

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 10th March 2017**

## Coming Up Next Week

### **Monday 13th March**

Year 2 Pedals Course

### **Tuesday 14th March**

Year 6 High 5 Netball  
Tournament at The Priory

### **Thursday 16th March**

Ladybirds Parent Lunch

Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

Running Club

### **Friday 17th March**

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

Dragonfly Class Assembly

Hedgehogs Class Assembly

Good afternoon.

This week seems to have flown by in school - it seems only two minutes ago that I was sitting down to write last week's letter.

Today all children were involved in Science activities to introduce British Science Week. The theme for 2017 is "Change", encouraging our children to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It is also a chance for them to consider the changes they can make to have a positive impact on the future. If you would like to find out more or take part in an event, please click on this link <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

We are really pleased by the positive response we have had to our letter inviting you to join us at the Fulham Primary School Day, 18<sup>th</sup> March. I know that the children are very excited, maybe this will become an annual event?

On the 18<sup>th</sup> March, our choir are performing at the Leith Hill Music Festival Youth Choir Competition. They will perform two songs to the large audience at Dorking Halls; they will be given constructive comments from the adjudicator before the winner is announced. If you would like to support them please purchase a ticket directly from the Dorking Halls box office.

Each winning choir will receive a trophy, and all choirs receive a certificate along with that undeniable buzz that comes from performing live in front of an appreciative audience!

Finally, a plea to please be mindful of safe driving and parking. I appreciate that every school experiences the same issues as ourselves. Last week, you may have read in the press that a local teacher was knocked over by a parent. As a head teacher my job is to ensure that your children are well educated; dealing with parking and driving issues detracts from me carrying out the role I need to do.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

*Jennie Ratcliff*

## 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.

## Reminders:

Please remember that you are responsible for your child in the playground before and after school. No children should be on the equipment at the start or end of the day.

Dogs should not be attached to the school fence.

## Science Day

For Science Day, Year five and six learnt about the human heart. In the morning, we dissected a lamb's heart whilst identifying the different parts of the organ. We used knives (under adult supervision) to prise open the muscle; finding heart strings, arteries, the aorta, ventricles and atriums. After, we learnt about line graphs and we recorded our heart rates by running, jumping and walking. We then wrote fact files about the heart from facts we researched on the computers. All in all, we thoroughly enjoyed Science day.

By Leo and Mia, Year 6



## Dragonfly Class - Science Day

We have been learning about plants this term. Today we used magnifying glasses to look for different plants in the school playground. We saw some daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses! We learned that plants have petals, stems, roots, leaves and pollen. It was lots of fun!





## Science Day Continued





Here are some photo's from our Chromatography experiment today trying to catch the 'Candyman' who left behind a note in black ink after he/she ate all our sweets.

"The colours were fantastic! It was magical to see them explode across the page" Emily, Rabbits Class

"It was amazing to see the dots turn in to colourful splodges! I learnt a lot and had loads of fun" Duncan, Rabbits Class

"We just did a dot of pen ink on the paper and then we added water and it erupted like a firework. It was magic and fun". Eve, Rabbits Class



Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff		
Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick		
	Abinger Site	Westcott Site
	Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HZ	School Lane, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3QF
	01306 730747	01306 881136
	abinger@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk	westcott@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk
	www.surreyhillssprimaryschool.org.uk	

## 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

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
Fulham FC Primary Schools' Day	18th March
Leith Hill Musical Festival	18th March
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

Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75	7th April
Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00	7th April
Parent Lunch – Bees	20th April
Mole Valley Music Festival, Dorking Halls	24th April
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

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.



If you would like to join your child for lunch please pay via School Gateway from tomorrow under **Parent Lunch e.g. Moles Parent Lunch (not your child's school lunch account)**. The cost is £2.64 per person. Please book by the following dates:

CLASS	DEADLINE	LUNCH
Ladybirds	9th March	16th March
Butterfly	14th March	21st March
Dragonfly	23rd March	30th March
Caterpillar	18th April	25th April
Bees	31st March	20th April

(This is the ABSOLUTE DEADLINE - we cannot take any bookings after this date). Tickets will be sent home once you have paid for your meal. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

#### 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