

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is Peace

Friday 24th November 2017

Diary Dates W/C 27.11.17

Tuesday 28th December

Dragonfly Class Forest School
Afternoon

Friday 1st December

School Christmas Fair

Parking

The Prince of Wales Pub

We have received complaints from the Landlord at The Prince of Wales Pub regarding parking. Parking must be in the car park at the rear, and not on the pub forecourt. Also, please recognise priority must be given to the deliveries and suppliers to the pub.

The pub toilets are not for public use, if your child needs the toilet please use the school toilets before departing.

Letters sent home this week

- Revised KS1 Nativity Performance and KS1 Forest School Letter.
- Years 5 and 6 River and Rowing Museum Letter.

Good afternoon.

The term is well underway now and we are all looking forward to the Christmas festivities. The children in Key Stage 1 are working hard to prepare for their Christmas performances and the children in Key Stage 2 are practising Christmas Carols in preparation for our Carols by Candlelight evening. See a list of key dates at the end of the newsletter.

On Wednesday F@SH held their annual AGM. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, we are grateful for your support as a committee member or as a volunteer at an event. There has been a change in the committee membership so I would like to take the opportunity to thank Maggie Durden and Rachel Stockhausen for their hard work over the past 3 years and welcome Becky Banyard, Ekpen Coates and Sandra Clack to the F@SH committee.

Yesterday, I was invited to attend the Abinger Fair AGM where Surrey Hills Primary School was presented with a donation of £1,800. This will be used to further develop our music provision, Miss Lucas is planning to use the funds to invest in new instruments, music stands as well as get the school steel pan band up and running again.

Next Friday is our Christmas Fair which I am really looking forward to. There will be lots of stalls to entice you to visit along with an opportunity to see Father Christmas. Thank you for your donations which will help make the fair a success. If you have not brought in your donations there's still time, please drop them off into the coloured bins in the school offices.

Finally I would like to remind you that children should not be using the playground equipment before and after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Safeguarding Update

We have had some children telling us about films/clips that they have seen on their tablets or computers at home which are not appropriate for their age. As I am sure most of you do, please make sure you know what your child is viewing and that apps like YouTube are checked regularly for the content available to your child.

If your child is posting on You Tube, please carefully check the comments being posted following the BBC report today.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-42060357>



'The Christmas Angel Nativity Panto'

(organised by Westcott Parish)



Everyone is invited!

Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm
at Surrey Hills School Hall, Westcott

A hilarious new Nativity Panto for all the family

This Christmas, prepare to laugh your tinsel-tastic socks off at
'The Amazing Adventures of Eric - The Christmas Angel'

With Duggie Dug Dug and a great cast. Go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-christmas-angel-nativity-panto-tickets-39078909069>

to purchase tickets priced at £3.25 each.

Medical Appointments

We have experienced a high volume of children being taken out of school to attend non urgent medical appointments this academic year. May we remind parents that whenever possible, such appointments take place in the school holidays, so as to not disturb the children's learning.

Reason for Absence

When leaving absence messages on the school's voicemail, please be specific regarding the reason for absence, avoiding terms such as 'unwell', 'not 100%', 'bit iffy'.

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 16th Sept	W/C 30th Oct	W/C 6th Nov	W/C 13th Nov
Weekly Attendance	95.27%	97.85%	97.09%	97.78%
Weekly Number of Lates:	8	4	8	5
Attendance Year to Date:	96.88%	96.91%	97.19%	96.91%



Thank you for all your kind donations last Friday for Children in Need. The total raised from both sites is
£273.



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct school uniform. This is very important. If you are unsure of what is required, the information is on the website or you can ask at the school office. School trousers must be grey, not black or navy.

As you are aware NO TRAINERS are allowed. Black shoes only please.

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.

December

School Christmas Fair Extravaganza	1st Dec
3.30pm to 5.30pm at Westcott	
Christingle Service at St James' Church, Abinger	3rd Dec
at 3.30pm	
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
Christmas Jumper Day	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

June

Ladybirds Class Assembly	15th Jun
INSET Day	22nd Jun

July

End of Term (early close times)	20th Jul
Abinger 1.15pm – Westcott 1.30pm	
INSET Day	23rd Jul

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!
 You & your family are invited to come and celebrate the start of Advent

SUNDAY, 26TH NOV
4:30-6:00PM
ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY HALL
WESTCOTT



Create an Advent candle decoration to take home



Make a beautiful Bauble to hang on the tree



Hear a Bible story & sing some Christmas songs

Finish up with a delicious bring and share tea. There's no charge for tea. We provide pizza, please bring a plate of (nut free) finger food to share. If you are able, please bring a donation (suggestion £3) towards the cost of the advent candle, bought in support of The Leprosy Mission.

Come on a journey to Christmas.




Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails





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Westcott Site

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