

Newsletter

Inspiring the individual; creating a community



C of E Primary School

Our Christian Value for this half term is Respect

Friday 2nd February 2018

Coming up next week

Keeping Safe Week

Tuesday 6th February

- Ladybirds at Abinger all day
- Year 6 National Child Measurement Program

Wednesday 7th February

- Badgers Parent Lunch

Thursday 8th February

- Year 5 Dance and Gym Production at The Priory School
- F@SH Valentines Disco Reception and KS1 4pm to 5pm
- F@SH Valentines Disco KS2 5.15pm—6.30pm

Letters sent home this week

- EYFS AND KS1 Keeping Safe Week

REMINDER

INSET DAY

MONDAY

19th FEBRUARY

Good afternoon,

Yet another busy week at both sites!

On Wednesday our choir performed at one of the Young Voices concerts at the O2 Arena in Greenwich. Our 32 talented singers made their contribution to the huge choir. They have been rehearsing hard for several months to learn all the songs off by heart for the concert so they had to be word perfect for the night itself.

A huge thank you to Mr Kelly, Miss Lucas and Mrs Kong who volunteered to accompany the choir. It was a long day but an unforgettable experience for all the children and one that we definitely hope to repeat in the future.

Next week, the children are learning about the importance of keeping themselves safe in our Keeping Safe week. The children will be encouraged to think about safety at home, at school and when they are out and about in the community.

The classes will also focus on the importance of e-safety and how they can ensure they keep safe when working on line at home, in school and when out and about. Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 6th February and the theme is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you!"

Good luck to those attending the Cross Country competition today.

Wishing you a good weekend,



Reminder: Bikeability

If you haven't returned your slip yet, please do so by Friday 9th February.

Parking at Bertram Bees

We have received a complaint from Bertram Bees regarding parking. This is a private car park and the school does not have any arrangement with Bertram Bees for parents to park here.



Healthier snacking for children

How much sugar is in a child's snack ?

Do you really know how much sugar is in the average child's snack? Children across England are consuming nearly three times their daily recommended amount of sugar with half of this sugar coming from snacks and sugary drinks. Too much sugar can lead to harmful fat building up, which can develop into serious health issues as well as tooth decay. But some small changes to their diet can make a big difference.



Alternative Snacks

Try healthier options by swapping biscuits, sweets and crisps for healthier snacks like fruit and vegetables, fruited malt loaf, fromage frais, popcorn, houmous or rice cakes. Look out for the Change4Life signs at selected supermarkets to find healthier options and follow this simple tip **'100 calorie snacks, two a day max.'**

Next week (5th - 9th February) is **Keeping Safe Week**. During this week, the children will be discussing ways they can keep safe at school, at home and in the local area. Throughout the week, the younger children will be learning about water and road safety and the older children will be learning about rail safety.

In addition to this, we are taking in part in the Global Safer Internet Day on 6th February which will be looking at how to use the Internet responsibly. We will be reminding the children about how to stay safe using age appropriate videos.

In KS1, we will be using NSPCC's Pantosaurus video clip, to teach children the underwear rule. You can view this video clip using the link below. Other clips we will be using during the week are listed below.

EYFS and KS1 – Smartie the Penguin:

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Y1 and 2 – Think u know eSafety:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/hectorsworld/

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

KS2 – SMART eSafety videos

<http://www.childnet.com/resources/the-adventures-of-kara-winston-and-the-smart-crew>



Who would like to volunteer to run the F@SH second hand school uniform clothing sales at the Abinger Site?

The job entails collecting and cleaning the donated school uniforms. Ensuring the clothes are stored properly at the site and running a sale once a month at the school. You will be provided with a float for the sales and manage the funds raised with the F@SH treasurer.

