

# Newsletter



*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*

C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 16th September 2016**

## Coming up next week

### **Wednesday 21st September -**

Coffee Morning at 9.15am at Westcott

### **Thursday 22nd September -**

Coffee Afternoon at 2.30pm at Westcott

Reception Meet the Teacher at 3.10pm at Abinger

Reception Meet the Teacher at 3.40pm at Westcott

### **Friday 23rd September -**

Coffee Morning at 8.45am at Abinger

## Letters sent home this week

Below are a list of the letters that have been sent home from the school office this week.

- Letter from Mr Wadey regarding Pumpkins – All Years
- Pupil Premium Application Form - All Years
- Haslemere Museum Trip— Years 3 and 4 only

## Start of the Year Reminders

- Please ensure you have labelled all of your child's uniform.
- Only children are allowed into the building at the start and end of the day.
- Please ensure you keep your dinner money account up to date.
- The riding of scooters or bikes is forbidden on school premises – this includes younger children.
- If you do bring younger children on site, please supervise them and make sure they do not play on the trim trail.

Good afternoon. It has been a busy week and we have made the most of the fabulous weather. A big thank you to F@SH for selling ice-lollies at both sites, much needed at the end of a very warm day.

Thank you to the parents who have attended the information sessions relating to your child's class. I hope you have found these useful. If you were unable to attend the meeting, a copy of the handout will be emailed home for you to refer back to. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the year and building on all the successes of last year. This year promises to be brilliant.

Our new Reception children have all started school. They have settled well; at the end of the week some are looking tired and equally some seem to be like Duracell bunnies!

I am delighted to announce that Leo Burton and Mia Teixeira have been appointed as the new Headboy and Headgirl, with Jack Catling and Harriet Sutherland as deputies. They have been chosen to represent the school and act as role models for other children. Staff took many things into consideration when choosing them, including attendance, thoughtfulness and care for others, attitude to learning, positivity and perseverance.

Last term, as part of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> celebrations, we launched a writing competition .....if I were Queen for the day..... or to interview a 90 year old. I am pleased to announce that the winners of the competition are Joel (Y6), Harriet (Y6) and Daisy (Y1 Abinger). A new autumn term writing competition will be announced soon.

We have updated our medication policy using Surrey's model policy, below are the key points:

- Medicines need to be handed to a member of the office staff by the parent and the written instructions form completed.
- Schools should only accept medicines that have been prescribed and are in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and be clearly labelled.
- Parents must bring in any equipment required to administer the medicine.
- If a child has known medical needs, a meeting will be arranged with the School Nurse to write a tailored Health Care Plan.

Next week we are holding informal coffee mornings/afternoons, this is a time when you can chat to other parents in the school, meet governors, members of F@SH and find out about the school priorities for the next academic year. I do hope that you will be able to drop in.

We realise that Surrey Hills is a busy place and it can be difficult to find your way around during the first few weeks so do come and speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns or questions.

With best wishes for 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.

**THANK YOU to Squirrel's Café, Newlands Corner for displaying our fabulous MINI MOO!!**



## The Value for this half term is FRIENDSHIP

**FRIENDSHIP ISN'T A BIG THING... IT'S A MILLION LITTLE THINGS**

Children (and adults) are at their happiest and most confident when amongst friends. Unhappy times at school are usually as a result of children having minor 'fall outs' or disagreements with each other. Staff are sensitive in dealing with these issues. Friendship can mean different things to different people and we look forward to learning from each other during this half term. We will be reflecting on and valuing the friendships we already have. We will also talk about making new friends. Friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are older, some are younger, some are always there, some we only see occasionally. What makes a good friend? How do we choose our friends? Are we a good friend to others? Questions we can all ask ourselves – whatever our age!

If your child will be starting in reception in September 2017, you are invited to the Abinger site on 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am. If you are looking for a Year 3 place for September 2017, please come to the Westcott site on 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am. Both sessions will begin with an introduction to the school by myself which will then be followed by tours with our Headboy, Headgirl and a team of prefects.

**MAKE A DATE TO COME AND SEE US**



F@sh, Friends at Surrey Hills, is a registered charity that raises funds for the school. With the new start of term we are looking for volunteers to be class representatives, chairperson and secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to lend a helping hand please contact the school office.

## School Bus and Taxi

If your child takes the school bus or taxi home, can you let the office know if there are any days they will not be using this service on a regular basis e.g. because they are attending an after school club. Please email the school with the details as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date. Also if there is day your child will not be getting the taxi or bus please phone or email the office by 1.15pm to ensure the message is passed on (we cannot guarantee messages will be passed on after this time). Thank you!



A big thank you to everyone who supported the event and the committee for organising it. I was so impressed by the quality of the Scarecrows and found it difficult to choose a favourite.

## Polite Reminders



It is important that access to the Westcott site is as safe as possible for children and staff. Can I remind you that you should not drive up School Lane at any time during the day. Those parents who collect from After School Club can drive up from 5.15pm.



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

**Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff**

**Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Miss Hanna Garrick**

**Abinger Site**

**Westcott Site**

	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

Coffee Morning - 9.15am Westcott	21st September
Reception Meet the Teacher - 3.10pm Abinger	22nd September
Reception Meet the Teacher - 3.40pm Westcott	22nd September
Coffee Afternoon - 2.30pm Westcott	22nd September
Coffee Morning - 8.45am Abinger	23rd September
Volunteer Workshop Westcott at 9.30am	26th September
Volunteer Workshop Abinger at 2.15pm	26th September
<b>F@SH School Disco (Sorry - this has been cancelled - to be rescheduled)</b>	

### October 2016

<b>F@SH Jumble Sale</b>	<b>Date TBC</b>
INSET Day	14th 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
<b>Bees Class Assembly</b>	<b>4th November</b>
Parents Evening 3.10pm - 5.30pm at Abinger	8th November
3.40pm - 6.00pm at Westcott	
Parent Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm at Abinger	10th November
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
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

<b>Badgers Class Assembly</b>	<b>2nd December</b>
Thank you Coffee Morning for Parent Helpers at 9.30am at Westcott	5th December

## Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Autumn Term



There has been a slight increase to the cost of pupil meals, from September the cost of meals will be £2.20 per day/ £11.00 per week. All meals must be paid for in advance at the start of each week/ term. Please pay via School Gateway - if you do not have an account with School Gateway please follow the instructions below. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

## 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](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.

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 will be receiving a Data Collection Sheet next 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 NOTE ALL CLUBS START NEXT WEEK**

### 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