

School Newsletter

November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

In the run up to our Christmas festivities, we are thankful for such a wonderful half term of learning, full of our values of love and believe. I am sure you will join me in a special thank you to all our staff who work tirelessly to ensure the best education for each and every child. I would like to also thank all the children for the incredible effort and hard work they have put into this term so far and their efforts are paying off with great outcomes already and it is only November! The quality of discussions in every classroom and the 'buzz' which flows from Bees all the way to Otters is fabulous. We are all privileged to be working with your children and recent visitors in our Open Day tours have remarked on the incredible learning behaviours as well as the polite and friendly welcome received from all.

I would like to say a huge personal thank you to F@SH, our volunteers, our local committee, and everyone who has helped with so many enrichment activities throughout the autumn term, from art workshops to discos; life at Surrey Hills is truly full of joy. Without F@SH and everybody who gives of their time, efforts and energy, the school would not be as vibrant and exciting as it is. Enjoy a peek into our daily learning in the pages ahead.

Jacky Fyson

St Catherines Hospice-Reindeer Run



This week we are talking to the children about an exciting fund-raising activity planned for the last week of term.

The children will be taking part in a fun Reindeer Run during one of their PE sessions that week. This will involve completing as many circuits of the running track as they can in a given time whilst wearing a pair of Reindeer Antlers!

The antlers will be a gift from St Catherine's Hospice in return for sponsorship money donated to this very worthy cause.

we would be most grateful if you could support the hospice with this by getting as much sponsorship money as you can and donating it to:

<https://www.stch.org.uk/>

Please do not send any money into school as we are a cashless school

Kind regards

Mrs O'Donnell

Reception Bees Class

Pilot Visit

Courtesy of Mr Forrer, Bees Class took off on a flight to Pirate Island, just off the coast of Africa!

Pre-flight check – walking around the plane



Looking for air space to fly the plane safely



Explaining all the controls in the cockpit



Helping to fly the plane



Reception Bees Class

Forest School

Bees Class wrapped up warm today at Forest School and learnt about the importance of keeping safe with sharp tools. They used a bow saw to cut logs for our fire.

'We can use our logs to help us keep warm when we burn them on the fire.'

'We have to keep safe and wear gloves when we are using grown up tools in case the sharp teeth cut our fingers!'

The children also made sure that there was plenty of food for the birds in our bird feeders.

'When the winter comes there isn't so much food for the birds so we have to be kind to them and be their friends and help to feed them.'



Year 1/2 Butterflies Class

The Three Little Pigs

Butterflies have been learning about uses of everyday materials. We built houses for the Three Little Pigs and thought about ways to make the walls windproof and roof waterproof. Then, on a very stormy Forest School Wednesday, we tested out different materials to make shelters.

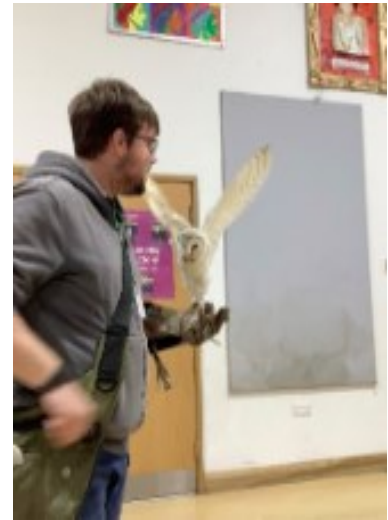
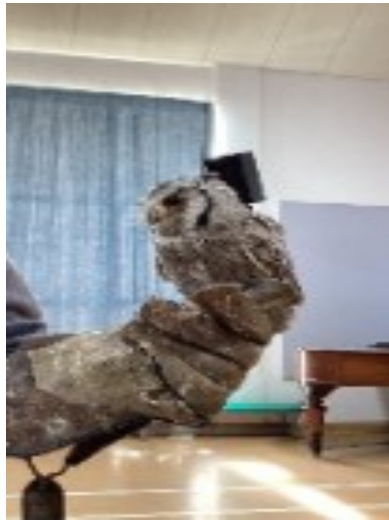
'We used plastic and held it up to keep dry but we got wet because there were holes in it! It was really good fun' Abby



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

The Owls who flew at Surrey Hills

In Year 3, one of our English topics has been linked to 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. As an experience day and to develop our knowledge about owls, we had some special visitors come into school. We met four wonderful owls, watched them feed, measured how fast they could fly, spoke about their adaptations and were incredibly lucky to even have them fly over the tops of our heads repeatedly for a whole hour! We watched in awe as they showed off their skills of flying.



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

A Special Visitor for Hedgehogs....

