

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 17th March 2017**

## Coming Up Next Week

### **Tuesday 21st March**

- Butterfly Parent Lunch
- Abinger Parents Evening
- Wescott Parents Evening

### **Wednesday 22nd March**

- Shakespeare Dress Up Day

### **Thursday 23rd March**

- KS2 Shakespeare Workshop
- Running Club
- Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
- Abinger Parents Evening
- Wescott Parents Evening

### **Friday 24th March**

- Mothers and Grandmothers
- Activity Afternoon

- Red Nose Day

- Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby
- Dorking Rugby Club

## **Second Hand School Uniform Sale**

**Wednesday 22nd  
March**

**After School**

## **Holly Young**

**Passed ABRSM Piano  
Prep Test.**

**Congratulations Holly**

## **Governors School Visit**

Dear Parents

As I am sure you know, last Friday was Science Day at Surrey Hills and a team of governors went along to see what was going on. We had a great time and really enjoyed talking to the children about what they learn in science and how they do it.

We started off in KS2 at Westcott where we were shown around by an excellent team of school council members. Thank you Tom, Frankie, Joe, River, Jonathan, Evie, Noah and Zac for being such outstanding tour guides and giving us a real flavour of what life is like in KS2. You showed off so many good things about the school and your enthusiasm for your learning really shone through.

When we visited, the Year 3s were learning about light and how to make rainbows with Mr Smith, the Year 4s were discovering chromatography with Mrs Coyle and using their newly acquired knowledge to try and crack the mystery of the day; who had stolen the missing sweets from the staff room? There is no doubt that a number of budding forensic scientists were born during that class. The Year 5 and 6s were learning about the human heart and for those who could stomach it there was the opportunity to see, touch, cut open and explore a real heart (thankfully not human!!). Everywhere we looked we saw interested children who were totally engaged in their learning and eager to share what they were learning with us.

After a chance to look through some of the childrens' learning journeys with them and chat about their work, we headed off to look at Science day in KS1 at both the Westcott and Abinger site. The Year 2 children on both sites were making their own rainforests in a bottle and I was really impressed by the depth of knowledge that the children demonstrated, telling us in great detail about the different layers of the rainforest and what might live in each part. They had also written some lovely, detailed accounts of their work. In the reception and Year 1 classes, the children were learning about plants and flowers and how they grew from seeds. There were some beautifully illustrated pictures of the parts of a flower and lots of intrepid explorers outside with their magnifying glasses trying to find as many different plants as possible.

All the children we met and talked to were keen to share their knowledge, show off their work and infect us with their enthusiasm for Science. Thank you so much to all the budding doctors, anatomists, botanists, physicists, chemists, forensic scientists and biologists that we met, we had a wonderful time sharing Science Day with you.

Clare Evelyn, Chair of Governors

## Shakespeare Week

Next week is Shakespeare Week at Surrey Hills! The children will be looking at various plays and sonnets written by William Shakespeare. The children will be reading a range of Shakespeare plays and learning about these through various drama, art and English activities.

If you wish to dress up on Wednesday 22nd March it would be great to the children take on the Tudor period style of dress. The teachers are dressing up so look out for us on the playground on Thursday morning!



### Junior Citizen Workshop

On Thursday, the Year 6's visited Epsom Racecourse for the Junior Citizen workshop.

We learnt about many aspects of staying safe in our everyday lives. We were helped by the police, fire service and RNLI. We discovered how to keep safe in the water, around animals, how to stay safe in an emergency and dangers to be aware of as we transition to secondary school and become more independent.

These skills helped us to develop our vigilance; we will put these important skills into practise in our everyday lives!



### SHAKESPEARE DRESS UP DAY WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH

On Shakespeare Day, we would like children to dress up. Some ideas: are you could dress up as William Shakespeare, a character from a play or a person from Tudor times. You could bring in props as well or the copy of the book too. We are looking forward to seeing your costumes.

Emily and Grace



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.

## Year 6 Netball Tournament

On Tuesday, the netball team took part in a tournament. We came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams. We lost 2 matches but also won 2. At the end of the heats we were second so we played in the semi-final. It was a brilliant game and we just lost 5-4 to Powell Corderoy. We would like to thank Mrs Kong for coaching us and making this exciting opportunity possible. We enjoyed it and had lots of fun playing netball – we had great team work and sportsmanship.



Olivia & Hester (Badgers) Team: Olivia, Hester, Tess, Iris, Natalia, Harriet & Ella

## Office Staff



### Louise Jeffers—Westcott

Louise joined us as School Business Manager at the beginning of this school year. Louise has a wealth of experience in Finance, HR and team management from her Catering and Finance Management background. "I am very excited to help make a difference to the children at Surrey Hills. Ever tightening school budgets are a challenge for schools up and down the country and I am pleased to be able to assist Surrey Hills in these challenging but exciting times."



### Karen Williams—Westcott

Karen joined us as Administration Officer in December. Karen was in a similar role at another primary school in Surrey. Her main passion is sport, especially Rugby, Swimming and Triathlon! Karen hopes to accompany the children on future competitions.







### Sarah Tudor—Westcott

Sarah joined us as Administration Officer in January, after a career break to have a family. Sarah has extensive PA and Administrative experience from previous roles at Apple and Accenture.

### Mandy Greenwood— Abinger

Mandy is based at our Abinger site for three days. She is a Premises Assistant working with Mrs Ratcliff and Mrs Jeffers on building related issues but also covering in the office dealing with children and parent queries. Mandy has been associated with the school for over 10 years, first as a parent then a governor and finally joining the office team five years ago. "Not many of my premises jobs are exciting but the interaction with the children makes up for it".



Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff		
Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick		
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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

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	
Shakespeare Day—children dress up	22nd March
Shakespeare Workshop	23rd March
Parents Evening	23rd March
5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger and Westcott	
Yr6 National Child Measurement Program	23rd March
Mothers/Grandmothers	
Activity Afternoon	24th March
Red Nose Day	24th March
Easter Pause Day	27th 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

### June 2017

Sports Day – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	8th June
Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75	9th June
Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00	9th June
Ladybirds Class Assembly	9th June
Arts Week	12th June
Reserve Sports Day – Years 3,4, 5, and 6	15th June

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.

## Inset Days

Below are the INSET dates for 2017/18

Monday 4th September 2017 - Children start  
5th September 2017

Friday 13th October 2017

Monday 19th February 2018

Friday 22nd June 2018

Last INSET date TBC






EFFINGHAM & LEATHERHEAD RUGBY CLUB

2017



**MINIS RUGBY FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 19th March - Kick off - 10am**  
Find out more at: [www.eaglesrugby.co.uk](http://www.eaglesrugby.co.uk)








### Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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