

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUTHFULNESS

Friday 20th January 2017

Coming Up Next Week

Monday 23rd January
Year 6 Bikeability - Group B

Tuesday 24th January
Year 6 SATS Parents
Information Meeting
3.00pm and 7.00pm
Westcott

Thursday 26th January
Parent Lunches – Foxes

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



Headlice Alert

There have been sightings of these little creatures, please be 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'm glad so many managed to make it in to school last Friday as the roads were particularly icy in the morning. Our policy is always to keep the school open during periods of snow but there may be times when we have to be flexible over opening and closing times and we are often dependent on staff who live further away being able to travel in safely. A big thank you to Mr Davie and Mr Mann who helped Mr Currie and the teachers clear the playground so it was safe for everyone.

May I take this opportunity to remind you about the expectation of sending your child to school in the correct, named school uniform. There have been a number of children recently who have not had the correct uniform and five children who have come to school today without an outdoor coat when temperatures have been around zero. A reminder too that jewellery should not be worn to school and that long hair should be tied back and secured with teal/green/black hair bands and/or clips.

We have a large stock of barely worn second hand uniform should you require any items, as well as a large amount of lost property. Please ask if you need anything.

Each half term the school looks at one of six core values. These were chosen a couple of years ago by parents, children, staff and governors. This half terms school value is truthfulness. The story last week explored how lying never gets you anywhere and can make a tangled mess. Next week we will look at the story of Esau and Jacob and the harm that telling lies can cause. Is it ever right to tell a lie? Attached to the newsletter is the Christian Value Newsletter – I am looking forward to seeing some Belts of Truth on Monday.

After four months of choir club, the day finally arrived for our Surrey Hills Choir to attend Young Voices 2017. Yesterday, the choir travelled to the O2 for a day of rehearsals and an evening performance. We had brilliant seats, above the orchestra. Our parents also had brilliant seats and could see everyone. It was a great experience for all involved and it far outweighed our expectations. Well done and thank you to all our children and staff who took part and for all their hard work and commitment. The choir are now looking forward to performing at the Leith Hill Music Festival.

Finally, on Thursday 26th January we welcome a visit from the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspector, Mr Andrew Rickett.

The purpose of the SIAMS inspection is to judge the school's effectiveness as a Church of England school. The inspector will visit a range of lessons, attend Collective Worship, speak with the children and will form a judgement on life at the school, particularly regarding the extent to which our Christian ethos translates into actual practice on an everyday basis.

Wishing you all a good week. Keep warm!

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher



On Tuesday 17th, I went to St Johns Primary along with two others to do a writing challenge workshop with Ali Sparkes; an experienced author. It was an amazing experience and I had loads of fun. We wrote blurbs in groups and then we decided which the best was. Ali Sparkes really helped inspire our writing and we had a great time. **Sam W Year 6**



Yesterday the **Surrey Hills Choir** headed to the O2 Arena in Greenwich to take part in the largest youth choir in the world as part of the Young Voices series. What a day we had. We sang such classics as 'Sweet Child 'O Mine' by Guns 'n' Roses to classic Gaelic songs. We also experienced performances from 'beat box' champions, professional street dancers and award winning soul singers. The children loved every minute of it, as did the adults! We've had superb feedback from all the parents who attended the concert. One parent commented that *'It was excellent and all the children have had an amazing experience that they will never forget.'* A member of the choir said that, *'taking part in the concert with all my friends was so much fun'*. We are already excited about returning to the O2 Arena next year. If your child would like to join the school choir, please see Mr Kelly at any time.



YOUNG VOICES
The largest school concerts in the world!



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

January	Class	February	Class	March	Class	April	Class
31st	Badgers	21st	Hedgehogs	2nd	Rabbits	20th	Bees
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gluten Free Menu • Egg Free Menu • Vegan Menu • Dairy Free Menu • Vegetarian Menu • Soya Free Menu <p>Please let the school office know if you have any special requirements and we will endeavour to accommodate you.</p>				7th	Squirrels	25th	Caterpillar
				16th	Ladybirds		
				21st	Butterfly		
				30th	Dragonfly		

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	Class	Deadline
Badgers	24th January	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.

Celebrate Harry Potter Book Night at Waterstones in Dorking! 2nd February 2017 at 6pm



The 2nd of February 2017 will see the third annual Harry Potter Book Night celebrated throughout the world and at Waterstones, we're getting ready to host an unforgettable night themed around The Professors of

Hogwarts. The fun kicks off at 6pm. On Harry Potter Book Night, the store be sharing the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories and, most excitingly, introducing the next generation of readers to the unparalleled magic of Harry Potter. At Waterstones, young wizards, witches and Muggles, will be treated to an evening of games, activities, readings and quizzes. The store be decorating the venue and creating our own classrooms as well as serving up treats inspired by some of the scrumptious wizard foods in the books. Tickets for our Harry Potter Book Night event are available in advance from the shop. Spaces are limited due to the size of the shop so please book. For more information on our event, please pop in to talk to a Bookseller, or contact: Anjuli at Waterstones, Dorking on 01306 881740, or email dorking@waterstones.com



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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.

January 2017

Year 6 Bikeability Course (Group B)	23rd January
Year 6 SATS Parents Information Meeting 3.00pm and 7.00pm Westcott	24th January
Parent Lunches – Foxes	26th January
Year 2 SATs Parents Information Meeting	
2.30pm at Abinger	26th January
3.00pm at Westcott	27th January
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



Lost Property

Our lost property boxes are very full so if your child has any items of clothes missing please check the lost property boxes on both sites by

Friday 27th January 2017. Any items still in the lost property after this date will be donated to the pre-loved uniform sale. All non-clothing items will be donated to Tadworth Children's Trust Charity Shop in Dorking.

Guitar Live

Group collaboration for young musicians wanting to learn the guitar and create music

Saturday mornings

The Focus Youth Centre, Epsom & Bisley Youth Centre, Woking

21 January - 21 March 2017 (No workshops on 11 & 18 February)

School years 4 - 6	10.00am - 11.00am	£80 (8 sessions)
School years 7 - 11	11.15am - 12.15pm	£80 (8 sessions)

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for girls and boys aged 11 - 18

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OPEN MORNING

at Box Hill School

Saturday 28th January 2017

10.15am to 12.00pm

Morning to include:

Tour of school and facilities

An opportunity to speak with the Headmaster, Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Department

Refreshments

to book a place please contact

Claire Jordan on

admissions@boxhillschool.com

01372 384240

www.boxhillschool.com

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails	
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