

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUST

Friday 26th May 2017

Coming Up Week Commencing
5th June

Monday 5th June

Back to School

Wednesday 7th June

Year 2 Trip to Winchester
Science Museum

Thursday 8th June

Years 3/4 Tri Golf Festival
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day

Friday 9th June

Ladybird Assembly at 3pm

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Sports Day

Thursday 8th June
1pm to 3pm

At Westcott Cricket
Club
Further details to
follow shortly

On-Line Safety Parent
Support Evening

This event is free and is designed for the parents of children aged 9-11 years old.

Tuesday 11th July from
7-8.30pm

at The Priory Secondary
School, Dorking

A SchoolComms will follow
shortly with full details

Good morning and welcome to what will be our last newsletter of the first half of the summer term. Children will return to school on Monday 5th June.

The school community has been sensitively reflecting on the tragic events in Manchester. The teachers have focused on how the people in Manchester offered compassion as well as how the community pulled together. During our reflections, we celebrated the good things in our local communities and our shared values. The BBC have a page to support parents deal with questions children may ask at home. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40011787>. Our sympathies go to all those affected.

Many children are bringing fidget toys into school so it seems to be sensible to share our views on them with you. We see how much the children enjoy playing with football cards, Lego cards and albums, fidget toys - for example. However, we cannot and really will not devote valuable teaching time to sorting out problems relating to them. If your child loses theirs, staff will not spend time searching for them or sorting out arguments about them. We have asked the children to put the fidget toys away, either in their school bags or in their trays, once they are back in the classroom. Please could you support us by reiterating these key messages with your children.

A quick reminder about summer uniform. There have been a number of variations to the uniform policy. The full uniform list is available on the school website. Please ensure girls wear summer dresses as specified in the uniform list (not play suits). These should be worn with either grey or white socks. Should your child choose to wear tights, these should be grey in colour. All children need to wear appropriate black school shoes not trainers or boots. Should your child need alternative footwear for medical reasons, please drop a note in to the class teacher.

Yesterday, we had a Teaching and Leadership Review Day. This is to check we are making strong progress to be graded good at our next Ofsted inspection. The feedback was positive and I look forward to sharing the report next half term.

Yesterday, our Education Welfare Officer carried out a register check to identify if any children are absent from the school on a regular basis, frequently late, or have a number of unauthorised absences. If we have a concern, you will receive a letter inviting you to a meeting with the EWO and myself. Regular school attendance is vital and expected so children do not miss important parts of their learning. During the check, we noted 45 pupils during this academic year have missed learning opportunities as they have been removed from school to go on a term time holiday. The school have not issued a fine yet however we are regularly reviewing this policy.

I will take the opportunity to not only wish you a good weekend but also a great half term too.

Best wishes

Jennie Ratcliff,
Headteacher

Years 5/6 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament

Well done to our Years 5 and 6 cricket teams who played really well at the Dorking Schools Partnership matches. Both teams played brilliantly, narrowly losing some of the games by 2 runs (though Mrs Williams thought otherwise!). Both teams were a credit to the school, not only from their fantastic cricketing ability but also with their behaviour. We are very proud of them and their sportsmanship.



Chicks, cluck, cluck

School life is eggciting in Bees at the moment with the hatching of the chicks.

Some of the quotes from children in Bees class include:

- We saw them hatch out of their eggs. It was exciting
- They weren't fluffy at first then they went all fluffy
- They are fluffy and really cute and a bit smelly
- One jumped up and flapped and ran around the classroom. That was really funny.



We raised a massive £14,430 from the Teddy Bears Picnic!

The share for Surrey Hills Primary School is £7,215!!
Well done and thank you to everyone who took part!

Come and find out what all this money is going to be spent on and help us plan our fundraising for next year at our F@SH planning meeting from: 8pm on Wednesday 12th July at Bertram Bees in Westcott

House point and class totals to follow after half term.



Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 8th May	W/C 15th May
School Target 2016/2017:	96.50%	96.50%
Weekly Attendance:	94.37%	95.95%
Weekly Number of Lates:	19	20
Attendance Year to Date:	95.71%	95.75%



Congratulations to Niamh who participated in a 5K Colour Run, and raised £810 for kidney cancer research in aid of her nanny. Well done.



Cake Sale, Friday 9th June

Join us on Friday 9th June to buy cakes and enter our competition for just £1. All the money raised will go to saving lives for Cancer Research. If you have any cakes please can you bring them into after school club on the morning of the 9th.

Thank you for your kindness.

Abi, Molly, Iris and Poppy



WESTFest Silent Auction

The WESTFest Silent Auction will be held during WESTFest on Sunday 2 July 2017 1-4pm (final bids 3.34pm).

