



Newsletter

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C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is Peace

Friday 8th December 2017

Diary Dates W/C 11/12/17

Tuesday 12th December

- Ladybirds Forest School at Abinger all day

Wednesday 13th December

- KS1 Christmas Nativity Rehearsal

Friday 15th December

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Letters sent home this week

- Rabbits letter
- Abinger club list
- Westcott club list
- Severe weather plan
- KS1 nativity tickets letter
- School photo letter

Spring Term Programme for the Children's Centre

The following link gives the Spring term programme for the Children's Centre

[http://
www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/childrens-centre](http://www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/childrens-centre)

Good afternoon, It is lovely to see both sites looking so festive, seeing the preparations for the nativity performances and hearing the carols being sung ready for the Carols by Candlelight evening.

Last Friday, the Abinger site was a hive of activity as the children prepared the Christingles, for the celebration service at St James. Thank you to the volunteers who spent the morning helping the children.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fayre on Friday, the school was buzzing with people and an amazing amount of money was raised. The PTA will be issuing a newsletter soon with a final amount. I know these events take a lot of organising and so many of you gave up your time to do this. I am meeting with F@SH next week to discuss what we would like to spend funds on and also to plan future events. In the New Year, we will send out more information on how some of the money will be spent.

F@SH have signed up to easyfundraising, a free online fundraising website which generates a free donation to the school every time you shop online. It would be great if you could use this when doing your Christmas shopping. For further details and information please see page 3 of the newsletter. Click, Shop, Give for Free!

Finally a plea, as the weather is turning cold and wet and forecasters predict that this will continue. In addition to the one hour indoor PE session, children in every year group do a one hour outdoor PE lesson each week. The children are outside for the entire time and some of them do not have enough warm clothes or have no socks to wear with their trainers. Please send in the correct named kit so that your child can fully participate in the lesson. We are striving to provide the best quality PE and specialist sports teaching.

Have a wonderful weekend.



Gymnastics Tournament

Our gymnastics club has been very popular this term and the children have been training hard to learn three routines for the Dorking Keysteps gymnastics competition. Surrey Hills entered two teams in both the Year 3/4 and 5/6 gymnastics competition this week at The Ashcombe School, a total of 31 children. The teams were extremely successful. Years 3/4 A team came first and the B team fourth. The Years 5/6 A team came first and the B team second. With 10 children winning individual medals. Well done to all those who part.



SURREY HILLS SCHOOL CHESS

Beginners Chess is held every Friday at 8am - 8.50am. The first club in 2018 will be Friday 12th January. The cost for the term is £50.00. To register and pay just follow the link: <http://www.sportsreg.co.uk/surreyhillschess2018>

Places will be offered on a first come first served basis. The closing date to register and pay is 8th January 2018.

During the Spring 2018 Term we will once again take part in the Delancey Schools UK Chess Challenge. This competition has been running for 23 years and last year attracted over 40,000 children from about 1280 schools and clubs up and down the country.

The first stage of the tournament is played once a week in school at chess club. Pairings are made on a simplified Swiss system: Win = 3 points; Draw or Stalemate = 2 points; Loss = 1 point. At the beginning of term, as soon as a player reaches 3 points, they will be given a badge. Players must take great care of their badges as they will be awarded gold spots to stick on them each time they accumulate another three points. There are also other prizes at 11 points and 15 points. Players with the highest score at the end of term in each age group qualify for the Area Megafinal held in May. Winners of that tournament will qualify for the Gigafinal taking place in July and winners from that will go on to play in The Terafinal taking place in August.

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at school, we can only be successful in keeping all of our children safe online if we work with you to ensure that online safety messages are consistent.

More information about online safety can be found at the following places:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents www.internetmatters.org
www.saferinternet.org.uk www.internetmatters.org
www.childnet.com www.getsafeonline.org
www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Quicksticks Hockey Competition

On Friday 24th November the Surrey Hills Years 5 and 6, 'A' and 'B' hockey teams played in the Dorking schools hockey tournament at St Johns school. The 'B' team, made up mostly of Year 5 children, lost 3 and won 1 game. The 'A' team won 3 games (scoring 15 goals) and lost 1 going into the semi-finals where they lost 1-0 to the eventual winners St Pauls. They then played North Downs in the play offs for 3rd and 4th place losing 2-1 and finishing 4th overall.



Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 6th Nov	W/C 13th Nov	W/C 20th Nov	W/C 27th Nov
Weekly Attendance	97.09%	97.78%	96.06%	95.83
Weekly Number of Lates:	8	5	6	12
Attendance Year to Date:	97.19%	96.91%	96.82%	96.68%

Easyfundraising

Did you know that you could be raising money for the school simply by doing your Christmas shopping online? Without much effort, you could be raising a free donation for Friends at Surrey Hills (F@SH) for the benefit of all our children. There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's, who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Friends at Surrey Hills (F@SH) to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/surreyhills/>
2. Sign up for free
3. Get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Friends at Surrey Hills (F@SH).

It couldn't be easier! There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends at Surrey Hills (F@SH) will be really grateful for your donations.



Tickets are on sale at Westcott and Abinger sites on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December at school pick up or from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-christmas-angel-nativity-panto-tickets-39078909069>



New School Chef

We are pleased to announce that the long awaited permanent chef has now been appointed, whom we are working closely with to increase the quality of food and menu selection. Early indications are that the children are really enjoying the food the kitchen are producing. Our chef is looking forward to showing the quality of her food to the rest of the pupils who have signed up for the Christmas lunch.



Outdoor Playtime

At Surrey Hills we are always looking at ways to improve lunchtimes for your children. We would love to use all the outdoor space on both sites, but to do this, we need your help. Please ensure that your child comes to school with outdoor shoes/wellies and waterproof over trousers in a named carrier bag every day. This will mean that the children will be able to access all the outside areas, including the muddier bits.



Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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

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

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	



Reception and Year 3 Applications

Reminder the deadline for Primary School applications for 2018 school entry is 15th January 2018.

Online applications are encouraged. Full information is available on Surreys website at:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions

FUNSPORT ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMP

SURREY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WESTCOTT, DORKING, RH4 3QF

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2018








Come and join in the fun with Funsport this January at our one day holiday camp at Surrey Hills Primary School. Our camps aim to motivate, encourage and improve children of all ages and abilities.

Our innovative programme of games and skill practices will greatly enhance the development of your child's ABCs - Agility, Balance, Co-ordination - the fundamentals of sporting performance.

A typical day will include fun games such as Medicine Man, Ultimate Frisbee, Capture The Flag and Shark Island. We will also have sports such as football, tennis and basketball, plus a wide range of other activities.

We take children aged 4 to 12 years. Children from 5 years of age may stay a full day. 4 year olds may attend half days only.

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