



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new year we have had with your children enjoying such incredible learning opportunities across the curriculum. We are bursting with pride over their achievements already this term, immersing in the celebrations of Victorian Day where we looked at the history of our school over the last 170 years. We want to thank all those, including Westcott Historical Society, Horsham Museum and our wonderful F@SH team who made it all possible together with you all for providing costumes. Within this newsletter you will discover many of the other experiences that children have taken part in right across the school in order to achieve their best. As a community, we are lucky to have so many volunteers who come to support us. Our small class sizes and wealth of adult support make learning very special at Surrey Hills. Have a look out for our pupils modelling this term's value of Respect. With our children's passion for sustainability and protecting our planet, they have also set up our very own Eco Council, name the Eco Heroes, who will be leading our Eco Schools journey this year. In sports news, we have had some super sessions of girls football lead by Chelsea football club and won a place in the girls football final at Meadowbank this month. We wish you the very best as we make our way towards Spring and all that it promises.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fyson

Reindeer Run

At Surrey Hills All Saints Primary we have raised a total of £120.00 for the Reindeer Run which took place in December 2023.

We would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of the whole fundraising team, for supporting St Catherine's Hospice and helping us to be there for the local community, when life comes full circle. Thank you again for choosing St Catherine's, it really means so much to local people facing the most difficult of times.

Reception Bees Class

Bees enjoying building dens as a team!



Butterflies Class Year 1 & 2

Butterflies have had great fun learning about and building windmills in our design technology project this half term. We learnt how to make a structure stable and the importance of careful cutting and fixing to make functional sails. We then went outside and tested them to see if they were stable in the wind. "It was tricky to get the sails the same length and width" Scarlett. "I like testing to see if they were stable, mine balanced outside!" Archie



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been looking at all things Stone Age across the curriculum. They have completed some brilliant story writing based on 'Stone Age Boy' alongside learning about Stone Age houses, jobs and clothing in history. In ART, we have been looking at prehistoric drawing techniques using charcoal. We then went on to create our own cave wall drawings background (made from lentils and pulses) and created our own cave drawings.



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have also been enjoying our science topic all about forces and magnets. We have been loving testing out the strength of different magnets and thinking about how you can make magnets attract or repel. We even tested out our push and pull forces with a mini tug of war!



Year 4 Rabbits Class

We have had a lovely first month back at school and have been very busy learning all about the Victorians and how children's lives have changed throughout the years. The children really enjoyed our WOW day, when we had Horsham Museum in, running workshops and teaching us all about school life back then. The children have continued to learn more about the Victorians and their jobs in our History topic. The class have also been working very hard on their times tables and division in maths and we have seen lots of fantastic improvements. We have also been very lucky to welcome two new pupils into our class this half term, the class have done an excellent job of making them feel very welcome.



Year 5/6 Otters and Owls Class

The children in Year 5 and 6 were treated to a Maya workshop funded by FASH. The children dressed up as archaeologists and experienced a whole range of different activities. We played traditional Maya games; explored hunting technique and weapons; the Maya counting system; Calendars and also dressed up to re-enact the story of The Hero Twins.



Left to right: False nose, Corn on the Cob head maker, Jade teeth, Cross eyes!

'I wore the headdress because I won the Maya Pok-a-Tok game which is a game that the Maya people played. They had to use their head, knees and hips to keep the ball off the ground. Each feather in my headdress was from the endangered Quetzal bird and could be traded for 2 slaves!'

'The Maya people loved corn maize so much that they would squeeze their heads in a special headdress clamp to make their head tall like a corn on the cob! They also set fire to their fringe to make them look like corn cobs!'

'I had a jade green teeth mask on to show the rest of the class what the Maya might look like. Jade to the Maya was the gemstone which would bring them to heaven and if you were buried with it, you had a better chance of getting in. They also used jade for fillings. Jade was more important than Gold to the Maya people.'

'The Maya people used rubber to make false noses which impressed the people and the Gods.'

'We sacrificed Mrs. Cunningham in Maya style and removed her beating heart. Someone had to catch it and throw it up in the air within 20 seconds, whilst everyone else cheered so the Gods were woken and knew that a sacrifice had happened. Then the heart was burnt and the essence floated to the Gods.'



'The Maya people wanted their children to look cross-eyed because they thought it was beautiful. My headdress was made of bones and string which hung down by nose to make me look at it. They did this to babies before their eyes developed properly so it made them cross eyed. It is still fashionable in Guatemala today to be cross eyed!'

'We played Maya hunting games and handled Maya weapons. The fiercest weapon was like a cricket bat with obsidian teeth called a Macuahuitl. They also invented an Atlatl which is like a launcher for their spears because the wood wasn't bendy enough to make bows.'



'Mayan nobles drank 40 cups of hot chocolate a day!'

'My favourite part was the Maya board game called Bul. It has to be an even number, with 4 dice that were meant to be like sweetcorn! You captured slaves if your counter



We had an amazing day and all learnt so much! Thank you to FASH and everyone who helped them raise the money!



The 5000 Project

The project is run by Chelsea FC as they commit to helping 5000 young girls get into football. Our KS2 girls were very lucky to have had one of the Chelsea football coaches come into Surrey Hills to teach them some new skills! They all thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and learnt some fantastic drills.



5/6 Girls Football Surrey County Finals at Dorking FC Stadium

We were so thrilled that the Year 5/6 girls got into the finals at Dorking FC Stadium Meadowbank. Unfortunately they didn't win the tournament but played really well. Well done girls!



