

# Newsletter



*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*

C of E Primary School

**This Value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP**

**Friday 30th September 2016**

## Coming up next week

### Monday 3rd October

Harvest Service Westcott Site  
Church Service - Holy Trinity -  
Years 1 - 6

St. Johns Ambulance - First Aid  
Training - Foxes Class

### Tuesday 4th October

Year 4 Trip to Haslemere  
Museum

### Friday 7th October

Year 3 Trip to Haslemere  
Museum

### Saturday 8th October

F@SH Jumble Sale - 2.00pm  
until 4.00pm at  
Abinger



## Letters sent home this week

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

- Letter from Mrs Garrick  
regarding donations for Role  
Play Areas—all years.
- Bikeability Level 1—Year 5  
only.

## Data Collection Sheets

We still have a  
number of Data  
Collection Sheets  
which haven't  
been returned. Please can you  
return them by Wednesday 5th  
October so our records are up  
to date. Thank you.



Good afternoon! It was only a matter of time before the weather turned autumnal and we all got a little soggy, however, it hasn't dampened our spirit at the beginning of this new school year. **Please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day and spare shoes if s/he wishes to use the field.** This means they can play outside in all weathers (unless it's absolutely pouring).

Time now seems to be flying by as we really get into the term. It has been busy in all classrooms. It has been lovely to see the children in Bees and Caterpillars creating giants to add to their beanstalks. I have enjoyed looking at the creative homework in Y1 and 2 classes and have learnt a lot of facts about The Great Fire of London. The children in Year 3 and 4 have been very creative making their batik cushions. Finally, in Year 5 and 6, the children have been shown basic first aid by St John's Ambulance. Our first trip is taking place next week, Year 3 and 4 are visiting Haslemere Museum. Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters to see how they got on.

Today, after reading the fantastic letters and chatting with the children who applied for the role of prefect, we have appointed some of our Year 6 pupils to this very important position of responsibility. All of the children were confident and keen to help the school improve. Congratulations to all those who have been appointed and will support our Headboy and Headgirl.

Before the Summer break, we were able to share our end of year pupil outcomes. At this time we were not sure how we compared to other schools nationally or in Surrey. I have attached a document to summarise our fantastic achievements last year – we were in line or above Surrey in every area (EYFS, Year 1 phonics, Year 2 and Year 6). I would like to thank every member of staff for their hard work during the year and parents for your continued support.

Sorry to have my first gripe of the school year – a plea about the parking in Broomfield Road. Local residents and Mole Valley Council have contacted me about poor parking, people blocking driveways and rude behaviour in front of children. Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is important to the school and for parents to model our CARE values. Please can I remind you that there is parking available in Westcott Sport's Ground.

Finally another reminder that we have the F@SH Abinger Jumble Sale coming up on the **8<sup>th</sup> October**. Please can I encourage you to help us raise funds, by volunteering to help on the day or by putting the date in your diary to come along – thank you.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

*Jennie Ratcliff*  
*Headteacher*



On Thursday, Badgers and Moles class were visited by St Johns Ambulance. We learnt lots of useful, life-saving skills, such as: the recovery position, how to react in an emergency situation and wrapping bandages. We really enjoyed this opportunity and we are now confident to be able to use these skills in the future.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Monday 3rd October

**Westcott Harvest Church Service - Years 1, 2,**

**3, 4, 5 and 6 Children** The children will attend a Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church in the afternoon. Unfortunately we are unable to ask parents to join us for this service due to a lack of space in the church. Holy Trinity have a local charity which they support and have asked if parents would like to donate any non perishable goods which will be collected and taken to the church who will donate them on our behalf. If you would like to make a donation please can you bring to school on Monday morning.



**Parent View**  
Your Child's School

**Give Ofsted your view  
on your child's school**

Every year we ask all parents to please spend—a maximum of 10 mins—updating their comments on PARENTVIEW. You can follow the link at

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) It is so helpful to the school if you could just answer the 12 questions. Governors and I look at the site routinely to see what the key indicators are and, obviously, to see if we can improve any aspect of our provision. As always, if you do have any concerns at all, PLEASE take the time to come and talk to me or to another member of staff about them. It is impossible for us to resolve your problems if we don't know about them. We are genuinely working so hard to do the very best that we can for your children and will always promise to listen carefully to you and to try hard to resolve any issues that you may have. Thank you so much in advance.

### School Dinners - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Autumn Term



If your child has school dinners and you owe any money please can you pay via School Gateway as soon as possible. Meals should be paid for in advance.



### Break Time Snacks

It has come to the attention of several staff that snacks children are choosing at break time are not suitable. We promote healthy eating within the school and ask that children bring in a piece of fruit / vegetables to enjoy at break time. Absolutely no cake, sweets or chocolate please! The children have been reminded this week and their class teachers will be monitoring their snacks. Your child also needs to bring in a full bottle of water every day. Thank you for supporting us and encouraging the children to make healthy choices.



**SCHOLASTIC**



Today your child should have brought home a Scholastic Catalogue. If you wish to order anything please visit [www.shop.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.shop.scholastic.co.uk) or complete the order form and return it to the school office by Friday 7th October 2016. Thank you.

**Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff**

**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.

### September 2016

Volunteer Workshop  
Westcott at 9.30am 26th September  
Volunteer Workshop  
Abinger at 2.15pm 26th September  
**F@SH School Disco (Sorry - this has been cancelled - to be rescheduled)**

### October 2016

F@SH Jumble Sale at Abinger 8th October  
INSET Day 14th October  
School 'Fresher's' Disco—All years at Westcott—times TBC 20th October

**End of Term 21st October 2016 - Normal close time**

**Half Term 24th – 28th October 2016**

Maths Week 31st October  
**Moles Class Assembly 31st October**  
Parent Forum Meeting @ 9.30am Date TBC

### November 2016

Workshop for Years 1 and 2 Parents at Westcott 7.00pm 1st November  
Workshop for Years 3 and 4 Parents at Westcott 7.00pm 2nd November  
Workshop for Years 5 and 6 Parents at Westcott 7.00pm 3rd November  
Butterfly Class Assembly 4th November  
Parents Evening 8th November  
3.10pm – 5.30pm at Abinger  
3.40pm – 6.00pm at Westcott  
Parent Evening 10th November  
5.30pm – 8.00pm at Abinger  
And Westcott  
Rabbits Class Assembly 11th November  
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  
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

**F@SH**  
Friends of Surrey Hills School

**We're making our own Christmas Cards**

This year our school children will be creating their own personalised Christmas Card designs. Parents will be able to purchase the cards in packs of 12 at a great price, whilst also helping the school to raise additional funds. So there's no need to buy your Christmas Cards anywhere else!

You will also be able to buy Mugs and Gift Tags with the same design.

**Class Fundraising**  
Tel: 01642 489000 or Visit [www.classfundraising.co.uk](http://www.classfundraising.co.uk)

## School Comms/ School Gateway

The school's communication and payment system, if you haven't set up your account already please follow the instruction below. If you have any difficulties please contact the school office.

*The system is called School Gateway – and it's available for you to use now.*

1. **Go to [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)**
2. **When you visit the School Gateway website for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter your email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school**
3. **The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and your account will be activated for you.**

*As soon as you've got the system set-up, you'll be able to pay money to the school online rather than send cash or cheques.*

**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	<a href="mailto:chair@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk">chair@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk</a>
Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 926191
Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160
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