

Newsletter



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C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is TRUTHFULNESS Friday 6th January 2017

Coming Up Next Week

Tuesday 10th January
Moles Parent Lunch

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.

Year 6 SATS Parents Information Meeting

Year 6 SATs take place between 8th—12th May 2017. We will be holding a Year 6 SATS information talk on **Tuesday 24th January at 3.00pm and 7.00pm at Westcott. Please can you confirm with the office which meeting you will be attending by Wednesday 18th January. Please note - if we do not have any parents wishing to attend the 7.00pm talk this will be cancelled.**

Year 2 SATS Parents Information Meeting

We will be holding a Year 2 SATS information talk on **Thursday 26th January at 2.30pm at Abinger and 3.00pm at Westcott.**

This is a great opportunity to find out how you can support and help your child in the run up to SATS week.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Jumper Day and donated - we raised £80.00 for Save the Children.



Good morning and a Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you had a good break over Christmas, were able to spend time with friends and family and enjoyed the festivities. The staff and myself would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and very generous gifts which we received from families at the school; they are very much appreciated.

The children have eased back into school life and the staff have followed! I suspect there have been some tired children as the week has progressed, but I'm sure by next week everyone will be up to full speed. Behind the scenes though it has been busy as always. It has been pleasing to see the children return looking so smart. Please can the girls not wear nail varnish to school as it is not part of the uniform nor are extravagant headbands, bows or hair ties.

Over the next few weeks, the Senior Leadership Team will continue to hold pupil progress meetings with every teacher to discuss your child/ren which will then be shared with you at our March parent meetings. There are also many trips and visits planned during the Spring term so keep checking the dates section of the newsletter.

Some of the funding schools receive is based upon eligibility for free school meals and the more eligible children that a school has, the more funding it will receive. So if parents don't apply (even if their children receive infant free school meals), the school does not receive funding. Please find attached a 'Free School Meal Eligibility & Pupil Premium Application Form', we would be very grateful if you could read this document. If you meet the criteria given on the second page or are not certain please pop into the school office who will provide you with the form to complete. This information is required before **MONDAY 16TH JANUARY** as the funding is only generated once a year from the January census.

This half term we will be focusing in school on the Christian Value Truthfulness. Next week, the Value Newsletter will be sent home with ideas to share with your child.

A busy and exciting term ahead! Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher



Active Kids

Thank you to those who brought in Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers last year. As you can see we were able to order a large amount of play equipment, including a variety of balls, bats and stilts. The Sports Crew are very excited to start supporting the children on the playground to play exciting games with the new equipment.



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
10th	Moles	21st	Hedgehogs	2nd	Rabbits	20th	Bees
26th	Foxes			7th	Squirrels	25th	Caterpillar
31st	Badgers			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
- Dairy Free Menu
- Egg Free Menu
- Vegetarian Menu
- Vegan 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	Class	Deadline
Moles	3rd January	Hedgehogs	6th February	Ladybirds	9th March	Bees	27th March
Foxes	19th January	Rabbits	23rd February	Butterfly	14th March	Caterpillar	18th April
Badgers	24th January	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.

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

Parent Lunch – Moles	10th January
Year 6 Bikeability Course (Group A)	16th January
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	
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
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



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.

Please ensure that you write your child/rens name on all items of clothing. Thank you.

Severe Weather Plan for Parents and Families

“Schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather. They play a key role in their communities and by staying open help both their pupils and parents.” – Department for Education.

Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. More details about school closure procedures are in the attached letter.



Inconsiderate Parking

We have received a complaint from a resident on Milton Avenue. On Wednesday 4th January a Black Peugeot Estate car parked across their driveway and when challenged the driver was very rude. We do understand that parking is difficult but please remember this is a residential area and we ask you to be considerate when parking at drop off and pick up times.



School Uniform If you require any school uniform please can you order this directly from Brigade at

www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com.

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
After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091