Claire Oliver runs the second hand school clothing at the Westcott site and would be happy to share her experience. Please get in touch with F@SH if you are interested in supporting us with this activity which has steadily raised approximately £500 over the last 5 years.

| Weekly Attendance Stats | W/C 8th Jan | W/C 15th Jan | W/C 22nd Jan | W/C 29th Jan |
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| Weekly Attendance | 96.70% | 95.64% | 95.64 | 93.81% |
| Weekly Number of Lates: | 7 | 4 | 4 | 11 |
| Attendance Year to Date: | 96.11% | 96.13% | 96.04% | 95.90% |

Useful Contact Numbers/ Emails

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Surrey Hills School Governors | chair@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk | Breakfast Club at | 07543 982128 Dan Henwood |
| After School Club at Westcott | 07787 568091 | Breakfast Club at Westcott | 01483 270160 Pleiades |

Choir—O2 Young Voices

On Wednesday 31st January, the choir took a trip to the O2 Arena to join with lots of other children and entertain a crowd by singing. We couldn't believe that there were so many children (7800).

First, we caught the Dorking train to Waterloo Station and ate our first packed lunch (we had two packed lunches). Then, we caught the tube. During the tube journey, we had to hold on tight as every time it stopped we wobbled!

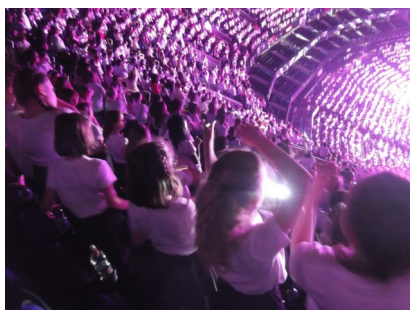
When we arrived, there were many schools and banners at the O2. We rehearsed for 3 hours learning to sing in harmony and making changes to the songs.

Then we had our second lunch during our break. Finally, it was time to begin the show! There were many bright lights. And a lot of parents!

During the concert there were lots of entertainers such as: Urban Strides (dancers), Natalie Williams (singer), The Magnets (beat-boxers) and Alfie Sherden (singer and guitar player).

This experience was amazing and we'd all love to go again!"

By River, Emily, Tabitha and Vaughan – Choir members



Dorking Schools Partnership—Challenge Programme

On the 28th January, we (Elizabeth, Duncan, Lucy and Emily) went to The Priory School in Dorking for a science workshop all about food. As a group, we thoroughly enjoyed our time there as we were allowed to do lots of interesting experiments. Our highlight of the trip was when we burnt either Wotsits or Monster Munch, to find out the amount of energy in the food. We also met with other children from primary schools. It was an experience that we'll never forget!



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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Weekly Attendance | 93.01% | 96.70% | 95.64% | 94.03% |
| Weekly Number of Lates: | 2 | 7 | 4 | 12 |
| Attendance Year to Date: | 96.16% | 96.13% | 96.01% | 95.89% |

Communication with School

If you receive a text or email via School-Comms, 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:

westcott@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk

abinger@surreyhillss.surrey.sch.uk

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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

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| Keeping Safe Week | 5th Feb |
| Badgers Class Parent Lunch | 7th Feb |
| Valentines Disco (YR, KS1 & KS2) at Westcott | 8th Feb |
| Half Term | 12th—16th Feb |
| INSET Day | 19th Feb |
| Hedgehogs Class Parent Lunch | 21st Feb |
| Foxes Class Assembly at 3pm | 23rd Feb |
| Rabbits Class Parent Lunch | 28th Feb |

March

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| 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 |
| F@SH Valentines Disco KS2 17:15 - 18:30 | |
| 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

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| 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

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| Bank Holiday | 7th May |
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Children's Centre Stay and Play

The Weald Primary School
Every Thursday morning from 9am-10am
In the Sunshine Room



For all Mums, Dads and carers with their under 5s

Come and join Jackie, Helen and Kim every Thursday, straight after drop off, for a small group aimed at the youngest members of the family. Children can explore messy play, share a story and join in singing their favourite songs.

For more info ring the Children's Centre: 01306 740095
Or speak to the school office : 01306 711719



A Sure Start Children's Centre



01306 730703

'Kingfisher'

Flower Shop

info@kingfisherfarmshop.com

In love?

Watercress Beds, Abinger Hammer, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AG
Farm shop Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm Sunday 10am-4pm
Flower shop Tuesday to Saturday 9am-5pm

Headteacher: Mrs Jennie Ratcliff

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Bethan Lucas and Mrs Hanna Garrick

Abinger Site

Westcott Site

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| | Abinger Lane, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HZ | School Lane, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey RH4 3QF |
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