

Newsletter



Inspiring the individual; creating a community

C of E Primary School

This Value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP

Friday 23rd September 2016

Coming up next week

Monday 26th September -

Volunteer Workshop
At Westcott at 9.30am

At Abinger at 2.15pm

Letters sent home this week

Below are a list of the letters that have been sent home from the school office this week. Paper copies will be available from the office on request.

- Letter from Mr Wadey regarding Pumpkin and Squash Competition – All Years.
- Lunchtime Running Club - Years 5 and 6 only.
- Cross Country Competition—Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only.

F@SH



F@SH, Friends at Surrey Hills, is a registered charity that raises funds for the school. It is a thriving committee of parents who aim to organise social events throughout the year and raise funds for the school. There are many ways for you to connect with us and we are always looking for extra help. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to organise an event such as the Christmas Fair or the Teddy Bears Picnic now is your chance to get involved. Whether you only have 1 hour to give or several, are interested in being a class Rep or on the committee every person, every volunteer makes a big impact! We look forward to hearing from you.

Good afternoon!

It has been lovely to see the sun out again this week. We have decided to refresh the newsletter to keep you all on your toes! Please do though keep an eye on the dates section as this will be updated regularly as I know how important it is for working parents to get as much notice as possible for day time events such as concerts, productions etc.

Thank you to everyone who attended a coffee morning, it was a good opportunity for new parents to get to know other parents and for the senior leadership team and Governors to gather feedback on what we are doing well at Surrey Hills as well as what could be even better. If you were unable to come to a coffee morning and would like to share your thoughts with us please complete the attached form and email it to the westcott@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk.

Today we appointed some of our pupils to some very important positions of responsibility in the school. Following speeches and elections, we now have our new House Captains. Box: Harry J and Ella I, Leith: Olivia P and Jack A, Ranmore: Oliver W and Tess M, Holmbury: Molly P and Jenna M. Congratulations to those who have been appointed....now the hard work begins!

I have been overwhelmed by the number of letters I have received, from the children in Year 6, who are interested in becoming a prefect. Miss Lucas and I will chat with them next week to find out more before the appointments are made in celebration assembly next week.

There are many opportunities for parents to become involved in the work of the school to gain a greater understanding of the ways in which you can support your child's learning. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer helper and would like to find out more, please come along to the volunteer meeting on Monday 26th September (Westcott site 9:30am or Abinger site 2:15pm) with Miss Lucas. If you are unable to make this meeting but would still like to be a volunteer, please let Miss Lucas know, who will arrange an alternative time to meet.

It is also that time of year when Year 6 get the opportunity to visit secondary schools at open mornings and evenings. Please let us know in advance if you intend to visit a secondary school with your son/daughter during the school day.

Finally we have the F@SH Abinger Jumble Sale coming up on the 8th October - this is always a great event. 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. Please check the Diary Dates section of the Newsletters for the latest F@SH events.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Jennie Ratcliff
Headteacher

Volunteer Workshop

We would like to invite parents to attend our volunteer workshops on **Monday 26th September** at the following times;

Westcott at 9.30am
Abinger at 2.15pm

The workshops are open to current volunteers and for any parent who is interested in helping out at school. It doesn't have to be class room based, if you have a skill e.g. gardening, carpentry etc we could always use your help.

We will cover how you can help the children at school, safeguarding issues, our volunteer policy and our code of conduct.

Please come along for an informal chat. Refreshments provided.

MAKE A DATE
TO COME AND SEE US



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.



Good home/school communication is crucial to pupils' well-being. We appreciate some conversations can be stressful and difficult, but please speak politely when talking to a member of Surrey Hills staff, as we will to you.

At Surrey Hills we take children's health and wellbeing very seriously. We currently have children on both sites with severe nut allergies, which require epi-pens. All staff have been trained in their use and we are taking every precaution to ensure that children remain healthy and safe in school. We would like to remind all parents that we are a nut free school.



Can you please make sure that you do not send in any food containing nuts, particularly in packed lunches. This includes biscuits and snacks containing nuts, peanut butter, walnut cake, Nutella etc. It may not always be obvious that nuts are included in the ingredients of some snacks, so we would appreciate your vigilance in checking before food is brought into school. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Earrings Only small studs are acceptable for school. In line with school and Surrey County policy earrings should be removed by the child or taken out in the morning by parents on PE days. Staff are not allowed to take out/put in earrings. If you are thinking of having your child's ears pierced we recommend having this done at the start of the summer holidays.



School Website Our new website is currently being developed. Our current website may not contain all the correct dates/ information do please bear with us whilst our new one is under construction.

Is your child in Year 6?

If your child was born between **1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006** you will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2016**.

Apply online, apply on time by 31 October 2016

visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/admission

Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Miss Hanna Garrick

Abinger Site

Westcott Site

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| | 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.

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
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
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
Thank you Coffee Morning for Parent Helpers at 9.30am at Westcott 5th December

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Autumn Term



If your child has moved from school dinners to packed lunch please can you let the office know asap, particularly if they have gone from free meals in Year 2 to paid for meals in Year 3. You may get charged if you don't inform us of any change.

Schoolgateway School Comms/ School Gateway

To further reduce our carbon footprint we will be sending ALL letters home via School Comms. So you don't miss any important information we will list all the letters sent home **from the school office** during the week on the front of the Newsletter. Paper copies will be available from the office on request. 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**
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.

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Data Collection Sheets

You should have received a Data Collection Sheet this week via your child. Please could you check that all the details are correct and amend where necessary. It would be very helpful, if you could include your main email address, whether it a work or home email address.



Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds or by the gates at both sites. Thank you.

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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| 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 |