

# School Newsletter

## September 2023



Dear All,

I hope this letter finds that you and your families are all well at the half-way point of this half term. The children are certainly full of positivity and enthusiasm and are coming to school with so much joy and happiness.

### **Parking update**

With the Prince of Wales pub in Westcott under new management I have reached out and they have very kindly agreed that parents can use the car park every morning between 8:15am and 9am to facilitate drop off. The car park is also available for use between 3pm-3:30pm Tuesday- Friday to facilitate collection of the children. We are extremely grateful to them for supporting the school. The Village Hall (formerly The Reading Room) have also agreed to support parking for our parents between 3:15pm and 4pm. Please do email the school if you have an interest in making use of this facility.

### **Moving on and a huge thankyou**

I have spoken with many of you directly, in letters and meetings and you are now aware that an exciting opportunity has opened up for me to further my career within an international setting. Remaining in post this additional half term, has provided a few extra weeks to finalise arrangements and provide the capacity to support the school and its transition into the next phase under new leadership.

I want to express my gratitude to the entire school community, including the Trust central team, the Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Administrative staff, Local Committee, Pupils, Parents and all in the community of Surrey Hills who have given of their time, energy and support in a shared endeavour that is our school. All members have contributed to significant changes and developments during my tenure which has truly been a work of collaboration and support. Your children have been and continue to be fantastic ambassadors for the school and truly brilliant advocates for you as parents. It has been a genuine privilege to get to know them and you. Much has been achieved, but of course there is always much still to be done.

As you are now aware the Trust have appointed Mrs Jacky Fyson as the Surrey Hills All Saints Headteacher going forward in an executive leadership role. She has introduced herself to the children, last Friday in celebration assembly and held a successful meeting with parents and carers this week and I would like to thank again all those who were able to attend. Mrs Fyson and the team will swiftly become familiar to you all and that all stakeholders will be in very good hands stepping into the future.

I find that the process of moving on is all at once exciting and thrilling and comes with unique challenges and fears too. But knowing that change is inevitable, we can make it a positive and affirming experience and can be a catalyst that can allow us to flourish.

I look forward to the next few weeks, continuing to work together to develop and build on all that we have done so far this half term and support the transition to the new leadership Team.

I offer you my thanks and warmest wishes for the future.

May light and love and joy be with you all.

With sincere thanks and warmest regards,

Kind Regards,

Simon Coles

## **Reception Bees Class**

Bees have settled beautifully into school life. Here are just a few of the activities they have enjoyed.

### **Sampling our delicious lunches!**



### **Making marvellous marks in our Nature Garden!**





## Reception Bees Class

### Exploring the provision





## Year 1 & 2 Butterflies Class

Butterflies have had a great time making felt-a first for all of us! First we had to create a design using wool roving, then use soap flakes and water to squash it all together, roll it out and squeeze out all the water. We were all amazed by the end product and look forward to putting them all together to create an abstract map. Many thanks to Mrs Todd for giving up her time to help us.





## **Bees and Butterflies Forest School**

The children admired the sunflowers that they planted in the Summer Term. Lenny was very impressed that this sunflower was the tallest: 'It had a lot of water and good roots'.



Butterflies Class thought about all the aspects that make the best place to keep cool on one of the hottest days of the year - not quite what we were expecting. We realised that tree shade is the best and talked about how transpiration keeps the air even cooler!



## **Bees and Butterflies Forest School**

We also made Blackberry Jam over the fire. We learnt that if you let it boil for too long it makes blackberry toffee ... and if you boil it even longer you end up with hard boiled blackberry sweets!



Bees Class enjoyed their first Forest School session exploring the Nature Garden.





## Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Hedgehogs have been busy writing letters to Kevin the Koala, drawing self-portraits and enjoying our favourite stories together.



We even had a special Chinese experience day where we made lanterns, paper dragons and painted some Chinese numbers and alphabet for our new writing topic linked to The Magic Paintbrush!





### Year 3 Hedgehogs Rock Adventure

This half term, Hedgehogs are learning all about rocks in science. To immerse the children in their learning, Mrs Phillips took the children on an amazing rock walk around Westcott in one of their Forest School sessions. We spotted lots of different types of rocks and soils, thought about what they might be made of and how they have been made. We even climbed a cliff!





