

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is HOPE

Friday 25th November 2016

Coming Up Next Week

Monday 28th November

Parent Drop-in at Abinger at 2.30pm

We are sorry the Reading Workshop for parents of children in all years will be postponed until the new year.

Tuesday 29th November

Parent Drop-In at Westcott at 2.40pm

Friday 3rd December

Butterfly Class to Westcott Site All Day

F@SH Christmas Fair at 3.50pm at the Westcott Site

Letters sent home this week

Letters sent home from the school office this week. Paper copies will be available from the office on request.

HMI Visit Letter – Whole School

Nativity Letter – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Year 4 New Barn Residential Trip Letter

Year 6 Thames Young Mariners/and High Ashhurst Residential Trip Letter

F@SH NEWS

Chairs Annual report and Treasurers Annual report coming soon.

Good afternoon,

Well the school is awash with children in their school colours today. It's amazing the buzz that it is causing. Thank you so much for all the kind donations which you have sent in for the Christmas Fayre. Thanks also to the F@SH committee and class reps who have been busy organising the events and stalls for the upcoming fayre on the 2nd December. As you will have heard on the news, budgets are becoming ever tighter in schools so your financial support makes an enormous difference to the experiences the children have at Surrey Hills.

I would also like to thank the Abinger Fair committee as last week they donated an amazing £1,200, which we will be using to support Science through the school, for example, digital microscopes, data loggers, Science workshop for all during science week.

This week the children in Year 5 and 6 stepped back in time as they experienced life as an evacuee. They looked amazing in their costumes. Year 1 and 2 have also been busy this week as the children were treated to a workshop on Florence Nightingale. I was very impressed to hear them compare the similarities and differences between Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

This week, staff have looked at how we could introduce the Run the World challenge after the success of Run to Rio. Through the year, all classes will run or walk a route around the world, visiting different sporting events with the opportunity to win themed prizes along the way. Active Surrey are promoting this initiative as getting children moving is proven to reduce obesity, improve pupil behaviour and well-being and increase concentration levels in the classroom.

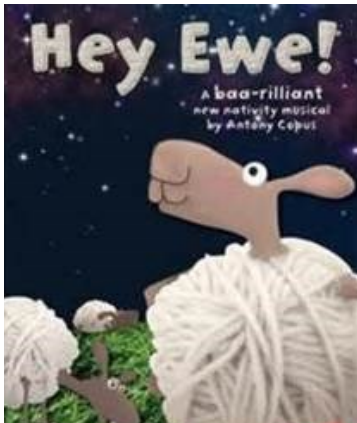
This week the school has certainly started to gather a little Christmas momentum. I've been hearing snippets of songs from my office and negotiation over all the parts. I certainly don't envy those teachers responsible for putting together a Christmas Nativity whilst still keeping all the plates spinning.

Next week we will be welcoming you to the first of our parent drop ins and the focus will be mathematics. During this time, you will have the opportunity to work with your child, in their classroom, as they complete mathematics challenges. There will not be time to look at books at this session.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your kind words of support on the HMI monitoring visit report.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher



KS1 Nativity Performance - 13th December at 2.30pm and the 14th December at 9.30am

Hey Ewe! is a Christmas nativity told through the perspective of excitable and curious sheep.

Of all the sheep in the flock, the smallest, youngest sheep are the most inquisitive. They are always busy getting under the shepherds' feet, asking questions and, to the irritation of the rest of the flock, demanding to know exactly what is going on. One night, however, while all the other sheep are trying to sleep, some extraordinary events unfold that excite their curiosity more than ever before!

Our Nativity Performances will be soon be taking place at our Westcott site. In preparation for this we have arranged for the children from the Abinger site to go over to the Westcott site on a number of days over the next few weeks. We are transporting the children in minibuses as much as possible to reduce the impact on parents. However there are a few occasions where transporting your own child will be necessary. These dates and times are listed below:

Friday 2nd December: Butterfly class only – children will be at the Westcott site all day. Please drop your child off at 8.30am and collect from Westcott at 3.30pm.

Thursday 8th December: Dragonfly and Butterfly classes only – Abinger children to be dropped off at Westcott in the morning at 8.30am, children will be brought back to school by minibus at lunchtime.

Friday 9th December: Dragonfly and Butterfly classes only - Abinger children to be dropped off at Westcott in the morning at 8.30am, children will be brought back to school by minibus at lunchtime.

Monday 12th December: Caterpillar, Dragonfly and Butterfly classes –All children to Westcott all day for Dress rehearsal: Please drop your child off at 8.30am and collect from Westcott at 3.00pm.





Tuesday 13th December: Caterpillar, Dragonfly and Butterfly Classes – Afternoon performance - All children to be brought over to Westcott at lunchtime by minibus, please collect from Westcott at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 14th December: Caterpillar, Dragonfly and Butterfly Classes (morning performance and Christmas parties). All Children will be at the Westcott site all day. Please drop your child/ren off at the Westcott site at 8.30am. Abinger children to be picked up from Westcott at 3.00pm.

Please park at Westcott Cricket ground in Milton Street, there will be a lot of traffic on these days and parking may be an issue so please drop your child off quickly and as near to 8.30am as possible and car share where you can.

Performances will be on the 13th December at 2.30pm (siblings can attend this performance) and the 14th December at 9.30am (we kindly ask that siblings do not attend this performance).

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can book tickets for the Nativity nearer the time, please look out for details on how to do this in the Newsletter. Tickets are limited to two per family for Health and Safety reasons.

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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.

November 2016

Parent Class Drop In – 2.00pm – 2.30pm Abinger	28th November
Reading Workshop for Parents Years 1 and 2	28th November
Parent Class Drop In – 2.40pm – 3.10pm Westcott	29th November
Reading Workshop for Parents Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	29th November

December 2016

School Christmas Fair Extravaganza 3.50pm - 5.30pm	2nd December
Christingle at St James' at 4.00pm	4th December
Thank you Coffee Morning for Parent Helpers at 9.30am at Westcott	5th December
Nativity at Westcott – 2.30pm at Westcott	13th December
Nativity at Westcott – 9.30am at Westcott	14th December
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

INSET Day	3rd January
Parent Lunch – Moles	10th 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
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
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
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Christmas Fair

Surrey Hills C of E Primary School, Westcott




Friday 2nd December

3.30pm until 6pm


- Kid's crafts including making a gift in secret
- Santa's Grotto and Christmas Raffle
- Jolly Jam Jars and Adopt a Teddy
- Face Painting and Gift Shopping
- Tea, mulled wine and lots of cakes!





We're supporting



Thank you to all parents
and children at Surrey
Hills we raised £639.00





Save the Date - 2nd July 2017
2.00pm until 5pm

**Please note we have an INSET Day on 3rd January 2017.
We have one more INSET Day to set and will let you
know when this will be as soon as possible.**

Reminder - Girls should not be wearing nail varnish to school as it is not part of the uniform nor are extravagant headbands or hair ties. Hair bands should be plain brown, green or black.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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