

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is HOPE

Friday 16th December 2016

Coming Up Next Week

Monday 19th December

Carols by Candlelight
KS2 6.30pm at Westcott

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

Abinger site closes at
1.15pm

Westcott site closes at
1.30pm

**Tuesday 3rd January
2017—INSET DAY.**

All children return to
school on 4th January at
the normal time.



Our Juniors will be celebrating by singing **Carols by Candlelight** in the school playground on Monday 19th December at 6.30pm. If due to bad weather we are unable to hold the carols in the playground, a decision will be made the evening before and parents will be informed.



Dear Parents/ Carers,

I love this time of year, there is a high level of excitement in all the classrooms and everyone is looking forward to the holidays and some much needed time off!!

The governors visited the school last week and talked to the children about their learning at both the Abinger and Westcott sites. We have been focusing on looking at religious education and collective worship in preparation for our SIAMS inspection which is due in January. As always, it was a joy to chat to your children, they are really keen to discuss what they are learning and had some wonderful things to say about Advent, Christmas and the birth of Jesus amongst other things. We are really proud of how well they are doing and hope that you have also enjoyed hearing about everything they have been doing recently at school.

I hope that you have all had the chance to read the letter written by the HMI Inspector following her recent visit. It is really encouraging to see that Ofsted can appreciate the hard work that has been done by the senior leadership team and all teaching staff over the last year and can see that the school is moving towards being rated "Good" by Ofsted.

I would like to ask you all to please consider the work that F@SH has been doing this term and the important role that it plays in both the social and financial workings of the school. Sadly, at the moment there is no-one who feels able to come forward and take on the roles in the committee. F@SH needs to have a named Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary in order to continue to exist and although these roles sound daunting, they need not be with the right team of people in place. The school staff and governors will continue to support the work of F@SH as much as they can however they cannot run it themselves and it does need parents to come forward to keep it going, so please consider helping out at whatever level you can so that F@SH can continue with its really vital work.

I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the whole governing board.

Many Thanks

Clare Evelyn

Chair of Governors chair@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk

Good afternoon, welcome to our final newsletter before Christmas. It has been a long and very busy term which is culminating in lots of festivities. This week, we were wowed by the nativity performances - my sincere thanks to parents and visitors who attended the productions; it was lovely to see you there.

Heading into our last week, please remember that we have our KS2 Carols by Candlelight at 6:30pm in the Westcott playground. If you have flameless candles, please bring them with you. Christmas lunch is also on Monday and we are encouraging children to come in donning a Christmas jumper/top/hat. Remember that school finishes at 1.15pm on the Abinger site and 1.30pm on the Westcott site on Wednesday 21st December.

Finally I would like to wish all the children, parents, staff and governors of the school a very Merry Christmas and also wish everyone a well-deserved break from school. I hope you all manage to spend some time with friends and family and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th January. Kind wishes

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher

Christmas All Children can wear a Christmas Jumper on Monday 19th December. We are asking for a £1 donation which goes to Save the Children.





F@SH would like to say a very big **'thank you'** to all parents and carers that have assisted our charity this academic year. From donating, volunteering and buying tickets, you have helped us reach our goal of supporting our children by fundraising for the school.

From the fundraising efforts of you all, we have been able to purchase much needed items to enrich our children's school life.

From us all at F@SH, thank you!!!
We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

F@SH FACEBOOK AUCTION

We are running two exciting auctions on our Facebook page from now until the end of term (Wednesday 21st December).



Bid now for a chance to win:

- a round of midweek golf for four at the Clandon Regis Golf Club, near Guildford
- a £350 photoshoot with Kristida Photography.

These auctions are open to everyone, if you have a neighbour or friend who is interested, you can bid on their behalf.

The highest bidders win. Good luck!

Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff		
Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick		
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Christmas Nativity



The children delighted all who attended their Christmas nativity performances as the Christmas story was told through the eyes of some curious sheep. All children sung with great enthusiasm and the year two children impressed by speaking with great confidence in front of such a large crowd. We are very proud of all the children and also thank you for your parental support.



This half term the children in Year Two have enjoyed learning about 'Florence Nightingale' through their 'Enter the Time Machine' topic. The visit from Limelight Theatre Company was greatly enjoyed by both classes.

Children actively participated in the workshop taking on roles as various characters. In addition, the children have also enjoyed taking part in Forest School sessions and the opportunities that it gave to collaborate with friends. The term has ended with great partnership between the classes on both sites when the children came together to practise for the Christmas nativity.



Reception and Year 1 children have had an exciting term writing and exploring the book *Stickman* by Julia Donaldson. We have spent time learning about the book's characters and writing about them. We used the book to explore our local area and make comparisons. We have also been preparing for Christmas by using this to inspire our maths learning; weighing and measuring quantities, and exploring the features of different shaped presents in our role play areas. We are looking forward to finding out more about next term's topic 'Our World, Your World'.

Panto! On Wednesday afternoon the staff performed 'Cinderella' to a very unsuspecting and excited audience. Highlights included Mr Smith and Mr Kelly dressed as the ugly sisters, and Mr Wadey dressed as the Fairy Godmother.



Coming up in January 2017

INSET Day	3rd January
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 Westcott	24th January
Parent Lunches – Foxes	26th January
Year 2 SATs Parents Information Meeting 2.30pm at Abinger 3.00pm at Westcott	26th 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



CHRISTMAS EVE

It's time to make our journey to Bethlehem...



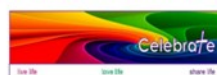
CRIB SERVICE

3:00PM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WESTCOTT

A lovely re-telling of the events of Christmas,
for all the family.

Children are invited to come dressed as a
character from the Nativity Scene & join the story!



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.

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.

December 2016

Christmas Dinner 19th December
Carols by Candlelight at
Westcott 6.30pm – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 19th December

**End of Term 21st December 2016 –
early close Abinger 1.15pm Westcott 1.30pm**

Christmas Holiday 22nd Dec – 3rd Jan 2017

January 2017

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Year 6 Bikeability Course (Group B) 23rd January
Year 6 SATS Parents Information
Meeting 3.00pm Westcott 24th January
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Year 2 SATs Parents Information 26th January
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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

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
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

FUNSPORT ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

SURREY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTCOTT, DORKING, RH4 3QF

XMAS & FEBRUARY CAMPS



Come and join in the fun with Funsport at our activity holiday camp at Surrey Hills Primary School. Funsport provide exciting holiday camps and are offering you the chance to come and join us this Christmas and February.

Our innovative programme of games and skill practices will greatly enhance the development of your child's ABCs - Agility, Balance, Co-ordination - the fundamentals of sporting performance. A typical day will include fun games such as Medicine Man, Ultimate Frisbee, Capture The Flag and Shark Island. We will also have sports such as football, tennis and basketball, plus a wide range of other activities.

Tournament day is held on the last day of camp and children compete for their team to win a prize and medals.

We take children aged 4 to 12 years. Children from 5 years of age may stay a full day. 4 year olds may attend half days only.

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Pleiades are running a club on our INSET Day on 3rd January 2017. Please contact the number above if you would like to book a place.

Christmas Cards Over the Christmas period we operate a Christmas card delivery service. Each site has a special post box. If your child would like to use our post service they must ensure they write a child's whole name and class on the envelope – without this Santa's elves cannot deliver them!



Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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