This month, Hedgehogs had a very special visitor from Antarctica. Richard Eyre, the British mentor for Prince Harry's Walking With the Wounded expedition to Antarctica in 2012, came into tell us all about his trip. Hedgehogs asked some brilliant questions and have now been filled with curiosity to want to explore the world. He told us how he was in Antarctica for around a month and what he had to do to survive. We found out what he ate, what the South Pole was like and where he went to the toilet! We were even very lucky to even try on some of his clothes that he took to Antarctica with him!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class

Did you know an adult human body has 206 bones?

In science, Hedgehogs have been looking at the human skeleton. We labelled lots of the different bones in the body and thought about the purpose of each bone. To help us remember the names of the different bones, we made up our own partner dances in our PE lessons. We also ordered them from the smallest to the biggest. Did you know that the femur is the biggest bone in your body?



Odd Socks Day

As a whole school we took part in Odd Socks Day. We celebrate our individual differences and thought about how this made our unique and special



Year 4 Rabbits Class

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

We have had a fantastic time in Rabbits, doing lots of exciting work all about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children have loved reading the book and creating their own ending of the story. They also all thoroughly enjoyed our WOW day of designing, making and eating their own chocolate! They have also been busy learning all of their times tables and division facts in maths and learning all about electricity in Science. We are really looking forward to making our own torches at the end of this week too in D.T!



Year 5/6 Otters Class

Science Experiments

This month in Otters class we have been completing lots of science experiments testing the properties of different materials! We started off by identifying different properties and what they mean, then completing experiments focusing on hardness, thermal conductors and thermal insulators. We have also planned our own experiments to investigate the solubility of different materials in water/oil.

How can we investigate the solubility of materials?

SOLUBLE AND INSOLUBLE

SOLUBLE LIQUID
SUGAR + WATER = SOLUBLE LIQUID

INSOLUBLE LIQUID
OLIVE OIL + WATER = INSOLUBLE LIQUID

SOLUBILITY

Solute → **Solvent** → **Solution**

Unsaturated Solution → **Saturated Solution** → **Supersaturated Solution**

More solute dissolves → No more solute dissolves → Becomes unstable, crystals form

Question
What materials dissolve in warm water?

Method:
1) We will measure out the ingredients. 2) We will mix the ingredients. 3) We will wait 1 min. 4) We will check on our experiment. 5) We will record our what we found out.

Prediction:
I think that both sugar and salt will dissolve but I don't think the rubber will dissolve.

Fair test:
I will ensure it is a fair test by adding the same amount of sugar, salt and rubber and the water will be the same.

Investigate the properties of materials

Material	Electrical conductivity?	Magnetic?	Transparent?
Metal	✓	X	X
Rubber	X	X	X
Card	X	X	X
Plastic	X	X	✓
Wood	X	X	X
Glass	X	X	✓
Wool	X	X	X
Fabric	X	X	✓
Different materials	X	✓	X
Paper	X	X	X

How do the properties of each material make them suitable for specific tasks?

Material 1: Wood
Wood is suitable for making things like stools, benches, tables and doors. It is strong, hard, and it can be carved into many shapes.

Material 2: Plastic
Plastic is suitable for packing things, covering things and a lot more things. This is because plastic can be formed into anything and can be bent into anything. Although some plastic can be bad for the environment.

Material 3: Paper
Paper is suitable for drawing, drawing pictures and writing. This is because it is easy to write on and it can be folded into many shapes.

Material 4: Fabric
Fabric is suitable for clothing, bags, shoes, and a lot more things. This is because fabric is made of many different materials that are put together to make a larger piece of fabric.

Explore thermal conductors and insulators

Record your data in the table below

Time	Temperature (°C)		
	Cup 1	Cup 2	Cup 3
0	64.8°C	63.2°C	60.2°C
5	60.2°C	60.6°C	56.8°C
10	57.4°C	57.2°C	53.2°C
15	55°C	53.8°C	50.6°C
20	51.8°C	50.6°C	48°C
25	49.2°C	48.4°C	46°C

Wednesday 22nd November 2023

Explore the hardness of materials

Make predictions and see if you were correct once you have collected all your data

1. Predict which materials are the hardest and the softest. Put them in rank order from hardest to softest
Rock, ceramic, Metal, Ceramic, wood, Plastic and then card.

Carry out your experiment and record your results in the table

2. Using your data, rank order your materials from hardest to softest
Metal, Rock, Glass, Granite, plastic, Metal, Wood, ceramic, card

Record your data in the table below

Material	Did the coin scratch it?	Did the nail scratch it?
Card	Yes	Yes
Plastic	No	Yes
Metal	Yes	Yes
Ceramic	Yes	Yes
Wood	Yes	Yes
Rock	No	No
Glass	No	No
Granite	No	Yes

Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

A huge well done to our Year 5/6 Surrey Hills girls football team, who came 1st at the Dorking Football Tournament. We are all very proud of you.



