

# Newsletter



*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*

C of E Primary School

**Our Christian Value for this half term is Peace**

**Friday 17th November 2017**

## Diary Dates W/C 20.11.17

### Tuesday 21st November

Individual and sibling photographs at Abinger and Westcott

### Thursday 23rd November

Years 5 & 6 Quicksticks Hockey

### Friday 24th November

Years 1 & 2 Victorian Workshop

## F@SH AGM

**Wednesday 22nd November  
from 8pm to 9pm**

**at the Wotton Hatch**

**ALL WELCOME!**

F@SH plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you've helped raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school. We will also be electing new committee members (Secretaries, Treasurer and general members).

Please come along whether you're nominating yourself or another for election to the board or to show a general interest in the charity which supports our wonderful

Good afternoon and welcome to the end of what has been a rather busy yet fun week. As the weather has turned colder it is really important your child has a **named** coat in school every day and a tracksuit for outdoor PE.

This week, the children, on both sites, have been taking part in activities linked to Friendship Week which has included discussions about how to be a good friend, how we can be inclusive in our lives as well as celebrating differences. The children have also explored the differences between being rude, mean and bullying. A big thank you to F@SH for giving every child an **anti-bullying band** to help them remember the discussions during Friendship week.

Mindfulness has been used as a way to develop the children's understanding of how they can be powerful. During the year we will revisit these messages in class and in assemblies. Remember, we have an open door policy so if you or your child has any worries please come in and talk to us.

Well done School Council, you have been busy this week organising events to raise money for Children in Need. It was brilliant to see the school dressed in spots today along with the Pudsey Bear outlines covered in loose change – fantastic work school council!

We held our meetings for prospective parents which were well attended. A big thank you to the Year 6 pupils who confidently led the tours and were great ambassadors for the school – you made us very proud! If you know someone who has not had the opportunity to visit either site yet, please encourage them to contact the Westcott office to make an appointment to come in and meet us.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

Surrey Hills School Governors	chair@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk
After School Club at Westcott	07787 568091
Breakfast Club at Abinger	01306 730747
Breakfast Club at Westcott	01483 270160





## India Day



Last Friday, Years 3 and 4 enjoyed 'India Day'. It was wonderful to see so many vibrant colours and the children dressed up in traditional costumes.

During the day, we took part in a Bollywood dancing workshop, painted diya pots, sampled some Indian cuisine and explored henna and rangoli patterns.

"I liked all the different dance moves,"

Jimmy – Hedgehogs

"My favourite part was painting the Diwali lamps," Molly – Squirrels

"We got to dress up and have loads of fun"

Rico – Rabbits



## Sporting Events

Quicksticks Hockey, Friday 24th November, Years 5 and 6

Letters were distributed 16th November



Key Steps Gymnastics, Monday 4th December

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Letters being distributed 22nd November

There has been an amazing turnout at both the school gym and hockey clubs where we have been preparing for the above events. We plan to enter at least two teams in each event.

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 9th Sept	W/C 16th Sept	W/C 30th Oct	W/C 6th Nov
Weekly Attendance	95.97%	95.27%	97.85%	97.09%
Weekly Number of Lates:	5	8	4	8
Attendance Year to Date:	96.73%	96.88%	96.91%	97.19%



Please make a note of your child's Class Assembly.

**Westcott - starting at 3pm**

**Autumn Term**

8th December Rabbits

**Spring Term**

26th January Squirrels

23rd February Foxes

16th March Moles

**Summer Term**

18th May Hedgehogs

25th May Badgers

15th June Ladybirds

**Abinger, starting at 10.30am**

**Spring Term**

23rd March Dragonfly

**Summer Term**

29th June Butterfly

13th July TBC Caterpillar and Bees



## Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 20th December 2017**

### Reception, Years 1 and 2

If your child already has a school meal on a Wednesday they will automatically be served a Christmas lunch on the 20th December. If your child usually has a packed lunch on a Wednesday and would like a Christmas dinner instead, please complete and return the slip to the school office by the 1st December (no payment is needed).

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**British Roast Turkey with Stuffing and  
Chipolata Sausage**

**Or  
Quorn Festive Cracker (V)**

**Served with  
Seasonal Vegetables,  
Roast Potatoes and Gravy**

**Followed by  
Winter Spiced Shortbread**

## Remembrance Day

A huge thank you to those of you who supported the Poppy Appeal this year. Gone are the years when only paper poppies were used to mark Remembrance Day; the poppy themed snap bands and wrist bands were very popular!

The children all looked very smart in their Scouting Association uniforms.



**Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff**

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

### Abinger Site

### Westcott Site



Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HZ

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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 shown in blue.

### November

Individual and sibling photographs at Abinger Westcott 21st Nov

F@SH AGM at 8pm at the Wotton Hatch 22nd Nov

Reschedule: Years 1 and 2 Victorian Workshop 24th Nov

### December

School Christmas Fair Extravaganza 1st Dec

3.30pm to 5.30pm at Westcott

Christingle Service at St James' Church, Abinger at 3.30pm 3rd Dec

Rabbits Class Assembly 8th Dec

Deepdene Trail Christmas Performance (choir only) 9th Dec

Reception Christmas Nativity Abinger 13th & 14th Dec

Thank you coffee morning for F@SH and Volunteers at Westcott 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

School Christmas Lunch 20th Dec

End of Term (early close times) 21st Dec

Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

### January

Start of the Spring Term 4th Jan

Squirrels class Assembly 26th Jan

### February

Valentines Disco (YR, KS1 & KS2) at Westcott 9th Feb

Half Term 12th—16th Feb

INSET Day 19th Feb

Foxes Class Assembly 23rd Feb

### March

Moles Class Assembly 16th Mar

Dragonfly Class Assembly 23rd Mar

Easter cake sale 29th Mar

Caterpillars and Bees Class Assembly 13th Jul TBC

End of Term (early close times) 29th Mar

Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm

Bank Holiday 30th Mar

### April

Bank Holiday 2nd Apr

Start of the Summer Term 16th Apr

### May

Bank Holiday 7th May

Hedgehogs Class Assembly 18th May

Badgers Class Assembly 25th May

Bank Holiday 28th May

Half Term 29th May—1st Jun

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2017 • 3:30PM TO 5PM

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

WESTCOTT SITE

SANTAS GROTTO - KIDS CRAFT

JOLLY JAM JARS

TWEEN GAMES - ADOPT A TEDDY

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - ROCK PAINTING

TEA COFFEE & CAKES



FREE  
ADMISSION

ACTIVITIES  
FOR KIDS

RAFFLE  
& MORE

FOR THE BENEFIT OF SURREY HILLS C OF E SCHOOL.  
EVENT RUN BY F@SH

## Dorking Christmas Lights Switch-on

Friday 24 November  
Fun starts at 4.15pm

Outside Dorking Halls, Dorking RH4 1SG

Meet Dorkers, Dorking Halls' Sleeping Beauty panto cast and count down with us to light up the town!

Switch on approximately 5.15pm

#DorkingXmas



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