## Year 4 Rabbits Class

We have been very lucky to have had Mrs Packer working with Rabbits class this half term on a couple of things. We were the first class to help in collective worship this year, starting off with the creation story. Each child had a small role and helped Mrs Packer deliver the collective worship to the rest of the school.





## Year 4 Rabbits Class

Mrs Packer organised a creative clay workshop for Rabbits class, making little clay models, protesting against climate change. The children absolutely loved making their models and responded very well to our guests! Brilliant first month back!





## Year 5/6 Otters Class

Otters class have been learning about the solar system in French! We have really enjoyed learning about space so far and are very excited for our coming lessons.



We have also been making our own sun dials and investigating how people used to tell the time.





## Year 5/6 Owls and Otters Class

Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous time at The Winchester Space Science and Discovery Centre linking with their topic 'Where does Space begin?' and our Science this half term 'Earth and Space'.

### **A future astronaut?**



### **Enjoying the hands-on exhibits in the huge Space Exploration Zones!**



### **Testing the relative weight of a can of beans on different planets in our solar system.**





## Year 5/6 Owls and Otters Class

### Mission control!



The Planetarium was amazing! The children were led through our galaxy and beyond! *'It was the best thing ever!'* Aidan J





## The Good Shepherd Trust 10th Birthday Celebration

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September the Good Shepherd Trust celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. A selection of children from Surrey Hills All Saints attended a fun-packed morning at Guildford Cathedral, together with pupils from all the other Good Shepherd Trust schools. The schools took part in a variety of activities followed by a collective celebration service.



**Making sheep to represent themselves as one of Jesus' sheep and creating a jigsaw representing all the pupils from all the schools who attended.**





## **1st Cross Country Event**

Some of the KS2 children took part in our first cross-country event of the year against lots of other schools. A huge well done to all the children as your determination does not go unnoticed! An especially big well done to the Year 3 / 4 girls who won their event with our girls coming 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place!







# DISCOVER SURREY HILLS ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Early years provision is OUTSTANDING"  
"Children get off to an impressive start in Reception"  
Ofsted 2023

**OPEN DAY 1st November**  
**Head's talk from 9.30am**

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Small class sizes • Wraparound Care 7.30am - 6pm • Forest school & nature garden  
Spaces available across school

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# Diary Dates 2023/24

<b>October 2023</b>	
3rd October	Year R-6 Immunisations
17th October	Parent Meeting Q&A Session
18th October	All Parents Update Meeting
23-27th October	Half Term
30th October	Inset Day
<b>November 2023</b>	
1st November	Open Day (Headteacher talk/tour @ 9.30am)/All saints Day
2nd November	Preloved Uniform Sale
3rd November	Movie Night Reception/KS1
20th November	Year 6 screening- School Nurse
30th November	Year 4 Bikeability
<b>December 2023</b>	
1st December	Year 4 Bikeability
8th December	Christmas Fair
13th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church
15th December	End of Term 1.30pm finish
16th-1st January	Christmas Holidays
<b>January 2024</b>	
2nd January	Inset Day
5th January	Preloved Uniform Sale
<b>February 2024</b>	
12th-16th February	Half Term
19th February	Inset Day
23rd February	Preloved Uniform Sale



<b>March 2024</b>	
4th-15th March	Year 6 Bikeability
27th March	Easter Pause Day and Church Service
28th March	End of Term Finish 1.30pm
29th-12th April	Easter Holidays
<b>April 2024</b>	
15th April	Inset Day
19th April	Preloved Uniform Sale
<b>May 2024</b>	
6th May	Teddy Bears Picnic/Bank Holiday
13th-16th May	Year 6 SATS
14th May	Year R-3 Brooklands Museum Trip
27th-31st May	Half Term
<b>June 2024</b>	
7th June	Preloved Uniform Sale
17th June	Year 6 Guildford Service
17th-21st June	Year 6 Residential Trip
26th-28th June	Year 4 Residential Trip
<b>July 2024</b>	
12th July	Preloved Uniform Sale
19th July	End of Term –Finish at 1.30pm
22nd-23rd July	Inset Days
24th-1st September	Summer Holidays
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