THE YEAR 6 ROAR PROJECT

Year 6 have been involved in the 'ROAR' project in D.T. which is part of the '8billion ideas project' designed to promote future-focused learning that empowers children.

Year 6 worked in groups to formulate a 'World changing idea' as part of the ROAR project. They have worked tirelessly to produce the most wonderful prototypes, posters, presentations and jingles to present to our Cranleigh Lions Scientists who judged their inventions.



The judges were so impressed with the way the Year 6 children tackled the project and how they responded to the intense quizzing that they were subjected to after their presentation! We were so proud of each and every one of them, standing up and pitching their ideas with confidence and enthusiasm.

'This was the best group of ideas we have ever seen in all our years of judging this competition, each pitch was well thought out and tackled an issue which deserved a solution! Well done to all the Year 6 children at Surrey Hills All Saints!' Head Judge Dr. Tony Oliver.

'This was a very close run competition as all the entries were of a very high standard! Well done Year 6!' Dr. Rob Flack (Judge)

The winning entry has been forwarded to the National Competition which will be judged in December. We eagerly await the outcome! The judges will be back in the Spring term, once the National Awards have been decided. They will award second and third places at this time.

Well done Year 6! Your hard work and dedication paid off and you ALL put on wonderful presentations!

Open The Book Collective Worship

We were treated to a wonderful performance in our 'Open the Book' Collective Worship this week. Otters Class, with the help of Liz and Rev. Tim retold the story of Moses in the Bullrushes beautifully! The children joined in with actions to fit in with the events in the story and were pretty shocked that any ruler could treat a baby like this! They learnt about compassion and following their heart when the Baby Moses was saved by the Pharaoh's daughter.



WESTCOTT VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING



at

The Village Hall

Wednesday 6th December

10.30 am - 12.00 mid-day

Jigsaw and Book exchange

Sandra's cakes & scones

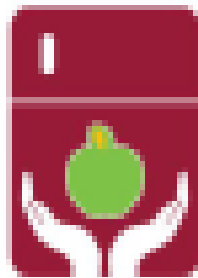
We are delighted once again to welcome the

Surrey Hills School Choir

*A very warm welcome to all,
especially parents & grandparents*

Please note that there will be
No Coffee Morning in January





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**

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**If you can make a small donation, it would be appreciated
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SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association

SESDA Reg. Charity no.281076

Primary School years Key Stage 2

**Dyslexic children (diagnosed or suspected)
and their parents are invited to:**

**A movie themed, fun and interactive session
that will discuss and demonstrate an
understanding of dyslexia and how to develop
strategies to make learning easier**

Break in the middle for teas, coffee, squash, biscuits

Tuesday 21st November 2023

7pm – 8.30pm

Booking required.

**Please contact sesdadyslexia@hotmail.com
if you and your child would like to attend.
Parents will need to stay throughout session.**

**Holy Trinity Church Centre, Carlton Road,
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TRUMPS GREEN (VIRGINIA WATER) | WEST BYFLEET PRIMARY (WEST BYFLEET)
KINGS (KEW)

*DATES/REGISTRATION/AND PICKUP TIMES VARY, PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR VENUE INFORMATION

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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+)

