

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 3rd March 2017**

## Coming Up Next Week

### **Monday 6th March**

Years 3/4 & 5/6 Cross Country at The Weald

### **Tuesday 7th March**

Squirrels Parent Lunch

### **Thursday 9th March**

Running Club

### **No Parking at the Prince of Wales Pub on Wednesday 8th March**

Due to a private event taking place at the Prince of Wales Pub on Wednesday 8th March we are unable to park here, this is for the whole day. Please do respect this request.

## Reminder School Opening Times

Please remember the school gate doesn't open until 8.45am in the morning. There is no member of staff on duty in the playground until this time.

School doors open at 9am, children need to stay in the playground until this time.

### **Year 6 Residential Trip**

The next instalment for the Thames Young Mariners trip in June is due on **Friday 7th April**, the amount is £33.75.

Good afternoon. It is a short but sweet newsletter this week.

Yesterday the children and staff enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by coming in dressed as their favourite character from a book. We were really impressed by the range of characters at the two sites. Each child should have received a book token which can be used against a purchase in book stores or can be used to buy one of the books from the Travelling Book Fair. I would also like to thank you for the books you generously donated to our libraries as it is really important we engage the children and further develop their love of a good book.

In addition, parents of children in Year 6 received an email with the outcome of their application on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. It is important you accept or decline your offer of a school place online, by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Recently, I have received a number of requests for term time absence. PLEASE remember that I am unable to authorise holidays, which should always be taken during the school holidays – 13 weeks in total! Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

*Jennie Ratcliff*  
**Headteacher**

### **Parenting Puzzle:**

The Parenting Puzzle Workshop is a 10 week course that encourages parents and carers to enjoy bringing up their child and get the best out of family life. It offers positive, practical ways of guiding your child so they learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour. The course is informal, fun and a great confidence booster. It is open to parents and carers of children aged 0-11years. Booking is required.

The course starts on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm April 26<sup>th</sup> 2017 for 10 weeks (no session on May 17<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>). Last session will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

There will be a cost of £25 for the course which includes a manual and refreshments. It will be at Dorking Nursery School and Children's Centre, Goodwyns Road, Dorking, RH4 2LR.

To book a place please call 01306 740095.



## World Book Day

On World Book Day we enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters. It made us think about and imagine what it would be like in that characters shoes. Mrs Kern swapped with Mr Smith (all the teachers swapped) and Mr Smith read 'Wolf Brother', his favourite book to us. The teachers chose the winners of the best dressed in each class. Mr Smith chose Anna in our class! For the rest of this week and next we will be enjoying doing lots of reading to raise money in our sponsored read event.

Tess and Olivia, Badgers Class



**Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff**

**Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick**

**Abinger Site**

**Westcott Site**



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## Diary Dates 2016/2017

Please add these dates to your diary but check the Newsletter each week for any changes/updates these will appear in red.

### March 2017

|   |                   |
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| Year 6 Residential Trip—Payment £33.75  | 3rd March         |
| Year 4 Residential Trip—Deposit £164    | 3rd March         |
| Parent Lunches – Squirrels              | 7th March         |
| Whole School Science Day                | 10th March        |
| Year 2 Pedals Course                    | 13th March        |
| Parents Lunch – Ladybirds               | 16th March        |
| Year 6 Junior Citizen Event             | 16th March        |
| Hedgehogs Class Assembly                | 17th March        |
| Dragonfly Class Assembly (9.00am)       | 17th March        |
| <b>Fulham FC Primary Schools' Day</b>   | <b>18th March</b> |
| <b>Leith Hill Musical Festival</b>      | <b>18th March</b> |
| Shakespeare/ Book Week                  | 20th – 26th March |
| Parents Lunch – Butterfly               | 21st March        |
| Parents Evening                         | 21st March        |
| 3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger              |                   |
| 3.40 – 6.00pm at Westcott               |                   |
| Parents Evening                         | 23rd March        |
| 5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger and Westcott |                   |
| Mothers/Grandmothers                    |                   |
| Activity Afternoon                      | 24th March        |
| Parent Lunch – Dragonfly                | 30th March        |

### End of Spring term 31st March 2017

Early close times Abinger 1.15pm Westcott 1.30pm

### Easter Holiday 3rd April – 17th April 2017

Back in school on the 18th April 2017

### April 2017

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| Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75         | 7th April         |
| Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00         | 7th April         |
| Parent Lunch – Bees                              | 20th April        |
| <b>Mole Valley Music Festival, Dorking Halls</b> | <b>24th April</b> |
| Parent Lunch – Caterpillar                       | 25th April        |
| Parent Class Drop In                             | 25th April        |
| 8.45am – 9.30am Abinger                          |                   |
| 2.30 – 3.15pm Westcott                           |                   |

### May 2017

#### Bank Holiday 1st May 2017

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| Teddy Bears Picnic                       | 1st May  |
| Parent Forum Meeting Date                | TBC      |
| Year 6 Residential Trip- Payment £33.75  | 5th May  |
| Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00 | 5th May  |
| KS2 SATs Week                            | 8th May  |
| Squirrels Class Assembly                 | 26th May |

### End of Term 26th May 2017 – Normal close times

Half Term 29th May – 5th June 2017

### End of Summer Term 21st July 2017 – Early close times

Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

Summer Holidays 21st July – 2nd September 2017

We have one remaining INSET Day for this academic year, it is on; 7th July.

The school will be closed for staff training on this day.



Friday 24 March

On Friday 24th March we will be supporting Red Nose Day at Surrey Hills. Children are invited to come to school that day wearing an item of red for a donation of £1.00.

### Outstanding Payments

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

Learn to cycle in about an hour.

Option 1. Cyclekids gets children 3.5 yrs + pedalling confidently without stabilisers in about one hour.

Option 2. Cyclekids is a group course designed to get children 2.5 to 4 yrs pedal ready.

Bookings now available for Cyclekids and Cyclekids First 3 bookings receive introductory offer £55/hour or £85/outcome

Shere School  
Gomshall Lane  
Shere  
GU24 9TB  
contact Sam Stretch at sam@foxcycling.co.uk or 07996 749988 to book.

www.foxcycling.com/cyclekidssheresurrey.html

### Box Hill School Open Event—Wednesday 8th March

Our 'School at Work Day' will include tours of the school with our pupils followed by refreshments and the chance to speak to the senior leadership team, academic and admissions staff.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 10.45 am – 12 pm

Places can be booked on our website [www.bboxhillschool.com](http://www.bboxhillschool.com)

### Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

|                               |                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Surrey Hills School Governors | chair@surreyhillsschool.surrey.sch.uk |
| Breakfast Club at Abinger     | 07901 926191                          |
| Breakfast Club at Westcott    | 01483 270160                          |
| After School Club at Westcott | 07787 568091                          |