

School Newsletter

October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so very much for the warm welcome you have shown to all our new children - it is a true delight to be a part of such a wonderful school community! This autumn term there has been a wealth of learning and events happening at Surrey Hills All Saints, including celebrating and exploring the meaning of harvest at Westcott Church. We gave our thanks for all who work so hard throughout the world to provide us with the food we all eat to nourish our bodies. We are indeed blessed to have Tim hosting us and to share the sense of belonging and togetherness which warms the soul.

Value of the half term

Following our focus on Love, next half term we look forward to deepening our knowledge on our value **Believe**.

OUR VALUES:

Love Show love for ourselves and each other

Believe Have confidence in ourselves and in those around us

Respect Demonstrate respect for everybody and everything

Aspire To challenge ourselves, do our very best and work hard

Achieve To reach our full potential

Hope To make everyday a better one and envision the future

Open Day on 1st of November

We have already been busy providing private tours and showing prospective parents and children around our school for those considering a school place for their child in the next academic year or immediately. As a result, we are already welcoming new children and receiving so much positive feedback. We continue to reach out across our communities to promote our enriching, unique educational setting nestled in the Surrey Hills with its excellent Early Years and flourishing outdoor learning opportunities and appreciate anything you can do to support us by sharing your positive experiences through word of mouth and the power of your advocacy.

We will have an Open day on the 1st of November and invite all prospective parents who have children that are looking for a school placement in Reception and Yr3 in 2024, to please come through our doors and see first-hand all the fantastic opportunities your child would experience as a pupil of Surrey Hills All Saints. Please do spread the word. Keep an eye out for the new Open day banners and the Dorking High street banners that are already in position! We have also visited nurseries and feeder schools and can't wait to meet our new pupils and parents for the next academic year.

SECONDARY SCHOOL DEADLINE

We would like to remind you that the closing date for applications to secondary schools is 31 October 2023. Secondary applications - Surrey County Council (surreycc.gov.uk)

Clubs

I would like to say a huge thank you for your support with ensuring we have such high pupil engagement with our clubs offer. The feedback has been fantastic and we look forward to next half term.

A fond farewell

We would like to wish Mr Coles a fond farewell. We are extremely grateful for his leadership through the transformational journey the school, staff and children have travelled over the last two years.

The dedicated team of staff, who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the children, have achieved great outcomes and driven the educational improvements clearly evident under his wise and compassionate guidance. We would like to thank Mr Coles on behalf of the Surrey Hills teaching team, Local Committee, FASH and Good Shepherd Trust for the contributions he has made to its success over the last few years, bringing a sense of togetherness and taking it from strength to strength. I am confident that the school is in an excellent position to continue building on these successes over the coming years.

As he heads towards a new challenge, we can reflect on the often-humorous and caring manner and genuine passion he had for achieving the best educational opportunities at our school and would like to wish him every success for the future.

Mrs Jacky Fyson
Executive Headteacher

Reception Bees Class (Forest School)

Bees class have been exploring the idea of microhabitats at Forest School . We found different minibeasts liked different conditions.

'The worms like it dark and cold but the woodlice like it dry and crumbly.'

'This makes a really good hotel for the minibeasts. There are a lot of spiders too - I think they like the pipes and the holly leaves!'



Year 1/2 Butterflies Class

Butterflies have enjoyed mapping out our school and playground in geography this term. We spent a lovely sunny afternoon drawing maps with chalk on the playground. We used a compass to find out where north is and added this to our maps. We then took it in turns to give directions to get to different places on our maps.



Year 3 Hedgehogs class

Hedgehogs have been building...castles! Hedgehogs have been looking at castles in DT, thinking about the different parts and the importance of each one. Each child then made their own 3D castle using a combination of junk modelling and 3D shape nets. Hedgehogs should be very proud of themselves as they produced some fantastic castle models. Some of them even had a working draw bridge!