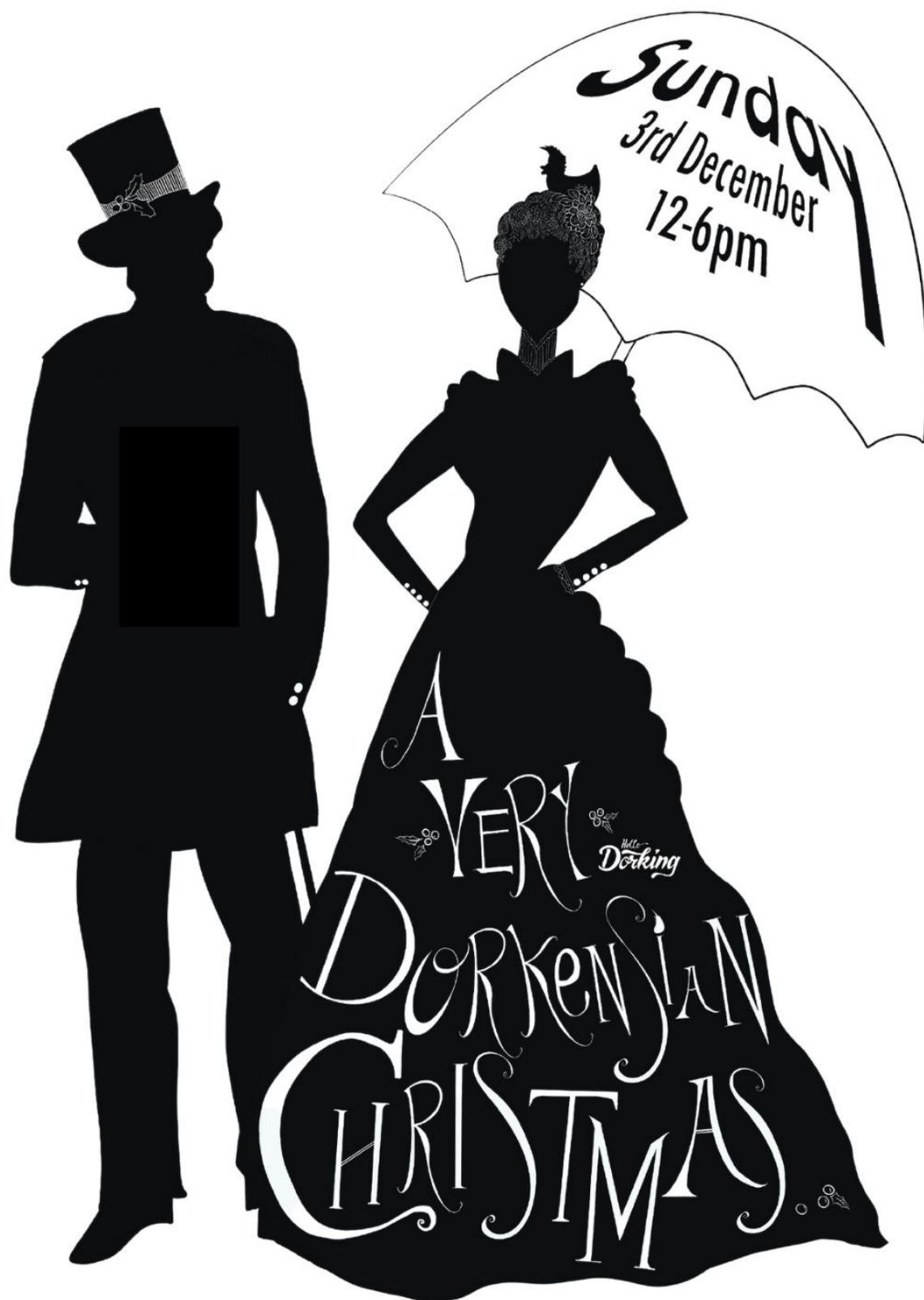
► 11:15 | Family 1 mile
(children aged 4+ and adults)*

£12.50pp
includes a free
Santa suit
and medal.

Enter online at:

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YMCA EAST SURREY



Sunday 3rd
December 2023
12-6pm

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This event is proudly hosted by the
Dorking Business Improvement District.



CHRISTMAS BALLET WORKSHOP DORKING

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER
10AM - 1PM
AGES 5 YEARS +



Join professional ballerina Emma Coats, who trained at English National Ballet for a one off Nutcracker Ballet Workshop and learn repertoire from the ballet. Plus get stuck into Christmas crafts too!

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Come along to our get into teaching event and find out how you could embark on a career with excellent progression opportunities where no two days are the same.



Tuesday 5th December / 17:00-18.30
Hammond School, Lightwater GU18 5TS

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At Inspiring Future Teachers - GST Teacher Training, we offer all the benefits of being part of a large national programme whilst at the same time providing locally delivered school-based training in Good Shepherd Trust primary schools.

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Our 'Get into Teaching' evening is open to anyone interested in training to teach in the Primary sector - start date September 2024.

The event will include a presentation from our team of experts explaining how school-based teacher training works as well as offering you the opportunity to ask questions about the options available to you and what it's like to teach. You will also get one-to-one advice on the entry requirements, application process and the financial support available to you.



Diary Dates 2023/24

December 2023	
1st December	Year 4 Bikeability
1st December	Bees class- St Johns Ambulance Visit
1st December	Mufti Day for the Christmas fair/raffle
6th December	Choir Singing at Westcott Village Hall-Coffee Morning
7th December	School Concert at Holy trinity Church-Choir singing 6.30pm
7th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 9.30am start
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
18-19th December	Pleiades Holiday Camp
16th-1st January	Christmas Holidays
January 2024	
2nd January	Inset Day
5th January	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm
February 2024	
8th February	Hedgehogs Butser Ancient Farm Trip
12th-16th February	Half Term
12th-16th February	Pleiades Holiday Camp
19th February	Inset Day
23rd February	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm
March 2024	
4th-15th March	Year 6 Bikeability
20th March	Year 5/6 River and Rowing Henley Trip
27th March	Easter Pause Day and Church Service
27th March	Cake Sale
28th March	End of Term Finish 1.30pm
29th March-12th April	Easter Holidays

	Diary Dates 2023/24
April 2024	
2nd– 12th April	Pleiades Holiday Camp
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