

Our Christian value for this half term is - We aspire

Friday 17th July 2020

Good afternoon and welcome to the last newsletter of this historic academic year! None of us could have predicted or envisaged what was to come when we started the Autumn term last September.

The last five months have been quite extraordinary. As a school community, everyone has risen to the many challenges with real courage and commitment. I have been so impressed by the response of our entire school community and admire the work that you have done as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that the wheels have kept turning. We have certainly learnt all about resilience. The staff at Surrey Hills have been simply amazing and as parents, you all deserve a huge thank you. I do understand how hard it has been for everyone.

Moving on to think a little about what Surrey Hills could look like in September, I thought that it would be helpful to parents to share a few headlines with you, which would assist you in planning your own working patterns and care arrangements for September. I will send some information home to parents before the end of this term, with further details being added on or before 24th August. This, later additional information, is to ensure that we have had time to reconsider all our risk assessments, staffing plans, cleaning arrangements, safeguarding and health and safety policies carefully and will also ensure that we don't repeat planning, if government guidance changes over the summer holidays.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back. Children will be taught in their classes and will be part of a larger bubble (EYFS and KS1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2). By running larger bubbles we are fully able to deliver a wider curriculum, as well as maximising the opportunity for children of similar ages to play and socialise together

What I can tell you now is that we will be staggering the return to school dates, so that the children can have time and space to settle and so that we are able to 'test' our systems carefully before the whole school is back.

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September: Years 1 and 2 back in school at Abinger, Years 3 and 4 back in school at Westcott

Thursday 3rd September - Years 5 and 6 back in school at Westcott

A final thank you and well done to everyone for your support during these unprecedented times. Keep safe and well.

Mrs Ratcliff

Catering Staff

A huge thank you to the catering team for all their hard work over lockdown and for adapting to all the changes.

Today they went above and beyond putting on a party for the children. The hall looked amazing and the children had a lovely time.



Covid-19 Impact Review: Family Survey

A polite reminder that the Covid-19 Impact Parent Survey deadline is Sunday 17th July 2020. We would greatly appreciate if you could complete this survey, so we have a better understanding of how you and your child are doing during this period of disruption. [Covid -19 Impact Parent Survey](#)

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch via the school office.

Summer Learning Opportunities

The summer holidays should be a time for you and your family to relax and spend time together. However, this year more than ever, we are asking you as parents to also find time to help us as a school in preparing your child for their return to school in September. Mrs Garrick and Miss Lucas have prepared a short video explaining opportunities for learning over the summer holidays, please [click here](#) to view.

On Monday, you will receive a detailed letter from your child's new phase regarding how you can continue to engage your child in learning over the next six weeks.

Year 6 Final Week

We have had a fabulous last week in Year 6, albeit very emotional!

Some of the activities have included:

- Decathlon sports morning. (Well done to our medallists: Gold: James, Silver: Rico and Bronze: Sasha)
- Mega-Quiz: (Great knowledge shown and well done to our medallists: Gold: Phoebe, Silver: Nathy, Bronze: Beth)
- Crazy Dress up day
- Lunch outside – provided by the kitchen staff with accompanying messages. Thank you to Dawn and Amy.
- Performing our end of year songs (to the other bubbles on Monday and to parents on Thursday).
- Thursday's parental gathering on the field also included sports presentations and celebrations of the children's time at school.

The year 6 children have shown such resilience and have delighted in their time back in school. We will miss them hugely and hope they will come back and see us when they can.

On behalf of the year 6 team, may we thank all parents for the absolutely amazing gifts and the kind words said. We look forward to a final goodbye on Monday and wish you a very happy, restful and safe summer holidays.

Mrs Kong



Summer Holiday Camp

Pleiades Leisure are running their summer holiday camp for three weeks during the school holidays. The dates are the week commencing the 27th July, as well as the week's of the 10th and 24th of August.

Please read the information on our [website](#) thoroughly before [booking](#) and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the team info@pleiadesleisure.com.



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Virtual Sports Day Results

We have had a great response to our Virtual Sports Day with lots of children taking part at home and in school. We presented the trophy to the year 6 house captains yesterday.

Well done to everyone who helped gain points for their house team.

The results are: 1st Leith—1390 2nd Box—1060 3rd Holmbury—910 4th Ranmore—870

Keep up all the great exercising over the summer. Mrs Stowell

Diary Dates 2019/20	Please add these dates to your diary, any changes will appear in red. F@SH dates are shown in blue.		
July		February	
20th Jul	End of term—normal close times	12th Feb	End of term—normal close times
21st Jul	INSET Day	15th to 19th Feb	Half term
22nd Jul	INSET Day	22nd Feb	INSET Day
2020/2021 September		April	
1st Sep	INSET Day	1st Apr	End of Term, early close times Abinger 1.15pm. Westcott 1.30pm
2nd Sep	Back to school, start of the Autumn Term	19th Apr	Back to school
October			
16th Oct	INSET Day	May	
23rd Oct	End of term—normal close times	3rd May	Bank Holiday
26th to 30th Oct	Half term	27th May	End of term—normal close times
		28th May	INSET Day
November		31st May to 4th Jun	Half term
2nd Nov	INSET Day		
3rd Nov	Back to school	June	
December		7th Jun	Back to school
18th Dec	End of Term (early close times) Abinger 1.15pm. Westcott 1.30pm		
		July	
January		21st Jul	End of Term (early close times) Abinger 1.15pm. Westcott 1.30pm
4th Jan	INSET Day		
5th Jan	Back to school, start of the Spring Term		

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