All proceeds raised from this auction will be divided between three local charities: F@SH, Westcott Youth Club and Papua Partners.

WESTfest are asking local businesses, community groups and parents at Surrey Hills Primary School to donate prizes for the auction.

Could you offer a prize? Here are a few suggestions of prizes you may be able to offer:

- Sport coaching (Golf, Football, Tennis)
- Share your skill: tutoring, reflexology, IT support
- Gardening services
- Share your hobby: A round of golf, football tickets, fishing trip or a vintage car ride
- Do you have a holiday home to offer?

Please email any auction offers to hello@westfestsurrey.co.uk.

We really appreciate your support with this event.

Thank you for your support!

F@SH
on behalf of The WESTfest team



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.

Half Term 29th May – 5th June

June

Sports Day – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 , 1pm to 3pm	8th Jun
Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75	9th Jun
Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00	9th Jun
Ladybirds Class Assembly	9th Jun
Arts Week	12th Jun
Years 5 and 6 Rounders	12th Jun
Years 3 and 4 Dance Festival	TBC 12th or 13th Jun
Years 3 and 4 Rounders	13th Jun
Reserve Sports Day – Years 3,4, 5, and 6	15th Jun
Fathers/Grandfathers Activity Afternoon	16th Jun
Year 4 Residential Trip	20th – 23rd Jun
Years 3 and 4 Mini Tennis	20th Jun
Year 6 Leavers Service at Guildford	26th (am) Jun
Year 6 Residential Trip	26th (pm) - 30th Jun
Parent Forum Meeting at Westcott	7pm on 28th Jun
Sports Day – Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Abinger Site)	29th Jun
Year 5 The Big Sing	29th Jun
Bees Class Assembly	30th Jun

July

Move up Day	4th Jul
Reserve Sports Day - Reception, Years 1 and 2 (Abinger Site)	6th Jul
Years 5 and 6 Pixham Athletics	6th Jul
Inset Day	7th Jul
Year 5 Summer Fair – 9.00am at Abinger	12th Jul
Year 5 Summer Fair – 1.00pm at Westcott	13th Jul
Caterpillar Class Assembly	14th Jul
Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 6.30pm	18th Jul
Year 6 Leavers Party – 6.30pm – 8.30pm	20th Jul
End of Term (early close time)	21st Jul
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm	

Summer Holidays 21st July – 2nd September

Inset Day	4th Sep
Start of Autumn Term	5th Sep
Inset Day	13th Oct
Half Term	23rd – 27th Oct
End of Term (early close times)	21st Dec
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm	
Start of Spring Term	4th Jan
Half Term	12th–16th Feb
Inset Day	19th Feb
End of Term (early close times)	29th Mar
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm	



THE DEEPEDENE TRAIL

Drama at Deepdene

Live Shakespeare Weekend

17 & 18 June, from 10am

Pack a picnic and enjoy live performances from a range of Shakespearian plays set within the garden's magnificent features.

Tickets £3 per person, pre-bookable car parking available £2 per car.

BOOK NOW at Dorking Halls
dorkinghalls.co.uk 01306 881717

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SURREY ARTS
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PLAYING WITH THE STARS 2017

An amazing chance to play with

Conservatoire Folk Ensemble
with
Joe Broughton

Sunday, June 18th 2017 at Dorking Halls

Morning Session Workshop at 10am Concert at 1pm	Afternoon Session Workshop at 3pm Concert at 6pm
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Surrey Arts are delighted to welcome The Conservatoire Folk Ensemble, led by Joe Broughton to Dorking Halls for a day of workshops for students of all orchestral instruments, vocalists and acoustic guitars followed by a performance where they will play for us and lead our students in performances to demonstrate their achievements from the session.

Conservatoire folk ensemble – www.folkensemble.co.uk

With 50 members in the live, touring outfit, The Conservatoire Folk Ensemble are the UK's premiere folk big band. Whilst the band members are mostly in their 20s, the band actually celebrates its 20th year anniversary this year.

Formed in 1997 by fiddle player and arranger Joe Broughton (The Urban Folk Quartet, The Albion Band, Joss Stone), their energetic live sets are a sight to behold, featuring a 15-piece horn section, five cello players, four percussionists and three electric guitarists, plus fiddles, flutes, clarinets, double bass, even a harp! They also all sing too.

Though rooted in traditional folk tunes, each member brings a variety of personal influences to the set-list, which ranges from full-on rock grooves, funk, jazz, hip-hop, ska and reggae, to gentle ballads and sounds from Eastern Europe and Asia.

'An entire festival in two hours' is one popular description of the ensemble as the musicians play, sing and leap about, performing together and also in various duos trios and smaller break-out mini-groups.

As Joe stresses: "The shows are ridiculously energetic."

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Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk
Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 926191
Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160
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