

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 7th July 2017**

**Week Commencing**

**10th July**

**Wednesday 12th July**

- Year 5 Summer Fair at Abinger
- Mindfulness Training Parent Session
- F@SH Planning Meeting

**Thursday 13th July**

- Running
- Team A Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf County Final
- Year 5 Summer Fair at Westcott

**Friday 14th July**

- Caterpillar Class Assembly

Good afternoon,

Recent staff meetings have focused on the benefits of Mindfulness for children's learning and wellbeing. Staff have explored how practicing mindfulness techniques in the classroom can create a more positive and calming learning environment, along with, the added benefits of improved behaviour, concentration and learning. Over the next academic year, we hope to develop mindfulness practices with all children at Surrey Hills. Staff have given very positive feedback and I hope that you will be able to attend the parent session next week. This will provide you with an understanding of mindfulness and give you ideas of how to incorporate mindfulness into your everyday lives.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to spend time in the sunshine with your family today. At today's INSET, the teachers have been busy planning your child's learning opportunities for the coming academic year. Curriculum newsletters for the upcoming year will be shared at the end of next week.

I am pleased to announce we came 3rd overall in the District Sports Championships that took place yesterday at Pixham Sports Ground. This is a brilliant achievement and I want to pass on my congratulations to everyone who participated from Surrey Hills. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Stowell for all her hard work and dedication this year. We have had an amazing sporting year.

Below is where Surrey Hills came in the individual events:

**2nd in Relay**

**2nd in Boys Track**

**2nd/3rd in Girls Track**

**3rd in Throwing Events**

**4th in Jumping Events**

**Overall 3rd Place**

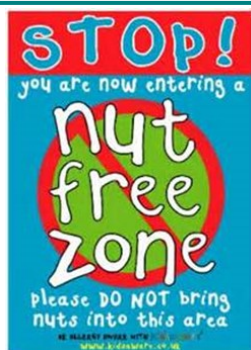
**REMINDER**

**Mindfulness**

**Parent Session**

**Wed 12th July**

**1.30pm to 3pm**



*Jennie Ratcliff,  
Headteacher*

## Year 6 Residential Trip

My Year 6 residential was sensational. It was the best week of my life and one I will never forget. It was challenging and inspiring. The most inspiring instructor was James. He challenged us and made us go one step further than we thought we could. Because of this I completed the climbing wall even though I thought I couldn't. On this trip I think I got to know myself better and now have more faith that I can do it. I also need to trust the rope that holds me up. This was a once in a life time trip and one I will never forget. Abi F



In my opinion, being on residential made us a lot more independent than before; at Thames Young Mariners, in the tepees, we had to be sensible about when to stop chatting and go to sleep. When we were in the log cabins at High Ashurst, we had to do our beds, putting all the bed covers on ourselves and putting them away at the end. The food was delicious we had an English breakfast every day, sandwiches for lunch and varied dishes for dinner, after which came a scrumptious dessert! The activities were brilliant as well, and two that I particularly enjoyed were the Leap of Faith and the climbing. For Leap of Faith, we had to jump off a five-metre high platform and reach for a trapeze. The climbing wall was around twelve metres high, and I got to the top every time! During our exhilarating trip, we got to know each other much better, as we worked together to do things that our parents would usually do for us. This amazing Year 6 residential was one of the best weeks of my life! Alex L



Year 4 Residential trip in next week's newsletter .....

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 15th May	W/C 22nd May	W/C 5th June	W/C 12th June	W/C 19th June	W/C 26th June
School Target 2016/2017:	96.50%	96.50%	96.50%	96.50%	96.50%	96.50%
Weekly Attendance:	95.95%	93.66%	95.60%	96.15%	95.73%	98.02%
Weekly Number of Lates:	20	26	19	20	27	22
Attendance Year to Date:	95.75%	95.67%	95.39%	95.67%	95.68%	95.74%



## Year 6 Leavers' Service

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 year 6 attended the leavers service at Guilford Cathedral. This was a nice opportunity to reflect on our amazing time at primary school. In one of the activities that we took part in we said thanks to the teachers and staff that have prepared us for our journey to secondary school.

We took part in lots of interactive activities to help us remember and reflect on our fabulous time at Primary school as well as express our hopes for the future.

We said sorry for times when we had done wrong; we also read out a please prayer, asking for God's help as we move on.

We really enjoyed the service; it gave us time to think about moving on with positivity.

Year 6 , Farah, Harriet and Joel



## Ladybirds and Bees Maypole Dancing

We were so proud of Bees and Ladybirds class last weekend at WESTfest. The children worked so hard to learn their Maypole dances and they performed wonderfully.



