

# Newsletter

*Inspiring the individual; creating a community*



C of E Primary School

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

**Friday 9th February 2018**

## Coming up week 19th February

### Monday 19th February

- INSET Day

### Wednesday 21st February

- Hedgehogs Parent Lunch
- Year 5/6 - Theatre Exchange visiting (Vikings)

### Thursday 22nd February

- Year 5/6 - Theatre Exchange visiting (Vikings)

### Friday 23rd February

- EYFS Forest School

## Letters sent home this week

- Year 1 & 2 Mobile Dome Visit
- Reception, Years 1 & 2 Easter Pause Day

**REMINDER**  
**INSET DAY**  
**MONDAY 19th**  
**FEBRUARY**

**Reschedule:**  
**Foxes Class Assembly**  
**will now take place on**  
**8th June 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe we are half way through the year? I can see glimpses of Spring as bulbs are beginning to sprout but with this continued cold spell it feels a long way off! Nevertheless we don't let the weather hamper what we get up to.

Throughout the week, I have enjoyed seeing a variety of exciting learning opportunities. Year 5 and 6 have been writing and publishing their 500 word story which will be entered into the BBC 2 competition, Year 3 and 4 cooked a delicious pasta bake with a side salad followed by an appetising fruit salad, Year 1 and 2 participated enthusiastically in the road safety workshop and the children in reception have been practising how to cross a road safely.

During Keeping Safe Week, the children took part in Safer Internet Day 2018. At home, you could ask your child what they learnt as well as talk about how they will keep safe when using their devices and the internet. It is important the children share what they have learnt this week with parents/carers so we can all keep safe. If you would like to find out more please click on this [link](#).

Yesterday DJ Kelly encouraged children and staff to dance at the Valentine disco. It was lovely to see so many children there and we all had a good time. A huge thank you to the Mrs Coates and her volunteers for organising the disco, decorating the hall and providing the children with drinks and snacks.

We sadly said "goodbye" to Mrs Doane who left us this week. Mrs Doane has worked at Surrey Hills for over 3 years and I know she will be greatly missed by staff and the children.

Don't forget school is closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February for staff training. Have a great half term holiday, see you on Tuesday 20th February.

Best wishes

**Nail Varnish**

Although fun to put on at the weekends or holidays it is not appropriate for children to come to school with their nails painted. Please ensure any applied in the evenings or at weekends is removed before coming to school.

Thank you.

## Keeping Safe Week

This week Key Stage 1 had a visit from David Tricks Road Safety Magic Show. The children loved learning about the key Road Safety messages through magic tricks. The children continued to revise these messages in their classes later in the week. The children have also learnt about eSafety through Smartie the Penguin and they have made e Safety posters to teach other children about staying safe on the internet.

The children have also learnt about NSPCC's Underwear Rule. They have enjoyed designing their own pants and listening to the Pantosaurus Song.

### Bees and Caterpillars

As part our learning to Keep Safe, the children in Bees and Caterpillars were learning how to cross the road safely. 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think!'

Toby: 'We have to think because there might be an emergency and a fire engine might not stop.'

Nancy: 'When the driver stops at a crossing I will wave so they know that they have seen me.'

Max: 'I have to stand back from the crossing and look and listen.'



### Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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## Bikeability

Year 6		
Date	Time	No. of Children
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	09.00 – 10.30	12
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.45 – 12.15	12
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	13.15 – 14.45	12
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	13.15 – 14.45	9



Year 2		
12 <sup>th</sup> March	09.30 – 10.30	13
12 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00 – 12.00	13
12 <sup>th</sup> March	13.00 – 14.00	15



Year 4		
19 <sup>th</sup> March	09.00 – 12.15	11
20 <sup>th</sup> March	09.00 – 12.15	11
21 <sup>st</sup> March	09.00 – 12.15	11

Year 5		
25 <sup>th</sup> June	09.00 – 12.15	15
26 <sup>th</sup> June	09.00 – 12.15	15
27 <sup>th</sup> June	09.00 – 12.15	15



## My Poetry Idol

**We're inviting you to write a poem about your favourite person.**

Who do you idolise? Is it your mum or dad? Your best friend? Your brother or sister? Perhaps there is a famous person, from a sports or film star to an author or musician that you admire and aspire to be like. Why are they your favourite person and why do they inspire you? Grab your pen and get writing! From haikus and rhymes to acrostics and everything in-between, we welcome your poem in any style and format.

## Surrey Hills Spring Term Writing Competition

Once you have written your poem, present it as creatively as you can so that it can form part of a whole school poetry display. Remember to put your name and class on your entry. Good luck!

**Competition deadline:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

*Please hand entries into the Westcott or Abinger office for the attention of Miss Lucas or Mrs Garrick.*

Weekly Attendance Stats	W/C 15th Jan	W/C 22nd Jan	W/C 29th Jan	W/C 5th Feb
Weekly Attendance	95.64%	94.03%	93.81%	91.25%
Weekly Number of Lates:	4	12	11	7
Attendance Year to Date:	96.13%	95.89%	95.89%	95.66%

## Communication with School

If you receive a text or email via SchoolComms, please do not reply to this message via SchoolComms, as this mailbox is not checked regularly. Instead, please reply via email to the school offices:

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## Diary Dates 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.

### February

Half Term	12th—16th Feb
INSET Day	19th Feb
Hedgehogs Class Parent Lunch	21st Feb
Rabbits Class Parent Lunch	28th Feb

### March

World Book Day	1st Mar
Squirrels Class Parent Lunch	7th Mar
Mothers/Grandmothers Afternoon	9th Mar
Abinger 1.30pm—2.45pm	
Westcott 2pm to 3.15pm	
Maths Week	12th Mar
Ladybirds Class Parent Lunch	14th Mar
Moles Class Assembly at 3pm	16th Mar
Parents Evening	20th Mar
Abinger 3.10pm to 5.30pm	
Westcott 3.40pm to 6pm	
Butterfly Class Parent Lunch	21st Mar
Parents Evening	22nd Mar
Abinger and Westcott 5.30pm—8pm	
Dragonfly Class Assembly at 9am	23rd Mar
Red Nose Day	24th Mar
Dragonfly Class Parent Lunch	28th Mar
Easter Cake Sale	29th Mar
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
Bees Class Parent Lunch	18th Apr
Caterpillars Class Parent Lunch	25th Apr
Parent Class Drop In	27th Apr
Abinger 2pm—2.40pm	
Westcott 2.30pm—3.10pm	

### May

Bank Holiday	7th May
Teddy Bears Picnic	7th May
Hedgehogs Class Assembly at 3pm	18th May
International Week	21st May
Badgers Class Assembly at 3pm	25th May
Bank Holiday	28th May



### 2 days Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

Dates: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Venue: Linden Bridge School

Cost: £150 per delegate

#### Information about course

Provides a more in depth understanding of specific mental health issues and is delivered in four manageable chunks:

- What is mental health?
- Depression and anxiety
- Suicide and psychosis
- Self-harm and eating disorders

It focuses on the issues faced by young people today, such as cyber bullying and substance misuse, and teaches how to promote protective factors and good parenting.

Completing the two day course qualifies you as a Youth Mental Health First Aider.

To book a place please contact: [courses@sendteachingschool.co.uk](mailto:courses@sendteachingschool.co.uk)

\*\* There is a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 per course \*\*

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