

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian value for this half term is Truthfulness

Friday 11th January 2019

Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th January

- Year 5/6 Natural History Museum Trip
- EYFS Forest School
- Squirrels Class Parent Lunch at 12pm

Thursday 17th January

- Year 6 Height and Weight Check

Friday 18th January

- Years 5/6 Mixed Quicksticks Hockey
- Ladybirds Class Assembly at 3pm

Monday 21st January

- Science Week

Wednesday 23rd January

- EYFS Forest School
- Hedgehogs Class Parent Lunch at 12pm

Friday 25th January

- Moles Class Assembly at 3pm

Year 3/4 and 5/6 Keysteps Gymnastics Competition

Apologies to Holly, who was missed off the Keysteps Gymnastics competition winners. Holly won gold in Body Management. Well done Holly.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.

Welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable time over the festive break; the children have certainly been full of chat about it. Everyone has returned to school reinvigorated and ready for the term ahead. On behalf of everyone at Surrey Hills, we wish you a very happy New Year. Many thanks for all your kind wishes, cards and gifts which you sent to the staff before Christmas – they were very much appreciated.

Our value for this half-term is truthfulness which links with our CARE values. During this half term, we will be considering and reflecting upon the following questions: What is truthfulness? Why is it important to be truthful? What does it mean to be true to oneself? Which Bible stories have you read about truth and truthfulness?

The learning themes continue to be engaging and exciting for the children and this term they include Traditional Tales, Life and Frozen Planet. Your child's curriculum overview is available to view on the school website, these have been reviewed so they tell you the focus for the term ahead as well as give ideas about how you can support your child. We are all looking forward to the World Book Day - Thursday 7th March. All staff and children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

We are currently preparing for Safer Internet Day, which is celebrated globally in February to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day will focus on how consent works in an online context and will ask young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. To support parents, a free workshop run by the NSPCC is being held on Monday 4th February at 9.15am, at the Westcott site.

Wishing you a good weekend and 2019.

Which programme to use for which task

Now we are part of the Good Shepherd Trust and using different programmes, we thought it would be useful to provide a summary of which programme to use, for which task. To confirm, SchoolGateway is closed.

Task	Programme, Website Page or Who to Contact
Booking internal, school run clubs	https://surreyhills.parenteveningsystem.co.uk
External clubs, (paying)	Booked and all communication direct with provider. Contact details for the club providers are on the club list, which is sent termly.
Booking parents evening appointments	https://surreyhills.parenteveningsystem.co.uk
Paying for a school trip	https://secure.pupilasset.com or the Pupil Asset Parent app
Giving consent for a school trip	https://secure.pupilasset.com or the Pupil Asset Parent app
Paying for school dinner	https://secure.pupilasset.com or the Pupil Asset Parent app

If your child shows any symptoms of sickness or diarrhoea, they must not come in to school and adhere to the 48 hour rule, before returning to school.

Free online safety workshop for parents and carers

Muddled by Minecraft or rattled by Roblox? NSPCC and O2 are running an hour-long interactive workshop with tips, tools and advice on how to keep your child safe online. Talking about online safety with your child doesn't need to be difficult –build your confidence to have those important conversations, get to know your child's online world and learn where to go for help and advice.

The workshop will take place at the Westcott site on Monday 4th February at 9.15am. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Make sure you RSVP to the School Office by telephoning 01306 881136 or emailing westcott@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk.



A huge thank you to Mr Waters and his team of helpers, Mrs Waters, Mr Bacon and Mr McGuinness, who over the last few weeks have transformed the outdoor space, of our reception class at Abinger. The area is now looking amazing and we're sure the children will have a wonderful time playing in the space.

Spotlight on Squirrels Class

This week Squirrels class have started looking at Oliver Twist. Using their research of Victorian Workhouses and looking at different versions of the story, including Charles Dicken's original, they have been writing diary entries as if they were one of the boys living in there. Some fantastic use of language has been used by them including the word porringer!

