

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is COMPASSION

Friday 15th September 2017

Diary Dates W/C 18.09.17

Monday 18th September

Sports Crew training: Years 5 & 6

Netball: Years 5 & 6

Ukulele: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 19th September

Choir: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Boys football: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Girls football: Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Brooklands Museum trip: Years 3 & 4

Wednesday 20th September

Gym: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 21st September

Running: Years 5 and 6

Friday 22nd September

Homework: All years

Good afternoon,

The beginning of term has gone very well and we have been impressed with all the children who have returned to school with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. During the week, we have welcomed our new Reception children. I am always amazed by how quickly the children learn and adapt to life at school.

Just a quick reminder to everyone regarding uniform; the full list can be found on the school website. Please, please label everything with your child's name and ensure that children have the correct uniform. Long hair should be tied back and green or same hair colour hair clips/bands used. The latest craze for Jojo bows are not on the uniform list. Some pupils have also returned wearing jewellery. As a reminder, pupils may wear stud earrings, however the pupil MUST be able to remove these themselves for PE lessons otherwise they will not be allowed to take part.

We are having a real drive on attendance which on the whole is good, although we still have issues with pupils taking time off during term time for holiday. Term time holiday is not authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Forms to request absence can be found on the school website.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Jennie Ratcliff,

Headteacher

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 17th July	W/C 4th Sept	
School Target 2016/2017:	96.50%	96.50%	
Weekly Attendance:	94.59%	96.40%	
Weekly Number of Lates:	19	11	
Attendance Year to Date:	95.66%	96.67%	



Welcome to our new Reception Children

The children have settled really well in to Bees and Caterpillars Classes. All the EYFS staff are so impressed how well the children settle into their learning activities and actively seek out challenges around the classrooms. The children are excited and engaged by their new environment accessing their own resources confidently and making new friends along the way both indoors and outdoors. As the days progress the children become more aware of the different zones they can learn in throughout both classes.

Afternoons are a quieter more sedate affair as the children adjust to their longer days and the demands of school life. However this gives the staff lots of time to get to know the children as individuals.

We are looking forward to the weeks to come as we all explore our topic of 'Ourselves'.

Mr Wadey, Mrs Dutton and Mrs Phillips



Celebration! GOLD AWARD for our sporting achievements.

Below is a quote from Ally Reid, School Games Organiser South-West Surrey.

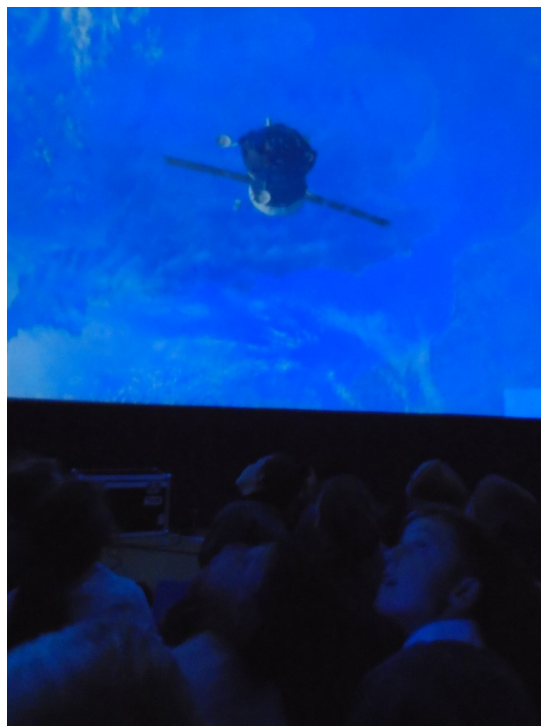
“Surrey Hills are the Surrey schools competition league winner which I think just goes to show how much pride and effort the school has put in to providing a wealth of opportunities through a really positive approach to school sport and physical activity. For such a small school to have so many extra-curricular opportunities and not just enter, but win so many district competitions is outstanding. Congratulations on a well deserved award”. - Ally Reid, School Games Organiser South-West Surrey”.

Planetarium Visit

Year 5 and 6 had a superb visit from a mobile planetarium earlier this week. The children explored the stars that are visible in the night sky, had a tour of the International Space Station and experienced what life might be like in the future on other planets - all in 360 degrees of full colour splendour. The mystery of how orbit keeps satellites circling the Earth indefinitely was also solved; turns out it's because of a mysterious force called gravity!

"I liked seeing the roof open and the stars above our heads!" Eve, Moles Class

"Seeing what the future of life on other planets might be like was amazing." Charlie, Moles Class



Volunteers

We are always so grateful for the time that our keen volunteers give up to support our pupils learning at Surrey Hills. Thank you to those who attended our volunteer workshops this week. If you were unable to attend, but are still interested in volunteering, please contact Miss Lucas.

Reminder: Planetarium Payment

If you have not already done so, please can you pay £4 for the Planetarium visit. This can either be paid in cash to the office or on School Gateway.

Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff	
Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick	
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Diary Dates 2017/2018

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

September

Year 1/2 Meet the Teacher at 3.10pm Westcott 12th Sep
 Year 3 /4 Meet the Teacher at 3.40pm Westcott 12th Sep
 Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher – 3pm Abinger 13th Sep
 Volunteer Workshop 13th Sep
 Abinger at 9am, Westcott at 2.30pm
 Year 5/6 Meet the Teacher – 3.40pm Westcott 14th Sep
 F@SH Meeting (all parents welcome) at 19th Sep
 Bertram Bees, Westcott at 8pm
 MacMillan Coffee Morning: meet the Senior Leadership team and other parents 29th Sep
 Westcott at 9.15am, Abinger at 2.15pm

October

Reception Meet the Teacher - 7pm Abinger 5th Oct
 INSET Day 13th Oct
 Writing Workshop for Key Stage 2 Parents at Westcott 7pm 17th Oct
 Writing Workshop for Years 1 & 2 Parents at Abinger 7pm 18th Oct
 Half Term 23rd — 27th Oct

Parents Evening 31st Oct
 Abinger: 3.10pm to 5.30pm
 Westcott: 3.40pm to 6pm

November

Parent Forum Meeting at 7pm at Abinger 1st Nov
 Parents Evening 2nd Nov
 Abinger and Westcott: 5.30pm to 8pm
 Open morning for prospective parents for Reception Children at Abinger 14th Nov
 Open morning for prospective parents for Year 3 Children at Westcott 15th Nov

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

After School Club for Y5&6

We'll be games playing, drinks slurping, Bible story sharing, craft making, jokes laughing, biscuit munching, discussions sharing and music enjoying! Come and have some fun!



Contact: Ellie Lister, Children & Families' Worker
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ST JAMES' CHURCH
 ABINGER COMMON



The details:

KIDS ROCK is a weekly Christian after-school club for Y5&6 which runs in the Westcott Site Art/Music room from 3.30 to 4.30pm every Wednesday. The club is free.

The club is run by The Church in Westcott: Holy Trinity and St John's, supported by St James' Church, Abinger Common. The club is open to all children in Years 5&6, although numbers will be limited initially to 20 children.

It will be a fun club with active games, drinks and snacks, craft activities, stories, music and discussions. There will be a focus on sharing stories from the Bible with links to Christian faith and values. To join, parents need to please fill out a registration and photo consent form and return to Ellie Lister via the school office.

KIDS ROCK

Christian After School Club for Y5&6

Useful Contact Details

Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhill.surrey.scho.uk	Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160
Breakfast Club at Abinger	07901 826191	After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091