Choir Concert

What a fabulous evening we all had on the 7th of December 2023 at Holy Trinity Church, watching the D and G choir along with Surrey Hills All Saint Choir, perform to Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo. The music was wonderful, and both choirs sang beautifully!

Thank you so much to Martin and Jan for all your hard work in putting together such a superb event.



Victorian Day

On 9th January Surrey Hills All Saints School celebrated the school turning 170 years old with a Victorian Day.

The children arrived dressed in a variety of Victorian costumes and were very excited for the day ahead. There were numerous chimney-sweeps with sooty faces and brushes; poor children dressed in rags and more wealthy pupils wearing beautiful sailor suits and pretty long dresses. Teachers had also dressed for the day, borrowing aprons, mop caps and shawls.

The day began with a short assembly in the hall which gave everyone the opportunity to show their outfits to the other classes and learn a little bit more about the day. Then everyone assembled on the playground to take a whole school photograph. Children learnt that photography had only just been invented when the school first opened and that they should not smile and sit very still as this was necessary in Victorian days to get an unblurred photograph.



After this, children filed off into their separate classes for a day of Victorian schooling. Children experienced Victorian style teaching such as sitting at desks in rows, the use of chalk boards instead of interactive whiteboards and strict teachers who used surnames instead of first names. The only thing pupils didn't experience was the type of punishment given to misbehaving pupils in past times. Children were able to look at a genuine school punishment book however written one hundred years ago which detailed some of the punishments given, such as when the headteacher smacked a child on the hand for throwing a carrot! Other activities over the day included diary writing and learning about old money which was very complicated. Children also looked at old maps, photographs of past pupils in classrooms in their school and other artefacts such as irons and old the school bell.

The highlight of the day however were the workshops delivered by Horsham Museum. The youngest children learnt about Victorian clothing and how they were washed in big cast iron tubs. The children in Lower Key Stage Two learnt more about Victorian schooling and the older children found out about some horrible jobs that children and adults had to do as well as finding out about workhouses and trying some workhouse jobs such as crushing stones! We are all very grateful to Westcott History Society for paying for these workshops and we are looking forward to working with them in the future.

Victorian Day



Dressing up in washday costumes



Using an old camera



Handwriting practice with a slate and chalk



Workhouse jobs: Unravelling rope and crushing rocks

Rocksteady Assembly

What a treat to have Rocksteady perform in an assembly for Surrey Hills this week! Children are still buzzing about it and parents are wanting to know how they can get their child signed up! Rocksteady will be providing instrument lessons after half term for just £10 per lesson (half hour!). Lessons take part in school time and timings are rotated around each week so that children are not missing the same lesson each week. Children can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and get to learn alongside friends as a band! Lessons are taught by real musicians, carefully trained and extensively trained ... and best of all, regular live performances! Watch this space for flyers to go out, where you can sign your child up! For more information, visit <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents/>

Information for Parents

Learn about Rocksteady's in-school rock and pop music band lessons for your child. Lessons are fun, help boost confidence and support your child's wellbeing.

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Get ready to add a **splash of colour** to your school days this **February 6th!**

Every year, thousands of people face life-threatening emergencies. It can happen anywhere, even at school. That's why we are here, operating as a flying emergency room with specialized medical teams on board. By wearing red and contributing **even just £1**, you become a vital part of our lifesaving charity. We hope you never need us, but we're committed to being there when you do, fighting for your life 24/7, 365 days a year.

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**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
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Diary Dates 2023/24

February 2024	
6th February	Air Ambulance Assembly-Wear Red
8th February	Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Trip
12th-16th February	Half Term
12th-16th February	Pleiades Holiday Camp
19th February	Inset Day
23rd February	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm
23rd February	Year 6 Epsom & Ewell and Mole Valley Junior Citizen Event
March 2024	
4th-15th March	Year 6 Bikeability
5th March	KS1 Toy Workshop/Horsham Museum
12th March	Reception Screening-School Nurse
12th March	Year 6 Netball Tournament
13th March	Year 5 Netball Tournament
14th March	Year 3 Hever Castle Trip
25th March	Swimming Gala
27th March	Easter Pause Day and Church Service
27th March	Cake Sale
28th March	End of Term Finish 1.30pm
29th March-12th April	Easter Holidays
April 2024	
2nd– 12th April	Pleiades Holiday Camp
15th April	Inset Day
19th April	Preloved Uniform Sale
29th April	Primary Music Festival at Dorking Halls
30th April	Year 3 Hedgehogs Wisley Gardens Trip

Diary Dates 2023/24

May 2024	
6th May	Teddy Bears Picnic/Bank Holiday
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATS
14th May	Year R-2 Brooklands Museum Trip
27th-31st May	Half Term
June 2024	
5th-6th June	Year 5 Residential Trip-Forest green
6th June	Year 3/4 Tri Golf Festival
7th June	Preloved Uniform Sale
8th June	Abinger Medieval Fair
14th June	Class/Leavers School Photos
17th June	Year 6 Guildford Service
17th-21st June	Year 6 Residential Trip
26th-28th June	Year 4 Residential Trip
July 2024	
2nd July	Move Up Day
4th July	Year 5/6 Pixham Athletics
12th July	Preloved Uniform Sale
15th July	Year 6 Production-Dress Rehearsal
16th July	Year 6 Production– Matinee Performance 2pm
17th July	Year 6 Production– Evening Performance 7pm
18th July	Year 6 Leavers Party-TBC
19th July	End of Term –Finish at 1.30pm
22nd-23rd July	Inset Days
24th-1st September	Summer Holidays
September 2024	
23rd September	Individual/Siblings School Photos