

Surrey Hills All Saints Monthly Newsletter

Christian value: Believe

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our Spring Term to all our children and families - I am delighted to advise that our children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and are very happy and settled.

We will be looking to lift restrictions as we move forward and welcome you into School for the forthcoming parents' evenings. We will of course keep a close eye on the situation – but we fully intend to open up and invite you all back onto our sites in Spring 2 – with the opportunity to attend celebration assemblies, performances and events as they are scheduled.

We will keep you informed of developments around the Consultation and further clarity will be gained late January. We will be inviting all parents of children in Yr2 to come and view Westcott, discuss provision and plans in readiness for them being yr3 in September.

Should Year R and Year 1 join Westcott, we will be warmly welcoming you all to meetings to view the Westcott site and again discuss all the arrangements in relation to this. Whatever the outcome I would very much like the opportunity to meet you all face to face, now restrictions are in the process of lifting.

We intended to run a trial period walking bus for a 2-week period - this will be postponed until after February half term due to minimal interest. We will invite all parents who currently drive and drop off, to a meeting to discuss changes to our travel plan and to explore in depth the Walking bus offer.

We are extremely excited to be in receipt of new iPads, laptops and an upgrade of IT hardware and software across our school. This is very exciting and offers wonderful opportunities for teaching and learning to take place. We will have the technology and the resources to communicate to you on a variety of platforms and this is very exciting. Please keep an eye on our Twitter and Facebook feeds!

A huge thanks to all for all your support and positivity as we move forward with developing our school and helping the children to be the outstanding learners they are.

We would like to offer our huge thanks and very best wishes to Sarah Tudor for all her years of administrative support and being part of Surrey Hills All Saints School life. Good luck in the next phase of your career.

Mr Coles

UPDATE FROM THE GST ON ABINGER SITE PROPOSAL

Thank you to everyone in the Surrey Hills All Saints community who contributed to the discussion, meetings and consultation. The trust has passed every consultation response on to the Regional School Commissioner (RSC) as part of the business case. The RSC Advisory Board will consider the proposal on 27th January and subsequently we should have some clarity over the future of both sites. Our proposal remains as presented in the original consultation and I wish to thank everyone who engaged so passionately throughout the consultation process.

Paul Kennedy, CEO, Good Shepherd Trust.

Westcott Drop Off/Pick Up Reminder Please DO NOT park in the bus bays in Westcott, as the school bus is then unable to drop the children off and turn around.

Thank You

Our thanks for the very many cards and gifts which we received on the run up to Christmas, they were really appreciated by all the staff. We hope you managed to enjoy your Christmas break, despite the challenges presented by Covid.

School Lunches

The cost for the first half term of the Spring Term are £67.20 or £12 per week.

Santa's Grotto

A huge thank you to all the parents who organised this year's Santa Grotto. The grotto looked wonderful and those who attended had an amazing time visiting Santa.



Nestle Project R-Generation

R-Generation' is a free curriculum-linked programme for schools which helps students think about using our planet's resources sustainably to make a difference in their school community, at home and beyond.

If this is of interest please click [here](#) to view the free resources available.

ELSA and HSLW

As some of you know we sadly said goodbye to a long standing ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) Mrs Baker at the end of last term. We are lucky enough to still retain Mrs Hill our ELSA at Abinger. Mrs Van-Loo is currently in the process of training to be an ELSA under the supervision of the Surrey Educational Psychology team. The ELSA programme is a half termly programme that can offer emotional support for a variety of issues. Once the programme has been delivered the child remains under the pastoral supervision of the ELSA. This means they will have access to ELSA support on a 'when needed' basis.

Our HSLW (Home School Link Worker) is Vicki Kelsall and she continues to support our families and can signpost parents / carers to a range of resources. Please contact her directly on Kelsall.vicki@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to discuss any of your family needs.

Puzzles, Board Games Needed

We are looking to re-stock our lunchtime club with puzzles and board games. If you have any going spare please could you drop these into one of the school offices. Thank you.

YouTube—Choices for Every Family

Every family has a different approach to how they use technology, explore online, and set digital ground rules. That's why we offer options for you to decide which YouTube experience is best for your unique family.

[YouTube Family](#)

Logo Lift Off Competition

We would like to make you aware of an amazing competition for 4—11 year olds from the UK Space Agency. The competition is to design a logo that could go on the first rockets ever to be launched from the UK.

The rockets will carry small satellites into orbit that collect information on climate change.

Regional winners will get to present their ideas IVE at the virtual Grand Final in March.

For further details on the competition and how to enter please click [here](#).

Roblox and Omegle

Some issues have arisen with new harmful and explicit content on Roblox and Omegle this week. Please be aware that both these sites are being accessed by our primary aged pupils. Below are links (from Safeguarding Hub) to parent guides and videos, which you may find helpful.

[Roblox Parent Guide](#)

[Safeguarding ALERT - Dangerous Chat Rooms](#)

National Online Safety: Don't forget the free and helpful 'Wake up Wednesday' guides produced by National Online Safety. [E-safety Guides for Schools | National Online Safety](#)

White Rose Maths App

A great new app that could support your child's math's recall. And its free! Click [here](#) to view.

Diary Dates 2021/22	Please add these dates to your diary, any changes will appear in red. F@SH dates are shown in blue.		
January 2022		May 2022	
27th January 2022	Year 5/6 Theatre Exchange	4th May 2022	Class Photos
February 2022		9th May 2022	Year 4 Residential Trip Parent Meeting
11th February 2022	Moles Class Assembly	9th May 2022	KS2 SATs Week
14th to 18th February	Half Term	20th May 2022	Foxes Class Assembly
22nd February 2022	Parents' Evening	27th May 2022	Butterflies Class Assembly
24th February 2022	Parents' Evening	30th May to 3rd June	Half Term
March 2022		June 2022	
3rd March 2022	World Book Day	13th to 17th June 2022	Year 6 Residential Trip - Thames Young Mariners & High Ashurst
25th March 2022	Rabbits Class Assembly to be rescheduled	21st to 24th June 2022	Year 4 Residential Trip - New Barn
April 2022		17th June 2022	Bees Class Assembly
1st April 2022	End of Term (early close times)	24th June 2022	INSET Day
19th April 2022	INSET Day	July 2022	
20th April 2022	Start of the Summer Term	22nd July 2022	End of Term (early close times) Abinger 1.15pm. Westcott 1.30pm

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