Within Science, we have started to look at habitats. We investigated the school grounds and found some worms, woodlice, a tiny spider and the potential home of a badger or fox. Carefully, we examined them through magnifying glasses and looked at their physical features. We then discussed about why we found them in certain places before respectfully placing them back exactly where they were found.

'It was fun and interesting to see the animals close up' - Sascha

'I was amazed and shocked to find out what the workhouses were like' - Ethan



Reminder: Closing date for Reception and Year 3 Applications

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2019 entry is **15 January 2019**.

We encourage online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 3rd Dec	W/C 10th Dec	W/C 17th Dec	W/C 7th Jan
Weekly Attendance %:	94.44	96	95.83	90
Weekly Number of lates %:	0.22	0	0	1.21
Attendance year to date %:	95.72	95.75	95.64	95.49

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails			
Chair of IAB	Melanie Harris mharris@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk	Breakfast Club at Abinger	07935 976206 Sally Godfrey
Action House—after school Club at Westcott	07787 568091 info@action-house.co.uk	Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160 Pleiades

If you have any spare wool or fabric at home, our lunchtime club would really appreciate any donations. The children use it for making friendship bracelets.







Diary Dates 2018/19		Please add these dates to your diary but check the Newsletter each week for any changes or updates. These will appear in red. F@SH dates are shown in blue.	
January		April	
16th Jan	Squirrels parent lunch at 12pm	TBC	Years 3 and 4 swimming, further details to follow
18th Jan	Ladybirds class assembly at 3pm	5th Apr	End of Term, early close times Abinger 1.15pm. Westcott 1.30pm
W/C 21st Jan	School science week	23rd Apr	Back to School
23rd Jan	Hedgehogs parent lunch at 12pm	May	
25th Jan	Moles class assembly at 3pm	3rd May	Hedgehogs Class Assembly at 3pm
29th Jan	Year 6 Parent SATs Meeting at 7pm at Westcott	13th to 16th May	KS2 SATs Week
30th Jan	Rabbits parent lunch at 12pm	24th May	End of Term—normal close times
February		27th to 31st May	Half Term
4th Feb	NSPCC parent workshop on online safety	June	
4th to 8th Feb	Online safety week	3rd Jun	INSET day
5th Feb	Year 1 and 2 SATs Meeting at 2.30pm at Abinger	4th Jun	Back to School
5th Feb	Choir performance at the O2 Arena	8th Jun	Abinger Medieval Fair—Abinger children to attend
6th Feb	Foxes, Moles and Badgers parent lunch at 12pm	13th Jun	Fathers/Grandfathers Activity Afternoon: Abinger 1:30-2:45, Westcott 2.00 – 3.15pm
6th Feb	Year 1 and 2 SATs Meeting at 3.00pm at Westcott	W/C 17th Jun	Year 4 Residential Trip
8th Feb	Butterflies class assembly	24th Jun	Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford
13th Feb	Ladybirds parent lunch at 12pm	24th to 28th Jun	Year 6 Residential Trip
14th Feb	End of Term—normal close times	28th Jun	Dragonflies Class Assembly
15th Feb	INSET day	30th Jun—TBC	WestFEST
18th to 22nd Feb	Half term	July	
25th Feb	Back to school	2nd Jul	Move up Day
March		12th July	Bees Class Assembly
1st Mar	Foxes class assembly at 3pm	24th July	End of Term (early close times) Abinger 1.15pm. Westcott 1.30pm
7th Mar	World book day	September	
19th Mar	Parents Evening: 3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger 3.40pm – 6.00pm at Westcott	4th Sep	INSET Day
21st Mar	Parents Evening: 6pm—8pm at Abinger and Westcott	5th Sep	Back to school
28th Mar	Mothers/Grandmothers Activity Afternoon: Abinger 1:30pm - 2:45pm, Westcott 2.00pm – 3.15pm		
29th Mar	Rabbits Class Assembly at 3pm		

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Abinger Site

Westcott Site

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