



# Witley C of E Infant School



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Newsletter no. 9 Autumn Term

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Our value this half term is Respect



Dear Parents and Carers

With great sadness I would like to inform you that Mrs Susannah Fornasiero will be leaving us at the end of November. Susannah has been working in the office here at Witley for over 13 years and in the nicest possible way seems like part of the furniture! She will be greatly missed and we are extremely grateful for her hard work and commitment to Witley Infant School for all these years. I am sure you will all want to join us in thanking her and saying goodbye at the end of the month.

Next week is anti-bullying week and here at Witley we are focusing on positive friendships by turning BLUE!

**'be lovely and understanding to everyone'**  
which promotes our value of respect this term.

Next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> all children are invited to wear something blue, maybe a blue top, blue socks or blue shoes! Or something blue in your hair?

As parents and carers we all want our children to be happy and safe, and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves or think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying. The good news is you are not alone! The Anti-Bullying Alliance and its members are here to work with children, families, and schools to help keep children safe.

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will be taking place from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, with the theme 'Reach Out'.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are many positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support. Talking to your child about who they can talk to will really help. Encourage them to tell their adult if they are worried about friendships. Check out the anti-bullying alliance for further help.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

If you are worried about bullying and need some advice or support you can contact the Kidscape Parent Advice Line. You can find out more about it at: [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk).



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## Working to support speech and language

A recent BBC report highlighted the increase in the number of infant school children needing support for speech and language.

*By Vanessa Clarke, Education Reporter & Paul Lynch & Paul Bradshaw, Shared Data Unit  
BBC News*

***The number of five and six year olds who need speech and language support at school has risen by 10% in England over the past year, BBC analysis shows.***

*The increase, which is substantially greater than previous years, is partly due to lockdown limiting social interactions, experts say. The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists says the profession is struggling to cope with the demand. The government says it is investing £180m in early years development. The BBC's Shared Data Unit's analysis found that the number of children in Year 1 who needed help with their language use increased more than most other areas of special educational needs.*

*A total of 42,341 children required extra support in 2021/22, up from 38,560 in 2020/21.*

*This is the year group who started reception after the first lockdown and had considerable disruption to their early years learning.*

Here at Witley, our teachers are currently working with our children to support speech and language delay by increasing the time children have to talk, allowing time to think before giving an answer and modelling answering in full sentences. There are lots of ways parents can help at home too so we can support children to improve their speech and language.

Check out the following websites:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/>

### Tips for parents

- Make some time for playing and chatting with your child every day and follow their lead
- Make comments rather than asking your child lots of questions. Questions can feel like a test to children
- Share books with your child. This doesn't mean you have to read all the words - you can talk about the pictures



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Don't forget we are offering a **FREE** taster session at our After School Club here at Witley on:

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15 pm until 6 pm.**

Check out details in the flyer at the end of our newsletter.



Early Years are looking for old iPads.



Do you have an old working iPad that you can donate to Early Years? Please speak with Miss Cann if you can help.  
Thank you.

**Well done** to the following children who are in our Gold Book this week:

Early Years: Robin and Ted

Year 1: Gracie and Henry W

Year 2: Stephanie

The Head Teacher's award goes to Lark in Year 1



## The Rag Bag Scheme



The last chance to drop off your old clothes/shoes/handbags/belts in any bag in the playground shed is Monday morning.

Thank you!

## Cake raffle winners!

This week's winner is Alice G in Puffins!

Thank you to the Graffham family for the fantastic poppy cake!





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## GET Teaching with the GLP

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners of Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 5 years with our blend of innovative academic study and immersive school experience. We are running a number of promotional events over the coming weeks for those interested in finding out more about our unique and bespoke Schools Direct teacher training programme which starts in September 2023.

If you would like to find out more, come along to the seminar we will be running at one of our founder schools, Godalming Junior School on **Thursday 08 December at 6.00pm** and contact Andrew Smith on: [info@getteaching.org](mailto:info@getteaching.org). We look forward to seeing you there.



**Are you considering a career as a primary teacher?**

- Do you want the combination of university and school-based study from an outstanding teacher training provider?
- Do you want the experience of studying in a group of schools that fundamentally believe in developing the whole child?

**Study to teach this September with the Godalming Learning Partnership!**

**Come along to our information evening at Godalming Junior School on:**

**Thursday 08 December @ 6.00pm**

**For more information contact: [info@getteaching.org](mailto:info@getteaching.org)**

There will be a presentation from both our Associate Director and Course Coordinator explaining:

- how the course runs
- the entry requirements
- the enrolment process

They will be on hand to answer any questions you may have on the course itself or the Partnership schools.



**"Teaching and learning should bring joy"**  
Educator, Rita Pierson



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## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23



### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – **Free Taster Session** at After School Club – see below

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Sleepy Story Time 5.45 – 6.30 pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Wear something **BLUE** for anti- bullying week

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch at school

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December -- Christmas productions 9.10 am and 2.25 pm in the Jubilee Hall  
(please attend only one performance)**

End of term - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**



### SPRING TERM 2023

Start of term -Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Open Classrooms for parents/carers 2.45 – 3.30 pm

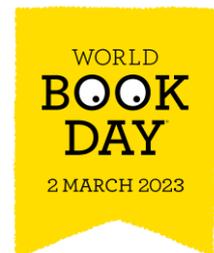
**\*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – INSET DAY 3**

**Half term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day - come dressed as a book character

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Carer consultations 1 pm – 6.30 pm in The Jubilee Hall

End of term - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**



### SUMMER TERM 2023

**\*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY 4**

Start of term - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Witstock event – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

**\*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – INSET DAY 5**

**Half term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Class photos/siblings

End of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**



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**Pre-sale tickets only**  
(no tickets will be sold on the day)

# FESTIVE FUN DAY

**SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 12-4 PM**

- ★ Meet our festive farm animals
- ★ Storytime with Santa
- ★ Festive crafts and face painting
- ★ Meet our festive pony
- ★ Festive stalls
- ★ Containment puzzle zone
- ★ Warming refreshments and more...

### Pre-sale ticket prices:

Family - up to 2 adults & 2 children	£30.00
Adults	£9.00
Children (2-16yrs old) & Concessions	£8.00
Children under 2	FREE

*Please note there may be additional charges for some activities at the event.*

No dogs please (except assistance dogs)

**For tickets visit: [www.merristwoodevents.co.uk](http://www.merristwoodevents.co.uk)**

For information Email: [mwevents@guildford.ac.uk](mailto:mwevents@guildford.ac.uk) or Call: 07867 14 27 88



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# THE HEN HOUSE!



## **FREE TASTER SESSION AT OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB!!!**

**WITLEY INFANT SCHOOL  
END OF THE SCHOOL DAY UNTIL 6PM ON  
TUESDAY 15TH OF NOVEMBER**

**Has your child ever tried our after school club?**

**An action packed afternoon of sport, art, games and so  
much more!**

Sign up to reserve your place at our free taster session (first come first served). One afternoon of childcare for **FREE!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP CONTACT:**

**care@thehen-house.com**  
**[www.thehen-house.com](http://www.thehen-house.com)**

### **FAMILIES MAGAZINE LINK**

Nov/Dec Families magazine. This issue is all about Christmas with listings of where to see Santa, Christmas workshops and activities, days out, Christmas light switch ons, pantos and lots more!

We try and include as many free events as we can as well as support local charities by including listings for events they are having such as Santa fun runs and Christmas fairs.

This is the link: <https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagNovDec22Digital>