

Newsletter



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C of E Primary School

This Value for this half term is HOPE

Friday 11th November 2016

Coming Up Next Week

Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 16th November
Open Morning at the Westcott site for any child starting in Year 3 in 2017.

Thursday 17th November
Open Morning at the Abinger Site for any child starting in Reception in 2017.

Letters sent home this week

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

- Christmas Dinner Letter - All Years

F@SH NEWS

AGM – 21st November at 8.00pm at the Westcott Site – ALL WELCOME!

Friends at Surrey Hills (F@SH) are the schools volunteer fundraising body who run events throughout the year. Our AGM will take place on 21st November at 8.00pm on the Westcott Site. It would be lovely to see lots of you there for a glass of wine and to find some new volunteers!



Good afternoon. We are at the end of another week which has flown by. In fact when I heard the school rehearsing carols in singing assembly, I was reminded how near Christmas is getting.

The HMI monitoring visit on Monday was very positive, the children were welcoming and confident sharing and talking about their learning. I am looking forward to sharing Ms Dulong's report as soon as it finalised. Thank you to everyone who completed Parent View.

It was fantastic to see such a large number of parents at our Parents' Evenings this week. The idea of this first meeting is for you to share your own observations about the beginning of the new school year and for the teachers to discuss where your child's key strengths and areas for further development are. I know that 10 minutes just never seems enough. If you need to discuss anything further with your child's teacher, please do stop by the office and make an additional appointment. Thank you for your comments and suggestions which I will be passing onto the Governors.

I am really thrilled to report that the school received its Inspection Dashboard from Ofsted. This reports the school as having a number of identified strengths and only one identified weakness. Our end of year results for 2016 were significantly higher than national figures and higher than Surrey figures for all key stages, with the exception of KS2 writing - which was in line with Surrey figures and continues to be an area for further improvement.

Last year there were significant changes to the assessment systems for children in years 1 to 6. As a school, we aim to get the vast majority of children to the EXPECTED standard in Reading, Writing and Maths by the end of the academic year and the most able children will aim to secure a greater depth of understanding and to SURPASS that standard.

Governors and the Senior Team are totally committed to improving standards, whilst continuing to ensure that our curriculum is enjoyable and nurtures all children.

We shall also be holding our open morning for prospective parents who are applying for places in September 2017. The meeting for children starting in YEAR 3 is on the 16th November at 9:30am at the WESTCOTT site and for children starting in RECEPTION the meeting is on the 17th November at 9:15 at the ABINGER site. Both sessions will begin with an introduction to the school by myself which will then be followed by tours with our Headboy and Headgirl along with a team of prefects.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Monday 19th December 2016

If your child usually brings in a packed lunch but would like a Christmas Lunch on Monday 19th December please book by 18th November 2016. Children who already have school meals will be served a Christmas Lunch automatically.

Reception, Years 1 and 2

You do not need to pay for the Christmas Lunch but you do need to let us know that your child would like one. Please select '**KS1 CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016**' on School Gateway and click consent.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

The cost of the meal is £2.20 and you must pay under the heading '**KS2 CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016**' - PLEASE DO NOT PAY UNDER YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEALS PUPIL 16/17 ACCOUNT. (If your child already has school meals you do not need to pay under '**KS2 CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2016**' as they will automatically receive a Christmas Lunch).

Please complete the attached letter and return to the school office by **FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER** – this is the absolute deadline for ordering a Christmas Lunch.



British Roast Turkey with Stuffing
Or
Quorn Festive Parcel (V)





Served with
Seasonal Vegetables,
Roast Potatoes and Gravy





Followed by
Decorated Chocolate Slice Or
Decorated Christmas Biscuit

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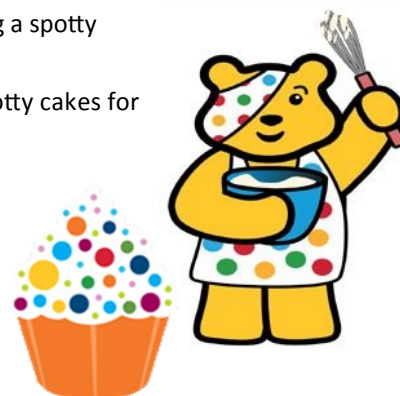
Friday 18th November is Children in Need. We will be raising money by holding a spotty cake sales and having a spotty mufti day.

Abinger Site: We are asking all classes to provide spotty cakes for cake sale at pick up time.

Westcott Site: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - please provide spotty cakes for a cake sale at pick up time. Those who get the bus or taxi home will have time to purchase a cake before they leave.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - please check the back of the sofa, your parents car, mum and dads pockets etc for any loose change as we are going to try and fill in an outline of Pusey Bear with the money you bring in.

We will also be holding a Spotty Mufti Day - all children are welcome to come to school on Friday 19th November wearing an item of spotty clothes in exchange for a £1 donation.



It is important that access to the Westcott site is as safe as possible for children and staff. Remember no vehicles should drive up School Lane at any time during the day (including in the morning). Those parents who collect from After School Club can drive up from 5.15pm. We have also received a number of complaints from local residents regarding children being dropped off at the end of School Lane on the Westcott Road. Do NOT stop to drop children off here as it may cause an accident.





If your child will be starting in Reception in September 2017, you are invited to the Abinger site on 17th November at 9:15am. If you are looking for a Year 3 place for September 2017, please come to the Westcott site on 16th November at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you.

MAKE A DATE
TO COME AND SEE US

OPEN DAY

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
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	abinger@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk	westcott@surreyhillssurrey.sch.uk
	www.surreyhillssprimaryschool.org.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.

November 2016

Parent Forum Meeting @ 9.30am	Date TBC
Anti-Bullying Week	14th – 18th November
Open Morning	
Year 3 at Westcott at 9.30am	16th November
Open Morning	
Reception at Abinger at 9.15am	17th November
Children in Need	18th November
F@SH AGM—All Welcome at 8.00pm	
At Westcott	21st November
Mufti Day for Christmas Day	25th November
Badgers Class Assembly	25th November
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	26th January
Meeting 2.30pm at Abinger	
3.00pm at Westcott	
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



Raincoats

Children will continue to go outside in rain at playtime and lunchtime as they benefit from getting fresh air and exercise. We make a judgment call as to when the rain is heavy enough to justify staying in, and when to come in if the weather deteriorates. If your child wishes to use the field, they need to bring in trainers/welly boots and a pair of over trousers so their school uniform does not get muddy and wet.

Years 4/5/6 Girls Football Team

Well done to the Girls Team who took part in the Dorking School Football Tournament on Tuesday 8th November. We were very proud of their sportsmanship and how well they played, a special mention must go to Tess M, who was amazing and a lot of parents commented on how good she was. Mrs Stowell, our PE co-ordinator, has been very impressed with how the girls have played and will be looking at a more regular girls football training session for the Spring Term.



IMPORTANT REMINDER

To enable us to contain diseases and infections please follow the '48 Hour Rule': keep your child off school for 48 hours after showing the symptoms of an upset tummy or sickness. This keeps bugs out of school and away from other families and staff. Thank you.

Leave of Absence Requests I would like to remind all parents that holidays are not permitted during term time. If you book a holiday in term time you could be fined. Absences during term time are only granted in exceptional circumstances.

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