

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUTHFULNESS

Friday 27th January 2017

Coming Up Next Week

Monday 30th January

Year 6 Bikeability - Group C

Tuesday 31st January

Parent Lunch – Badgers

Parent Workshop – Spelling, Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation - Years 1 and 2 at 7pm at Abinger

Thursday 2nd February

Parent Workshop – Spelling, Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 7pm at Westcott

Year 2 Trip to Wisley

Year 5 Sports Hall Athletics

Year 6 Residential

Please can all deposits of £137 for the Thames Young Mariners trip in June be paid by Friday 3rd February 2017



Headlice Alert We are still receiving messages from parents informing us that their child has head lice. Please be extra vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. You can buy over the counter remedies or simply use hair conditioner and a nit comb to remove them.

Good afternoon.

I am delighted that our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) was a great success yesterday however I am not able to share the judgements until the final report is published. My thanks go to everyone involved on the inspection day, including parents who took time to meet with Mr Rickett, our inspector. As always, the children were amazing and we are all extremely proud of them.

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. All staff and children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and I am sure that you will welcome the advance notice. We are currently finalising activities to celebrate Shakespeare week too (20-27th March).

It is that time of year again! The Radio 2 500 Words competition is now OPEN. This is a successful story-writing competition for children which we encourage our children to take part in. In total, nearly half a million pupils have written a story for the judges to read; that's over 277 MILLION words!

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories. If your child submits an entry, please can you encourage him/her to bring in a copy to share on our Writing Wall? I look forward to reading their entries.

Next week, there is an opportunity to experience a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar workshop. It will give an insight into current teaching strategies and how these are used to enhance children's reading and writing. There will also be top tips on how to support your child with home learning and ideas for activities. We hope you will be able to attend a workshop.

Wishing you all a good weekend and hoping that the temperatures manage to get above zero for a day at least!

Best wishes.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher



Parent Lunches Parents are invited to join their child's class for lunch on the following dates:

February	Class	March	Class	April	Class
21st	Hedgehogs	2nd	Rabbits	20th	Bees
		7th	Squirrels	25th	Caterpillar
		16th	Ladybirds		
		21st	Butterfly		
		30th	Dragonfly		

We also support therapeutic and religious dietary requirements which are considered on the completion of a Dietary Request Form which is available via the school office. We currently provide the following diets:

- Gluten Free Menu
- Egg Free Menu
- Vegan Menu
- Dairy Free Menu
- Vegetarian Menu
- Soya Free Menu

Please let the school office know if you have any special requirements and we will endeavour to accommodate you.

If you would like to join your child for lunch please pay via School Gateway from tomorrow under **Parent Lunch e.g. Moles Parent Lunch (not your child's school lunch account)**. The cost is £2.64 per person. Please book by the following dates:

Class	Deadline	Class	Deadline	Class	Deadline
Hedgehogs	6th February	Ladybirds	9th March	Bees	27th March
Rabbits	23rd February	Butterfly	14th March	Caterpillar	18th April
Squirrels	28th February	Dragonfly	23rd March		

(This is the ABSOLUTE DEADLINE - we cannot take any bookings after this date). Tickets will be sent home once you have paid for your meal. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

Yr 6 Secondary Applications

On the 1st March 2017 you will receive an email with the outcome of your application. You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by 15th March 2017.

Reception/Year 3 Applications





The date for Reception applications has now closed. On the 18th April 2017 you will receive an email with the outcome of your application. You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place by 2nd May 2017.

Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick

Abinger Site

Westcott Site

	Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HZ	School Lane, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3QF
	01306 730747	01306 881136
	abinger@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk	westcott@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk
	www.surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk	

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.

January 2017

Year 6 Bikeability Course (Group C)	30th January
Parent Lunch – Badgers	31st January
Parent Workshop – Spelling, Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation Years 1 and 2	31st January

February 2017

Parent Workshop – Spelling, Grammar, Vocabulary and Punctuation Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	2nd February
Year 2 Trip to Wisley	2nd February
Parent Forum Meeting at 7.00pm	TBC
Year 6 Residential Trip - Deposit £137	3rd February
E-Safety Day	7th February
Foxes Class Assembly	10th February

End of term 10th February 2017 – Normal close time

Half Term 13th February – 17th February 2017

Parent Lunches – Hedgehogs	21st February
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March 2017

World Book Day	2nd March
Parents Lunch – Rabbits	2nd March
Year 6 Residential Trip—Payment £33.75	3rd March
Year 4 Residential Trip - Deposit £164	3rd March
Parent Lunches – Squirrels	7th March
Whole School Science Day	10th March
Year 2 Pedals Course	13th March
Parents Lunch – Ladybirds	16th March
Hedgehogs Class Assembly	17th March
Dragonfly Class Assembly (9.00am)	17th March
Shakespeare/ Book Week	20th – 26th March
Parents Lunch – Butterfly	21st March
Parents Evening	21st March
3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger	
3.40 – 6.00pm at Westcott	
Parents Evening	23rd March
5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger and Westcott	
Mothers/Grandmothers	
Activity Afternoon	24th March
Parent Lunch – Dragonfly	30th March

End of term 31st March 2017 – Early close time –

Abinger 1.15pm Westcott 1.30pm

Easter Holiday 3rd April – 18th April 2017

April 2017

Year 6 Residential Trip - Payment £33.75	7th April
Year 4 Residential Trip - Payment £22.00	7th April
Parent Lunch – Bees	20th April
Parent Lunch – Caterpillar	25th April
Parent Class Drop In	25th April
8.45am – 9.30am Abinger	
2.30 – 3.15pm Westcott	

Outstanding Payments If you have any outstanding money owed for School Meals, school trips etc, please can you pay on School Gateway as soon as possible. Thank you.



Illness/Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please can you telephone or email the school office on the first day of absence by 9.15am.

Abinger : 01306 730747

abinger@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk

Westcott : 01306 881136

westcott@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk



Surrey Hills aims to practice a nut free policy although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed. This policy serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. The school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts yet also help them, as they grow up, to take responsibility as to what foods they can eat and to be aware of where they may be put at risk. Please can we ask that you do not send children to school with nuts/ nut products in their lunch box. Thank you for your co-operation.

What a wonderful world!

You & your family are invited to come and celebrate our wonderful world, and to make some things to help the animals and birds that live in our beautiful Surrey Hills environment.



Give the birds a winter treat by making a a bird feeder

Create a mini bug hotel

Sing and say 'thank you' to God for his creation

Build & paint a wooden bird box

Sunday, 29th January

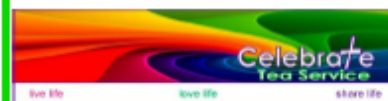
4:30-6:00pm

St John's community Hall Westcott



Finish up with a delicious bring and share tea.

There's no charge. We provide pizza, please bring a plate of (nut free) finger food to share.



Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk
Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 926191
Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160
After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091