

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 19th January 2018**

## Coming up next week

- Year 6 SATS Parents Information Meeting

## Letters sent home this week

- Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

## Children's mobile phones in school.

All children's mobile phones must be handed in to the school office at the beginning of the school day. Due to the number of phones received please ensure your child's phone is named. Please remind children their phones mustn't be used in the school playground.



## Illness/Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please telephone or email the school office on the first day of absence by 9.15am.

**Abinger:** 01306 730747  
abinger@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk

**Westcott:** 01306 881136  
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Good afternoon,

Our value for this month is respect. Children at Surrey Hills show respect in different ways and in assemblies we will explore what respect looks like in the classroom, on the playground, at home and in the community. Please take the time to look at our values newsletter as I would love to share your Respect stories in assemblies.

On Wednesday, the children in Year 5 and 6 visited Henley as part of their learning theme which is based on the classic Wind in the Willows. It was lovely to hear the children and staff's excited chatter as they returned from a very busy day. Read more further down in the newsletter.

Mental health and the importance of building resilience and good mental health capacity for children, is very much in the news and is a priority for all members of staff at Surrey Hills.

This week, teachers attended their first session of mental health awareness and attachment training, provided by Surrey CAMHs (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) team. At the end of the training, staff will be more confident and skilled when working with children who may have emotional and mental health problems. We were pleased by our approaches to promote positive mental well-being. These include:

Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)	Worry boxes
Lunch Time Nurture Club	Class Teardrop System
Growth Mindset	Mindfulness lessons
Play Leaders at lunchtime	Themed learning weeks
Approachable staff	Variety of extra-curricular clubs
School council allowing for pupil voice	Change for Life Club
Leadership opportunities for children	PSHE lessons and circle time
Celebration assemblies	Open door policy
Good to be Green and Restorative Approach to behaviour	
Home School Link worker	

**YoungMinds** (<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>) is a national mental health charity which provides information for parents about mental health issues.

It was lovely to welcome Mrs Grover back this week; she will be back from her maternity leave in the Summer term.

Wishing you all a good weekend and hoping the rain holds off.

## Year 5 and 6 Rowing and River Museum Trip

On Wednesday, Years 5 & 6 took an exciting trip along the M25, down the M4 and into Henley-on-Thames to the River & Rowing Museum. Students experienced the walk-through 'Wind in the Willows' exhibition, a raging weir on the Thames (complete with Salmon ladder), and undertook a range of science and geography experiments. Judging by the writing produced during the latter half of the week, the visit certainly inspired all pupils to delve deeper into the mind of Kenneth Grahame.

"The Wind in the Willows museum was so cool. I went round it four times! It really brought the story to life for me." Brandon, Year 6

Mr Kelly, Phase Leader (Years 5 and 6)



## Challenge Workshop—Writing

On Tuesday, a group of four year 6 children attended a writing challenge workshop at St Johns School with author, Ali Sparks. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the art of description.

"We learned about how to add characters from real life into a story as well as use fears and likes to shape the story. We discovered that the smallest things can turn into massive, exciting stories! We also learned about what is involved in publishing a book.

It really brought out our inner determination and gave us ideas that we will use to develop our writing in school!"

Erica, Emily, Charlie, George, Year 6.

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 11th Dec	W/C 18th Dec	W/C 1st Jan	W/C 8th Jan
Weekly Attendance	94.11%	91.8%	93.01%	96.70%
Weekly Number of Lates:	10	12	2	7
Attendance Year to Date:	96.49%	96.19%	96.10%	96.11%

## Outstanding Payments

If you have any outstanding money owed for school meals, trips etc. please can you pay on School Gateway as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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

## 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.

### January

Moles Class Parent Lunch	24th Jan
Year 6 SATS Parents Information Meeting at Westcott at 3pm	25th Jan
Squirrels class Assembly	26th Jan
Year 2 SATS Parents Information Meeting at Westcott at 3pm	29th Jan
at Abinger at 2.30pm	30th Jan
Foxes Class Parent Lunch	31st Jan

### February

Badgers Class Parent Lunch	7th Feb
Valentines Disco (YR, KS1 & KS2) at Westcott	TBC 9th Feb
Half Term	12th—16th Feb
INSET Day	19th Feb
Hedgehogs Class Parent Lunch	21st Feb
Foxes Class Assembly	23rd Feb
Rabbits Class Parent Lunch	28th Feb

### March

Squirrels Class Parent Lunch	7th Mar
Ladybirds Class Parent Lunch	14th Mar
Moles Class Assembly	16th Mar
Butterfly Class Parent Lunch	21st Mar
Dragonfly Class Assembly	23rd 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
Caterpillars Class Parent Lunch	25th 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



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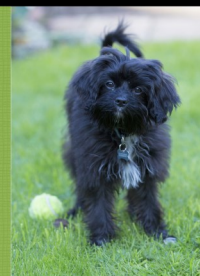
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Mon, Weds & Fri 9:30am – 12pm

Tues & Thurs 11am – 1.30pm

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### Abinger Site

### Westcott Site

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