

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 31st March 2017**

## Coming Up Week

**Commencing 17th April**

**Monday 17th April**  
Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 18th April**  
Back to School

**Reminder: no clubs the first week back, except for the Year 6 Boosters and Sportshall Practice Sessions**

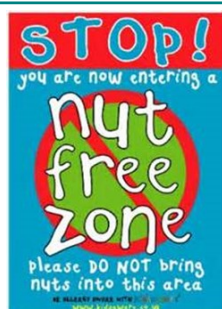
## Changes to Collection

If you have any changes to your child's pick up arrangements, when possible please notify the office by 12pm.

## Leith Hill Festival

"Just to say how much I enjoyed hearing the choir sing at the Festival, and how well they did. it was really good that they took part, and I hope they enjoyed it too. Congratulations to all concerned".

Imogen Barker, Governor



Good afternoon and welcome to our last newsletter of the Spring term. It has been a relatively short term since Christmas, however there has been much going on in and out of school. It has been lovely to see so many of you in school during the Spring term. Thank you for making the time to come in as the children really do enjoy sharing their learning with you.

This week the children in Year 4 watched 'In the Net' a production which explored how the children can stay safe when using the internet. It acknowledged how amazing the internet is and how it opens up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But how, as parents, do you keep track of what they're doing and make sure they're staying safe? The NSPCC have 4 key tips to help you:

- explore the online world together
- talk to your child about staying safe online
- manage the software and tools your family use
- agree rules about what's ok and what's not

Today children have come to school in something blue, in honour of Cancer Research. I would like to thank Mia (our Headgirl) for working so hard to organise the day and events. We thoroughly enjoyed the talent show this morning – what an amazing group of children we have. Thank you in advance for all your donations - we shall let you know, after Easter, how much we have collected.

Next term promises to be just as busy, if not busier than this term with lots planned. There are various fundraising activities in the pipeline, as well as trips and exciting curriculum activities. Keep an eye on our diary dates section for any updates or additions.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. With every good wish for an enjoyable Easter break.

*Jennie Ratcliff*

*Headteacher*

## Safety

I do hope that parents are all safe after the tragedies that hit London last week. The school has also been keen to check that our lock down policy is fully up to date. We do not actively drill the children for lock down as we do not want to cause unnecessary alarm, however I would like to make parents aware that the school does have a policy and that procedures are known and tested by staff in the event that they should ever need to be used. Equally, the school has evacuation procedures in event of fire and emergency and these are tested regularly.

## Mothers and Grandmothers Activity Afternoon

Thank you to all the mothers and grandparents who joined us last Friday. The children greatly enjoyed sharing part of their afternoon with you. Some of the children have shared what they enjoyed most about the afternoon.

"I enjoyed making the cards and cakes. My mum liked the cake!"

Bella "We were able to sign the spring songs that we had learning and show them the actions. We were able to show them our learning." Michael



Butterfly class making tribal masks to finish off our rainforest topic.



## Easter Pause Day

On Monday the reception and key stage one children spent the day together on the Abinger site for Easter Pause Day. This opportunity allowed the children to deepen their understanding of the Easter story and what it means. It was a delightful day where the children were able to enjoy activities based around the theme of 'Lost and Found'.

Clarence "I enjoyed the art work when we made bunting. I was able to use my fingers to paint."

Maya "I enjoyed the Easter treasure hunt most. We hunted for egg pictures in the copse and had to find the matching stamp."





## Shakespeare Week

Maya in year one described Shakespeare week as 'Super!' because 'everyone dressed up like a character and that was exciting'.

'It was fun because we learnt more about Shakespeare. He was really famous because people enjoyed his plays because they found them funny.'



## Tag Rugby Tournament

Surrey Hills entered two teams to the Dorking Tag Rugby Tournament at Brockham last Friday. The children enjoyed a busy afternoon of matches with nine teams entered. The 'B' team came 4th in their group and the 'A' team won their group and played North Downs 'A' in the final which they drew. Both North Downs A and Surrey Hills A go on to represent Dorking in the County finals. Well done.



## Pedals

'The pedals course was fun and supportive as it taught us how to be safe on the road and when we ride our bikes.' Myles

'It was brilliant as the instructors explained it well and gave us a chance to have a go ourselves.'



**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.

**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	
<b>Years 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics</b>	<b>26th April</b>
<b>Years 5 and 6 Quicksticks Hockey</b>	<b>26th April</b>

### May 2017

**Bank Holiday 1st May 2017**

Teddy Bears Picnic	1st May
<b>Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby</b>	<b>3rd May</b>
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
<b>Years 5 and 6 Boys Kwik Cricket</b>	<b>19th May</b>
<b>Years 5 and 6 Girls Kwik Cricket</b>	<b>23rd May</b>
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
<b>Years 5 and 6 Rounders</b>	<b>12th June</b>
<b>Years 3 and 4 Dance Festival</b> TBC	<b>12th or 13th June</b>
<b>Years 3 and 4 Rounders</b>	<b>13th June</b>
Reserve Sports Day – Years 3,4, 5, and 6	15th June
Fathers/Grandfathers Activity Afternoon	16th June
Year 4 Residential Trip	20th – 23rd June
<b>Years 3 and 4 Mini Tennis</b>	<b>20th June</b>
Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford	26th June (am)
Year 6 Residential Trip	26th (pm) – 30th June
Sports Day – Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Abinger Site)	29th June
Bees Class Assembly	30th June

### July 2017

Move up Day	4th July
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The last INSET Day for this academic year is on the 7th July. The school will be closed for staff training on this day.

## Recent Fund Raisers

### Book Fair Week

We have raised £915.77 at our Book Fair, **this gives us £426.46 to spend on FREE BOOKS for our school.**

### Sponsored Read

The children did amazingly well with the sponsored read raising a total of £1163.73—the staff are busy choosing topic books to go in our libraries.

### Red Nose Day

Thank you for your kind donations, we raised £270.42 in total.



### Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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