of the Mud Kid Mud Run, Pipbrook Meadows, Milton Court Lane, Dorking.

Entry fee is £13 (reduction from website price of £16.58)

We just ask that each child raises some sponsorship money from family/friends as a contribution to F@SH

Pupils and parents (please join in, if you are brave enough!!!) please contact F@SH and/or Ekpen Coates ASAP as places are limited.

Abinger Hall

The hall at Abinger was transformed over half term.

Mr Josserand volunteered to paint the hall as it was looking very tired and unloved.

The children helped choose the colour and Mr Josserand pitched up at 8am on Monday morning.. By the afternoon he realised he had an epic task on his hand. So, word went out to parents on Facebook and three more helpers turned up to help across three long evenings . By late Wednesday night it was all painted.

Thank you very much to Mr and Mrs Josserand and their team Mr Howard , Mrs Betts and Mr Rivett. Thank you also to Mr Josserand's mother and Daisy who were also roped in to help.

You all did a fantastic and professional job and we so appreciate you giving up your time.

What a difference a week makes !!!

A big thank you to Mrs Greenwood for opening and locking up the school everyday, to allow this to happen.



Mothers and Grandmothers Activity Afternoon

Friday 9th March, Abinger: 1.30pm to 2.45pm, Westcott: 2pm to 3.15pm

F@SH are kindly providing tea and coffee after the activities.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk	Breakfast Club at Abinger	07543 982128 Dan Henwood
After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091	Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160 Pleiades

Years 3 and 4 – WE'VE BEEN COOKING!

Amazing aromas wafted from the After School Club room on three mornings last term when Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Rabbits each prepared and cooked a healthy meal to eat for their lunch. Many skills were learnt and even the less adventurous eaters declared the food *DELICIOUS!* Seconds and thirds were had by many and the teachers enjoyed it too! A great finale to our 'Healthy Me' learning theme.



Hedgehogs Class



Squirrels Class

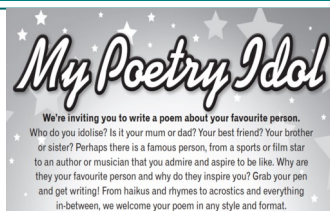


Rabbits Class

Years 3 and 4 – KEEPING SAFE WEEK

During the week we have been thinking about the many situations where we need to be more careful, due to possible dangers. We therefore discussed and learnt about Road Safety, Water Safety and E-Safety.

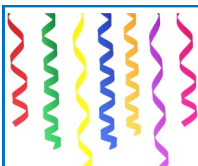
As we also were cooking this week, we made sure we were safe in the kitchen – especially when handling sharp knives and when near the hob and oven. We shared our learning in assembly.



Reminder: Surrey Hills Spring Term Writing Competition

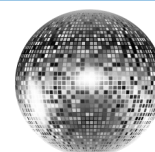
The deadline for the writing competition is Friday 2nd March.

Please hand entries into the Westcott or Abinger office for the attention of Miss Lucas or Mrs Garrick. Good luck!



Diary Date: Year 6 Leavers Party

Wednesday 18th July, 6.30pm to 8.30pm TBC, Theme TBC



Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 22nd Jan	W/C 29th Jan	W/C 5th Feb	W/C 19th Feb
Weekly Attendance	94.03%	93.81%	91.25%	96.05%
Weekly Number of Lates:	12	11	7	4
Attendance Year to Date:	95.89%	95.89%	95.66%	95.67%

Cross Country Event

Some of the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will represent the school at the Cross Country event on Friday 2nd March at The Weald School Good luck. Surrey Hills Team!



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Diary Dates 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.

February

Rabbits Class Parent Lunch 28th Feb

March

World Book Day 1st Mar
 Second hand uniform sale at Westcott 2nd Mar
 Squirrels Class Parent Lunch 7th Mar
 Mothers/Grandmothers Afternoon 9th Mar
 Abinger 1.30pm—2.45pm, Westcott 2pm to 3.15pm
 Maths Week 12th Mar
 Ladybirds Class Parent Lunch 14th Mar
 Moles Class Assembly at 3pm 16th Mar
 Parents Evening 20th Mar
 Abinger 3.10pm to 5.30pm, Westcott 3.40pm to 6pm
 Butterfly Class Parent Lunch 21st Mar
 Parents Evening 22nd Mar
 Abinger and Westcott 5.30pm—8pm
 Dragonfly Class Assembly at 9am 23rd Mar
 Red Nose Day 24th Mar
 Dragonfly Class Parent Lunch 28th Mar
 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
 Bees Class Parent Lunch 18th Apr
 F@SH Mud Run 22nd Apr
 Caterpillars Class Parent Lunch 25th Apr
 Parent Class Drop In 27th Apr
 Abinger 2pm—2.40pm
 Westcott 2.30pm—3.10pm

May

Bank Holiday 7th May
 Teddy Bears Picnic 7th May
 Hedgehogs Class Assembly at 3pm 18th May
 International Week 21st May
 Badgers Class Assembly at 3pm 25th May
 Bank Holiday 28th May
 Half Term 29th May—1st Jun

TALK ON THE WILD SIDE



With
Graham Cornick

Friday 9th March 16:30 –18:00

Loxwood Hall, Sayers Croft

Graham Cornick from Hydestile Wildlife Hospital will be bringing some of his permanent residents to visit including owls, chinchillas, hedgehogs and ferrets! Join us for a fun and educational evening to learn more about these creatures and watch as they fly and scurry around the hall!

Advance booking essential.

Tickets £3.

Children 2 years and under free.

Tel: 01483 275 990 or email: trust@sayers-croft.org.uk to book a space

ADULT BEGINNERS TENNIS COACHING

AT
DORKING LAWN TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB



Group Coaching

Wednesday 28th
 February
 930-11AM
 6 Week Course
 £70

- Technique/Tactics
- Match play
- Learning new skills
- Fun games
- Meet new people of similar



CONTACT US AT: dorkingtennis@gmail.com OR CALL 07712 557076

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Abinger Site

Westcott Site

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