



Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 17 – Spring Term

Friday, 17th January 2025

Learn, love and flourish together

Our value this term is joy



Target attendance for the Year 95%

This year's attendance is 95.5%

*Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body
Proverbs 16:24*

Dear Parents/Carers

World Thinking Day



You may be aware that Saturday, February 22nd is both World Thinking Day and Founders Day - an important date for members of Girl Guiding and the Scout Association respectively. It's a day to remember and celebrate the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, who founded Scouts, and his wife, Olave, who was the first Chief Girl Guide. It is also a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

In partnership with The Chandler School we are encouraging any members of Girl Guiding and Scouting to wear their uniforms to school on *Thursday, 13th February*. The age sections would include Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

All Saints Church Junior Choir Club

We're very sorry, but owing to the continuing significant illness of the person who will lead this, we unfortunately need to postpone launching Junior Choir Club (which was planned to begin on Friday 31st January). We hope to reinstate this very soon, and will let you know when that is.

Let there be snow!

If our school is unable to open, we will alert you by email or text as well as via the school website. We will also post notices on the gates. If we are unable to open, the aim will be to have online learning available as soon as possible. Bear in mind that teachers will need to prepare this and put it online with very little notice so it is unlikely to be available at the normal school start time. However, we will endeavour to ensure that work is available for children as soon as possible

News from Hen-House

We're writing to let you know that we've had to make the difficult decision to **cancel** our **February Half Term Camp** this year due to a lack of interest.

On a brighter note, we're already hard at work planning an incredible Easter Holiday Camp. Expect bigger activities, fresh themes, and even more fun!

School Council



Our members of the school council have been making videos for their friends to watch in class on how to wash hands properly. They have also been encouraging everyone to use less paper towels when drying hands as part of our effort this year to reduce waste.

News from Haslemere Museum



Big Garden Birdwatch

To coincide with the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, Haslemere Educational Museum will hold a free family event on Saturday, 25 January, 10.30am-1pm.

A chance for children and adults to have fun together making bird cakes, doing craft activities and discovering the birds in the Museum grounds and galleries. **Advance booking not required.**

Little Saints every Friday at All Saints Church

Finally, a reminder that All Saints Church runs a free toddler group every Friday. All ages welcome, 8:45 – 10.30 am every Friday of the year, including all holidays. Come along for a rest, a chat and a cuppa.

Unwanted gifts for our Year 2 class sale

Every year Puffins have a sale outside their classroom to help them learn about money. Can you help by donating any unwanted Christmas gifts? Money raised will go towards a local charity. Donations to the office or Puffins classroom please.

OPAL Play Training on INSET Day Friday, 14th February

We warmly invite any parents/carers who would like to know more about the Opal Play programme and meet Kurti, our mentor, who will be running the training and information morning on our INSET Day. We hope some of you can join us.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Grindy family for the delicious cake!

Congratulations to Olivia in Year 1 who won!

Allergies: Please note some cakes are shop bought and some are homemade and therefore we cannot guarantee that they are nut free.



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

Year R – Sienna and Charlotte

Year 1 – Rex and Simone

Year 2 – Max and Poppy

Headteacher's Award

Year R – Freya

Year 1 – Lily

Year 2 - Raife



The Rag Bag Scheme

Do you have any good quality clothes to donate? We raised over £250 last year. Please drop them off in the small playground shed from Monday. We will arrange a collection in February.

Rag Bag can only accept the following items:

- Good quality wearable men's, ladies & children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags and belts

PLEASE DO NOT PUT SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE BAGS. Thank you

Safeguarding is everyone's business

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Helen Szczepanski – Headteacher – Lead DSL

Becky Latham – School Business Manager – Deputy DSL

Phillipa Allison – SENCo - Deputy DSL

Sarah Dutton – Home School Link Worker – Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns about a child, please report to one of the DSL's as soon as possible the same day.

Adopt a Pane appeal at Haslemere Museum

Haslemere Educational Museum operates as a charity and it has launched a new appeal to raise vital funds for the maintenance of its listed Georgian building on Haslemere High Street.

Supporters are being asked to adopt one of its window panes. Details of how to adopt a pane can be found on the Museum's website at haslemeremuseum.co.uk/adoptapane



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Support the Museum

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Find out how you can help at haslemeremuseum.co.uk/adoptapane

SCHOOL CALENDAR - [Witley C of E Infant School](#)

Please also check our 'new calendar' on our website for all school events.

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Tues	21.01	Pied Piper Production – The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse Thank you FWS for paying for this event for all of the children!
Tues	11.02	Safer Internet Day
Thurs	13.02	World Thinking Day at Witley. Members of Girl Guiding and Scouting to wear their uniforms to school. 3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4 OPAL Play Training – parents/carers invited 9 – 12 o'clock
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st February 2025
Mon	24.02	First day of term and Brooklands Museum Trip for Year 1 (details to follow)
Tues	25.02	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00 pm
Weds	26.02	Parent Consultations 3.50 – 7.20 pm
Weds	05.03	Marwell Zoo Trip for Year 2 (details to follow)
Thurs	06.03	World Book Day – Extreme reading competition and WBD costume day!
Tues	11.03	Rodborough School Multiskills morning – Year 1 There is no charge for this event. Children will travel by coach to Rodborough
Weds	12.03	Rodborough School Multiskills morning – Year 2 There is no charge for this event. Children will travel by coach to Rodborough
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

		Sublime Science Workshop – all year groups during the morning
		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Mon	05.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Sat	10.05	WITSTOCK 2025 – Chichester Hall
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 th – 30 th May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Mon	09.06	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)
Tues	01.07	Chichester Harbour Trip for Year 1 (details to follow)
Fri	04.07	Sayers Croft Trip for Year 2 (details to follow) There is no charge for this trip.
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

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**Sunday 19th January
11.30am**

hot drinks and doughnuts

**Songs, craft, story and
prayer**

for all ages

Everyone welcome

Beating asthma together

13th February 7.30-8pm



<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/abb4bb3b-ab3d-4b23-a331-e9447e561aa4@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3>

Are you a parent or carer whose child has asthma or suspected asthma?

Join us on at this event to look at the challenges facing children and young people with asthma and how we can help overcome them.

Surrey heartlands children and young people's asthma team

PRIVATE FOSTERING AWARENESS WEEK



SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL



- Monday: Open Day with free lunch at Woodhatch, Reigate
- Tuesday: Online Information Session
- Wednesday: Instagram AMA
- Thursday: Staff Training Day
- Friday: Social Media Round Up

Find us on social media @surreyfostrering
Scan here to register for our events:



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
FOSTERING SERVICE

Starts January 26th

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ISI INSPECTION 2023
'EXCELLENT' IN ALL AREAS

AN INDEPENDENT DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOL
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7 -13



BOOK YOUR PLACE!



NO SATURDAY LESSONS FROM
SEPTEMBER. FIND OUT MORE AT
OUR NEXT OPEN MORNING.

NEXT OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH

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