**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.

### July

Year 5 Summer Fair – 9.00am at Abinger 12th Jul  
 Year 5 Summer Fair – 1.00pm at Westcott 13th Jul  
 Caterpillar Class Assembly at 9.15am 14th Jul  
 Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 6.30pm 18th Jul  
 F@SH Cake Sale 20th Jul  
 Abinger at 3pm, Westcott at 3.30pm  
 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale (Westcott only) 20th 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**

### September

Inset Day 4th Sep  
 Start of Autumn Term 5th Sep

### October

Inset Day 13th Oct  
 Half Term 23rd – 27th Oct

### December

End of Term (early close times) 21st Dec  
 Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

### January

Start of Spring Term 4th Jan

### February

Half Term 12th–16th Feb  
 Inset Day 19th Feb

### March

End of Term (early close times) 29th Mar  
 Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

### April

Start of Summer Term 16th Apr

### May

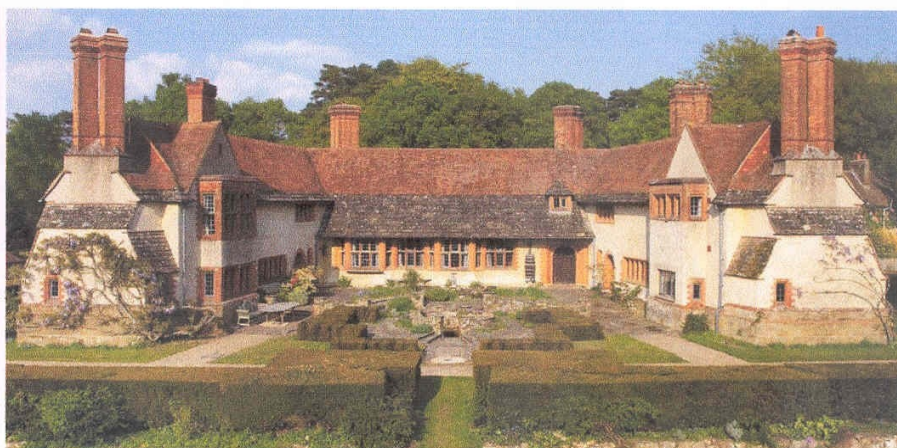
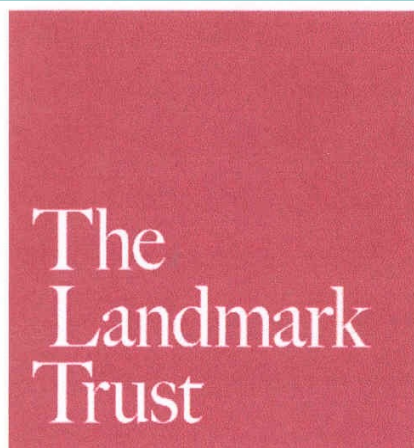
Half Term 28th May–1st Jun

### June

Inset Day 22nd Jun

### July

**End of Term (early close times) 20th Jul**  
**Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm**



Giving history a future

## Goddard's Open Day & Plant Sale

Abinger Common, Surrey, RH5 6JH

Saturday 22 to Sunday 23 July—10am to 4pm

Pegasus Choir will be singing on Saturday 22nd. Teas will be served by the Governors of Surrey Hills C of E Primary, Abinger Common. Picnics welcome.

Entry is free and we welcome all ages.

Visit [www.landmarktrust.org.uk](http://www.landmarktrust.org.uk) or telephone 01628 825925

Useful Contact Details			
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Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 826191	After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091



## Summer Dance Workshops!

July

**24**

July

**25**

July

**26**

**Years 1-3**

9.30-12.30pm

Ballet, Arts & Crafts, Tap and Drama

Fees:

£21.00 for one morning

£39.00 for two mornings

£55.50 for three mornings

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Please contact Eleanor on [el.coley@hotmail.com](mailto:el.coley@hotmail.com) to book your place.



**FREE**

# GIRLS



## TOUCH RUGBY SUMMER CAMP

LEARN TO PLAY THE GIRLS WAY AT DORKING RFC



FREE GOODIE BAG AFTER 3 SESSIONS



FREE TOUCH RUGBY COACHING FROM RFU

FOR GIRLS IN YEAR 4 TO 10

EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 26TH JULY

FROM 10:15AM TO 12PM AT DORKING RFC, BROCKHAM BIG FIELD

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

NO NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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# Summer Holiday Camps

GenieLab Science Presents

**SIZZLING....**

# SCIENCE SUMMER WORKSHOPS

**2017**

August 7th to 11th From 9am till 3pm

Calling all budding Scientists!  
Join us for a jam-packed week of sublime science madness this Summer!  
Whether it's firing rockets and canons, powering up cars and boats or making toys, sweets or fizzing bath bombs ...there'll be something for everyone.  
The week will culminate in our 'Sleuth Friday' where you can be a forensic scientist for the day!  
Price: £65 per day or £300 for the whole week!

Venue: Genie Lab HQ, Foxwell, Hunts Hill Road, Normandy, Guildford GU3 2AH  
To book call 01483 811 890 or visit [www.genielab.co.uk](http://www.genielab.co.uk)