

School Newsletter

December 2023



Admissions Policy and respective document for 2025/26 is now available on the School website.

Please follow the link [Surrey Hills All Saints Primary School - Admissions - join our family! \(surreyhillsprimaryschool.org.uk\)](https://surreyhillsprimaryschool.org.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support this Christmas term, it has been so inspiring to see your children flourish and enjoy their learning, showing such enthusiasm for every aspect whether it be sports tournaments or Doodle maths! The spiritual feeling and warm community togetherness makes Surrey Hills so special to us all. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year and we very much look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre and to our wonderful F@SH for organising such a great event.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is always a time of joy and we would like to thank all the children for their amazing performances in the Early Years Nativity and the Carol Service. See pictures on the next few pages. Have a delightful and peaceful holiday.

Kind Regards

Jacky Fyson

Action for early years settings: Encourage parents to apply for support with childcare costs

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, where they can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Reception and Junior applications September 2024

Dear Parents

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2024 entry is **15 January 2024**. For infant schools, this will include reminding parents of children on roll in Year 2 that they must submit an application **by 15 January** for a junior transfer. For junior new round, parents can **only** apply to junior schools or to primary schools that have an **additional** entry at Year 3.

We encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. We will **only** consider an application as on-time even if it has been made late if there is a genuine reason why the application could not reasonably have been made before the closing date. If the child lives in another local authority, they should make an on-time application which can include Surrey schools, to that local authority, even if they know they will be moving. More information on this is available on our website.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Well done to all the children who took part in the school nativity.

You are all amazing!



Hedgehogs have been creating...cushions!

In DT Hedgehogs have been very busy making cushions! They first drew out their designs and practised the different types of stitching (running stitch and cross stitch). After 5 hours of hard work, they had all finished their cushions. They should all be incredibly proud of their determination with threading needles and making their cushions look like their designs!



Year 3 Hedgehogs Class Craft Day

Hedgehogs Christmas decorating biscuit afternoon. And Hedgehogs tiny woollen hats they made as part of their Christmas craft day.



Year 5 Owls and Otters Class Design and Technology

Year 5 pupils have designed, cut out and sewn waistcoats this half term in their Design and Technology lessons. Some pupils decided to design their waistcoats for themselves, whereas others made one as a Christmas present for a family member. Several children adapted the pattern to make a small one for a teddy or elf on the shelf! Each waistcoat was completely original as pupils were able to decide what motif to add to the waistcoat and whether they wanted to include buttons or pockets.



Years 5 and 6 Greek WOW day

Otters and Owls had a fabulous day on Monday celebrating their work in their half term unit; 'What did the Greeks ever do for us?'

We had the most amazing display of Greek costumes and the children each made a Greek pot. They also learnt to write their name in Greek and in the afternoon, had a wonderful Greek feast! Thank you to all parents and carers for their generous and delicious contributions - we had a brilliant day!



Year 6 Visiting Artist Louise Scillitoe-Brown

The Year 6s have also been working hard over the past three weeks creating 3D pieces inspired by the Parthenon Marbles. We were so lucky to have the expertise of Mrs. S B to guide us in creating masks, armour, clothing and jewellery inspired by the period using a range of materials and mediums.

The children surprised themselves with their results.

'I love working in 3D, I knew exactly what I wanted to make, but am surprised it has come out just like I wanted it to!' Aidan J

'I've never sewn a button before, now I can take my jewellery on and off easily!' Pei

'I didn't realise that the marbles started off really brightly coloured when they were first painted and then faded over time! I love how bright mine has turned out!' Odett



Reindeer Run

Every class enjoyed taking part in the Reindeer Run and raising money for St Catherine's Hospice. Here is Owls Class after their run.

Please ensure all sponsorship money is sent through to :

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



Christingle Making



Movie night

We've reached the end of half term and we have been busy raising funds for the new trim trail for the field. We held movie nights over a two-week period and raised over £350. The children had a wonderful time, chilling out with their friends and eating sweets.



Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto

Last week we held out Christmas fair. It was lovely to see so many families from school and from the wider community enjoying the festivities. The choir sang beautifully, Dawn provided fantastic food and Santa came to visit our grotto. This event raised over £1400.



F@SH have paid for a year subscription for all the children to enjoy the DoodleMaths app that was trialled over the last few weeks. We have also supported an owl visit for Hedgehogs class, a visit to the synagogue for Owls & Otters class and the provision of books for KS1.

F@SH would like to thank the WESTfest committee for donating £1650 and the Abinger Medieval Fair committee for donating £1500 after their fantastic village events in the summer. We will be using all these funds for a new trim trail for the children to enjoy all year round.

Hope you all enjoy your break over the Christmas period,

F@SH

Christmas Lunch

We all enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch. A big thank you to Dawn in the kitchen and all the parent helpers.



Choir Coffee Morning at The Reading Room



Christmas Panto



Christmas Church Service



New details for Pleiades Leisure to book breakfast, after school clubs and holiday clubs



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INFLATABLES

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KINGS (KEW)

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

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*DISCOUNT CODE EXPIRES 1ST DECEMBER 2023 @ 11.59PM



EXCITING HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS R-7!

Diary Dates 2023/24

January 2024	
2nd January	Inset Day
3rd January	Children Back at school
5th January	Preloved Uniform Sale at 3.20pm
9th January	Victorian Day
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
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

Diary Dates 2023/24

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