Year 3 Hedgehogs class

Hedgehogs have also been looking at different types of soil. They collected soil from different areas in Westcott alongside different areas around school. They compared each one and thought about which one would be best for growing crops, building or walking on.



Year 3 Hedgehogs class (Forest School)

Hedgehogs have developed their understanding of volcanoes through creating their own in forest school. In groups, they made composite and shield volcanoes using a range of natural and man-made objects. Each group then made their volcano erupt! We had great fun watching the lava fizzing out of each volcano and thought about what are the positive and negative effects of an eruption.



Hedgehogs year 3 dress up day

Hedgehogs ended the half-term with a little bit of magic for 'Fairy Tale Dress Up Day'. We had a fun day filled with lots of great activities! We wrote our own fairy tales, played guess the character, read loads of books and we even had a surprise visit from the real Gingerbread Man into our classroom.



Year 4 Rabbits Class

Rabbits have had a brilliant few weeks and have thoroughly enjoyed our Rainforest topic this half term. We have done lots of excellent learning, across all of our subjects, linking with the rainforest.

We recently created some music, thinking about the sounds and noises we could hear from the different animals and weather in the rainforest. As well as this, we have created some batik artwork, based on the colours and patterns from the rainforest. The children loved creating these and worked really carefully. We have finished our holiday brochures and acrostic poems in English and very much looking forward to our new topic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Food.

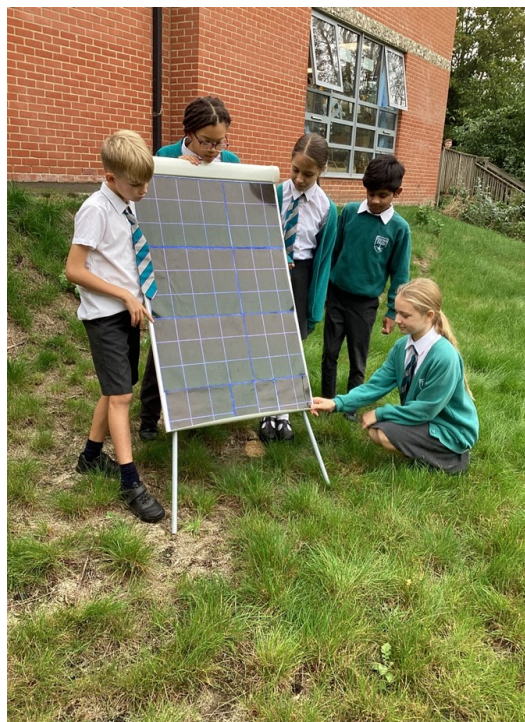


Year 5/6 Owls Class

Owls Class have been learning about different types of renewable energy. They have been exploring the school grounds to work out where would be to site renewable energy sources. We focused on Solar Panels, Wind turbines and Geothermal energy.



'We think the best place for the solar panels is on the roof - we think above the hall and on Otters Classroom as this roof faces South.'



'If we had a row of solar panels along the top of the bank on the school field, they would face South and get a lot of sunlight.'

Year 5/6 Owls Class

'Geothermal energy needs a lot of space so chose either the playground or the school field - we used a rope to simulate the pipes laid out under the ground.'

'We used an anemometer to find the windiest place for our wind turbine. The problem was that there was no wind when we were looking for a site!'



'Wind turbines are sometimes up high or in the sea - obviously there's not much point putting them somewhere that's not windy!'

'I see the [Rampion] Wind farm when I go to the beach at Littlehampton. I thought I could swim out to it but it's a lot further out than it looks!'

Year 5/6 Otters Class

On Friday 5th October our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a free art workshop run by Passion for the Planet. They were asked to create animal masks out of paper plates. These were to be used to encourage audience participation in a local theatre production which ran in Dorking last weekend.





CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN WINNERS



Sonny - Bees Class



Scarlett - Butterflies



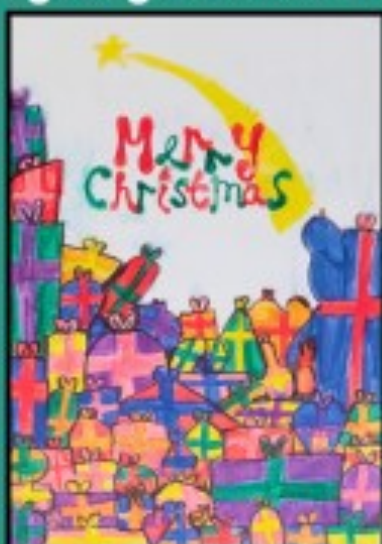
Abby - Butterflies



Evelyn - Hedgehogs & Overall winner



India - Rabbits



Odett - Otters



Madeleine - Owls



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

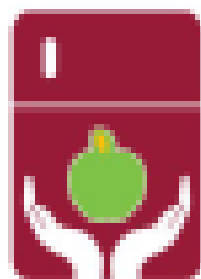
Personal Tours available: 01306 881136



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

www.surreyhillsprimaryschool.org.uk

Sponsored by the Westcott 100 Club and Westcott Village Association



MID SURREY COMMUNITY FRIDGES

**The Mid Surrey Community Fridge van now visits Westcott
every Tuesday
opening at 2:45pm**

**It stays in the village for up to half an hour from opening at
St John's Chapel in Chapel Lane**

**Many come early to queue and chat –
it's a good catch up!**

**If you are on the school-run we can hold your bags for you until you
come back**

Please come along and stop this food going to landfill

**If you can make a small donation, it would be appreciated
Mid Surrey Community Fridge
relies upon these donations (£2.50 is suggested)**

SANTA RUN

Sunday 10 December 2023

Priory Park, Reigate

YMCA

Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you



► 10:30 | Adult 3 mile
(aged 16+)

► 11:15 | Family 1 mile
(children aged 4+ and adults)*

£12.50pp
includes a free
Santa suit
and medal.

Enter online at:

www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

YMCA EAST SURREY

Diary Dates 2023/24

30th October	Inset Day
31st October	Children return to school
November 2023	
1st November	Open Day (Headteacher talk/tour @ 9.30am)
2nd November	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm
3rd November	Movie Night -Reception-Year 2/EYFS & KS1 3.30pm-5pm
7th November	All saints pause day
10th November	Movie Night -Year 3-6/KS2 3.30pm-5pm
18th November	WESTfestivity 10am-3pm
20th November	Year 6 screening- School Nurse
30th November	Year 4 Bikeability
December 2023	
1st December	Year 4 Bikeability
1st December	Mufti Day for the Christmas fair/raffle
7th December	School concert at Holy trinity Church-Choir singing 6.30pm
8th December	Christmas Fair/Raffle 3.30pm-5.30pm
8th December	Christmas Panto
13th December	Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church
15th December	End of Term 1.30pm finish
16th-1st January	Christmas Holidays
January 2024	
2nd January	Inset Day
5th January	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm
February 2024	
12th-16th February	Half Term
19th February	Inset Day
23rd February	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm

	Diary Dates 2023/24
March 2024	
4th-15th March	Year 6 Bikeability
20th March	Year 5/6 Henley Trip
27th March	Easter Pause Day and Church Service
27th March	Cake Sale
28th March	End of Term Finish 1.30pm
29th-12th April	Easter Holidays
April 2024	
15th April	Inset Day
19th April	Preloved Uniform Sale
29th April	Primary Music Festival at Dorking Halls
May 2024	
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
June 2024	
7th June	Preloved Uniform Sale
8th June	Abinger Medieval Fair
17th June	Year 6 Guildford Service
17th-21st June	Year 6 Residential Trip
26th-28th June	Year 4 Residential Trip
July 2024	
12th July	Preloved Uniform Sale
19th July	End of Term –Finish at 1.30pm
22nd-23rd July	Inset Days
24th-1st September	Summer Holidays