

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 21st April 2017**

## Coming Up Next Week

**Monday 24th April**  
Mole Valley Music Festival

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Abinger Parent Drop In  
Caterpillar Parent Lunch  
Westcott Parent Drop In

**Wednesday 26th April**  
Sportshall Athletics Finals  
Quicksticks Hockey Finals

**Thursday 27th April**  
Running Club

**Reminder: clubs start next week. Please hand your forms in to the School Office asap if you haven't already done so.**

## Parent Class Drop In

**25th April**

**8.45am – 9.30am**  
**Abinger**

**2.30pm – 3.15pm**  
**Westcott**

## Inconsiderate Parking

We are still receiving complaints regarding parking at The Prince of Wales Pub. Cars must be parked in the car park and not across the entrance, front of the pub.

Welcome back. I hope that you managed to find the time to relax and enjoy being outside in the wonderful weather we had this Easter.

The summer term is always busy and there are many exciting events planned to look forward to so make sure you keep an eye out for key dates and updates. This week F@SH have been in school visiting the children and enthusing them about the Teddy Bears Picnic on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. With school budgets being squeezed more and more tightly, this is an important fund raising event for our school. Please help where you can; selling raffle tickets, bringing in donations (jolly jam jars, teddy bears, books, toys) or volunteering on the day.

At the end of the spring term, key stage 2 were treated to a wonderful talent show. I was so proud of Mia, our head girl, and her team, who organised, rehearsed and ran an inspirational event to raise money for Cancer Research. Congratulations to all who took part and helped to raise £545.51.

This year, developing the children's love of books and reading has been one of our school's priorities. Yesterday Years 3 and 4 were visited by Tony Bradman, a well-known children's author. Tony answered the children's questions and talked to them about the writing process. Please remember the importance of reading regularly with your child and helping them to develop a love of books.

Next Tuesday we look forward to welcoming you into the classrooms for a drop-in session. The focus for this session will be SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). You will have the opportunity to work alongside your child in a SPAG activity – you may learn something too!

Finally, all of us at Surrey Hills would like to wish Karen Williams, a member of our office team, lots of luck on Sunday. Karen will be running the London Marathon. Fingers crossed for a personal best!

*Jennie Ratcliff, Headteacher*

**A letter was sent to all parents yesterday who have been offered a Reception place at Surrey Hills School for September 2017. The letter explained that all Reception children will be based at the Abinger Site.**

**On Wednesday 26th April children are invited to dress up in their house colours as a reward for bringing in donations for the Teddy Bears Picnic.**

[F@SH](#) have t-shirts for sale in the house colours for £4 in each school office.

**LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS TO THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL**

**Teddy Bears Picnic  
Abinger Hammer  
Monday 1st May 2017 from 12pm to 4pm**



The Teddy Bears Picnic at Abinger Hammer will be held on Monday 1st May 2017 from 12-4pm. We have all of your favourite stalls and some new ones this year, with lots of attractions for the entire family. There will also be a large range of refreshments including the ever growing BBQ stand, alcoholic beverages, gorgeous home made teas, ice cream, popcorn, candy floss and much, much more!!

Family favourites include the Teddy Bear Competition, Coconut Shy, Face Painting & Duck Races, 2 Bouncy Castles and both an adult and children's Tombola. New this year are Nerf Gun Challenge, PhotoBooth & Beat the Goalie plus live music and an Indian cookery demonstration for the adults plus more....

Check out our Facebook page for regular updates and details of our fabulous raffle. [www.facebook.com/teddybearspicnicabingerhammer](http://www.facebook.com/teddybearspicnicabingerhammer)

This event is our schools single biggest fundraiser and to ensure its ongoing success we desperately need your support in the form of the following:

\*Volunteering to help with set up / stalls / take down. If everyone gave just 30 mins of their time we would have more than enough help! In addition for every 30 mins of your time your child earns 50 house points!! Plus the chance of winning £200 of equipment for their classroom!!

\*Donations - we urgently need jolly jam jars, teddies, toys, designer kids clothes. We need these in by next Wednesday as there is a lot of work to be done behind the scenes before the event. Next week we will need cakes and home produce brought in by Friday. Every donation earns house points.

\*Raffle tickets - each family has been given one book of tickets to sell. We need these back early next week please. These were sent home in your children's bags yesterday. If every family sells just one book (£5) we will raise over £1,000 on raffle tickets alone. Your child will also get an additional 10 house points for each book sold and we have some incredible raffle prizes for both adults and children!!

Please, please give us your support and help us to raise lots of money to enhance your child's schooling. We love ok forward to seeing you all on bank holiday Monday!

Thank you, The Teddy Bears Picnic Team x

## Mia's Talent Show



## WWF



Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at our free open evening on Wednesday 26th April.

5.15-6.30pm

South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4)

Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2)

Opus - String players (grade 2- 4)

6.45-8.45pm

South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, Wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+)

All rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings at Tillingbourne school and the first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding - [Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff**

**Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick**

**Abinger Site**

**Westcott Site**



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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.

### April 2017

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	
Years 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics	26th April
Years 5 and 6 Quicksticks Hockey	26th April

### May 2017

#### Bank Holiday 1st May 2017

Teddy Bears Picnic	1st May
Reception and Year 1 Sea Life Centre Trip	3rd May
Years 5 and 6 Tag Rugby	3rd 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
Years 5 and 6 Boys Kwik Cricket	19th May
Years 5 and 6 Girls Kwik Cricket	23rd 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
Years 5 and 6 Rounders	12th June
Years 3 and 4 Dance Festival TBC	12th or 13th June
Years 3 and 4 Rounders	13th June
Reserve Sports Day – Years 3,4, 5, and 6	15th June
Fathers/Grandfathers Activity Afternoon	16th June
Year 4 Residential Trip	20th – 23rd June
Years 3 and 4 Mini Tennis	20th June
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
Reserve Sports Day - Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Abinger Site)	6th July
Years 5 and 6 Pixham Athletics	6th July
Inset Day	7th July
Caterpillar Class Assembly (to be rescheduled)	7th July

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

## Results for Spring Term Chess Club

Surrey Hills school chess club once again took part in the annual UK Chess Challenge which involves around 60,000 children in schools and clubs up and down the country. Completing the first stage of the tournament, first place went to Ezra Knott who won all his matches winning the trophy and qualifying for the next stage of the competition called the Megafinal. Other players qualifying for the Megafinal scoring the highest points in their age groups were: Charlie S, Scarlett M, Elizabeth S, William H, Millie M, Seth V and Ronit L.

Congratulations and good luck at the Megafinal.  
Mrs Vannucci, Chess Club

### Children's Obstacle Course, 30 obstacles over 3km

Laser tag, parkour, live music, pony rides, football darts, sports, den building, yummy food and much more...

**SURREY EVENT**  
13th & 14th May 2017  
Norbury Park, Surrey

**OXFORDSHIRE EVENT**  
24th & 2nd June 2017  
Henley-On-Thames

**NEW HERTFORDSHIRE EVENT**  
15th & 16th July 2017  
St Albans, Herts

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS AND TICKETS  
[www.thelittlewelly.co.uk](http://www.thelittlewelly.co.uk) #thelittlewelly

### Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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