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Inspiring the individual; creating a community

## Our Christian Value for this half term is COMPASSION Friday 8th September 2017

#### **Diary Dates W/C 11.09.17**

#### **Monday 11th September**

Year 5/6 Planetarium visiting

#### **Tuesday 12th September**

Years 1 & 2 Westcott Parents Welcome Meeting

Years 3 & 4 Parents Welcome Meeting

#### Wednesday 13th September

Volunteer Workshops

Years 1 & 2 Abinger Parents Welcome Meeting

#### **Thursday 14th September**

Years 5 & 6 Parents Welcome Meeting

#### Reminders

**School Gates:** the school gate opens at 8.30am at Abinger and at 8.45am at Westcott. Please note there is no access to the playgrounds before then.

**School Meals:** have increased to £2.25 per day.

Westcott Post Box: please use the School Post Box located outside the office for any correspondence for the office.

**Yellow Slips:** if you have a message for the office or a teacher, please use the yellow slips located at the office.

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. A particularly warm welcome to all of our new families joining us this term.

As always it has been a busy summer; thankfully all of the premises projects were completed on time! Ladybirds, Squirrels and the Westcott library have had new flooring laid and been repainted following the flooding in the Summer term. Canopies have been erected over Dragonfly and Butterfly outdoor learning areas. A new doorway has been added to the Caterpillar classroom so it connects to Bees classroom. Caterpillar classroom has been repainted. There will be photographs in an upcoming newsletter.

Next week, each phase will be holding a parent briefing session, which we hope you can all attend, where you will learn about the curriculum being delivered, trips, and all other information which is relevant to your child's year group. If you are unable to attend the meeting copies of the handouts will be sent home with your child. We have included as many dates as possible in the school calendar so that you are able to plan for the year ahead. These will be continually updated and added to in the newsletter so please do keep an eye on them.

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 immediately, if you have any concerns or questions.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

## Jennie Ratclifff, Headteacher



#### **Keeping Safe**

This week, we have been reminding the children about who to talk to in school if they are worried, how to keep safe online as well as revisiting road safety.

Just a little reminder that children MUST not be scooting/cycling across the playground or up and down School Lane.

Cars should not be dropping children off or picking children up in the bus stop.

#### **School Meals**

Surrey Commercial Services have informed me that our school meals are being prepared and cooked at The Weald as there are staffing issues. Mrs Jeffers and I are meeting with a representative from the company to resolve this situation as soon as possible.

### Is your child in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2017.** Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at: <a href="https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes">https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes</a> or you can call us on **0300 200 1004.** 

Information on secondary schools in Surrey 2018/19" are also available online at: <a href="https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes">https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes</a>.

### ····· No internet?·····

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call 03456 009 009 to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on 0300 200 1004.

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions



### Important dates

#### 1 September 2017

You can apply online for a school place.

#### 20 October 2017

We suggest you submit your secondary application by this date as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.

#### 31 October 2017

Closing date for secondary applications but we welcome early applications.

#### 1 March 2018

Secondary school offer letters are posted first class. If you applied online you will be sent an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online.

#### By 15 March 2018

You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

#### By 29 March 2018

If you wish to appeal for a community school listed on your form, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 18 June 2018. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.



If your child was born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by 31 October 2017.



Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 17th July	
School Target 2016/2017:	96.50%	
Weekly Attendance:	94.59%	
Weekly Number of Lates:	19	
Attendance Year to Date:	95.66%	



## Volunteers

## Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us both in and out of the classroom at Surrey Hills. We appreciate that everyone has extremely busy lives, but if you have a small amount of time to spare you can help us make a **BIG** difference to the education of our children.

We are holding our volunteer workshops on:

WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2017

Abinger Site: 9am

Westcott Site: 2:30pm

Please note, you will need to attend a volunteer workshop for updates, even if you have previously attended our volunteer training.

All volunteers will be expected to undertake a DBS check which will be done via the school office. If you have volunteered with us before, but have not been into school in the last 3 months, the DBS check will need to be completed again.

This needs to be completed before any volunteering is commenced.

If you are unable to make either workshop, but are still interested in volunteering, please

email: bethanlucas@surreyhills.surrey.sch.uk to arrange an alternative time.

## **Diary Dates 2017/2018**

Westcott at 9.15am, Abinger at 2.15pm

Please add these dates to your diary but check the Newsletter each week for any changes/updates. These will appear in red.

#### September

Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher at 3.10pm Westcott
Year 3 /4 Meet the Teacher at 3.40pm Westcott
Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher – 3pm Abinger
Yolunteer Workshop
Abinger at 9am, Westcott at 2.30pm
Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher – 3.40pm Westcott
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Year 5/6 Meeting (all parents welcome) at
Bertram Bees, Westcott at 8pm
MacMillan Coffee Morning: meet the Senior
Leadership team and other parents

#### October

Reception Meet the Teacher - 7pm Abinger
INSET Day
13th Oct
Writing Workshop for Key Stage 2 Parents
at Westcott 7pm
Writing Workshop for Years 1 & 2 Parents
at Abinger 7pm
Half Term
23rd — 27th Oct
Parents Evening
31st Oct

Abinger: 3.10pm to 5.30pm Westcott: 3.40pm to 6pm

#### November

Parents Evening 2nd Nov Abinger and Westcott: 5.30pm to 8pm

#### December

Reception Christmas Nativity Abinger 13th & 14th Dec F@SH & Volunteers thank you coffee morning 18th Dec KS1 Nativity at Westcott – 2.30pm at Westcott 18th Dec KS1 Nativity at Westcott – 9.30am at Westcott 19th Dec Carols by Candlelight at Westcott 6.30pm 19th Dec Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
End of Term (early close times) 21st Dec Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

January

Start of Spring Term 4th Jan

**February** 

Half Term 12th—16th Feb Inset Day 19th Feb

March

End of Term (early close times) 29th Mar

Abinger 1.15pm - Westcott 1.30pm





## U9s, U10s & U11s Open trials

The trial will take place on **Monday 25th September 2017** at **Broadfield 3g Pitch**, Winfield Way, Crawley, RH11 9RX

Starts at  ${\bf 4pm}$  and finishes at  ${\bf 6pm}$ 



Useful Contact Details			
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Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 826191	After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091