



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 21 Spring Term
Friday 24th February 2023

Our value this half term is resilience

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very excited to announce that a local author Keri Whinney will be visiting Witley School on World Book Day! Keri will be sharing her book called Ava The Little Ranger and her Safari Friends. Keri is the founder of Little Ranger – sustainable clothing- donating a percentage of her sales to wildlife conservation. <https://www.littleranger.co.uk/>



If you would like to purchase her book then use the code Witley300 at the checkout which will get you free shipping and the books will come direct to school. The book is quite expensive but this is because your purchase also goes towards wildlife conservation.

Why not come to school dressed as a wild animal?



Need a costume for World Book Day?

Do you have any old costumes you could donate for our WBD costume sale? We will put these costumes outside Year 2 on Friday and early next week for anyone wanting a WBD costume for a small voluntary donation. Money raised will go towards buying new books for our library.

Dance, pancakes, bugs and recorders!

On Tuesday I visited all of the classes to see how our wider curriculum has been developing. This year we have been reviewing all of our foundation subjects after the focus on literacy and maths last year. It was great to see such a variety of learning activities such as making pancakes with our volunteer parents (thank you), which is part of our food technology curriculum, learning about Lent in RE, dancing in the hall, listening to Year 2 practise their recorder skills, and bug hunting in the Forest School ready for a design and technology project designing insect homes!

Scheduled strike day on Thursday 2nd March

At present there are no plans to close Witley C of E Infant School on this day.

I'm sure we, like many of you, are looking into ways of saving money. At Witley we have been extremely lucky to have been offered an energy audit by the Sustainable Business Network kindly organised by our parent governor Sue Edwards.



If any of our parents run a small business then they can apply as well. Please see the information below.

See you all on Monday!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski
Headteacher

The [Guildford Sustainable Business Network](#), [Energy Alton](#), and [Community Energy South](#) have partnered up to provide FREE energy assessments to small businesses in parts of Surrey. This is a great opportunity to better understand your business' energy needs, and the ways you can save energy, money, and work towards your company's sustainability goals.

The assessment itself will take approximately 1-1.5 hours. The assessor will then draft a report with recommendations on how to increase the energy efficiency of your building. This report will also signpost you to certified installers, potential grant funding, highlight quick energy saving tips, as well as approaches you can take in the longer term to significantly reduce energy use and lower your bills.

There are no restrictions on what sector your business needs to be in, however, the funding for this project is provided by [SSEN](#), so businesses do need to be located in their coverage area. If you are a small business (10 people or less) located in Waverley, Runnymede, Surrey Heath, or Spelthorne Borough, get in touch with Jen Smallwood from the Guildford Sustainable Business Network by emailing jen@guildfordsbn.org to confirm your eligibility and secure a FREE Energy Assessment before funding runs out at the end of March!

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

Reception: Aiden and Samson

Year 1: Jack and Oskar

Year 2: Alfie and Florence



Cake Raffle Winner

This week's winner is Amy in Year R.

Thank you to the Holden family for the fantastic colourful butterfly cake.



Competition Time!

Can you think of a name for our owl who has become resident on the old tree trunk near the trim trail?

Write the name you have chosen for our owl on a piece of paper with your name and take it to Mrs Szczepanski's office by the end of Weds, 1st March.



The winner will be announced in our newsletter next Friday! Good Luck!

WANTED

Miss Cann is on the lookout for the old style corks from wine bottles!

Have you any to donate?

I wonder what Year R will be doing with them?



FWS Spring Term Events...

The graphic is a chalkboard-style poster for FWS Spring Term Events. It features a central timeline with colored arrows pointing to the right, indicating the dates of the events. The events are:

- Thur 26th Jan:** BREAK THE RULES! (with a red 'X' over the text)
- Fri 24th Feb:** SMARTIES (with a Smarties candy roll icon)
- 01/03 - 31/03:** SPRING CLEANING Month (with a cleaning brush icon)
- Mon 13th Mar:** sponsored BOUNCE! (with a colorful bounce house icon)
- Fri 17th Mar:** Krispy Kreme Sale (with a donut icon)
- Mon 13th Mar:** SCIENCE Day (with a science flask icon)
- Thur 30th Mar:** Easter Egg Hunt (with several colorful Easter eggs)

FWS Summer Term Events...



Fruity Friday

21 Apr - 14 Jul



Green Thumb Month

Sat 15th Apr

01 May - 31 May



SUMMER SOCIAL

Sat 15 Jul



DIY DAY

Mufty Day



We Need YOU! (but not for everything!)

Fancy helping out with just one thing, or trying your hand at project managing an FWS event?

We appreciate not everyone can help with every FWS event, but if we spread out the load we can get it done!

Here are 5 events happening between now and end July where we will really need some volunteers...

**TOO MANY COOKS
SPOIL THE BROTH -
UNLESS THEY'RE
VOLUNTEERS**



Any of these take your fancy? Please get in touch!
chairfws@yahoo.com

24th Feb

Krispy Kreme Sale

Collect doughnuts from Guildford and hold the sale in the playground after school.

Min 2 volunteers required.

17th Mar

Sponsored BOUNCE!

Help prepare sponsorship forms and certificate of completion, setup the mini bouncy castle and help host the event at school (afternoon).

Min 2 volunteers required.

Apr - Jul

Fruity Friday

Every Friday morning during summer term collect 80 punnets of strawberries from Tuesley Farm. These are then sold in the playground after school that day.

Min 2 volunteers required.

15th Apr

DIY DAY

Jobs TBC. We're aiming to get some painting, astroturfing & basic repair jobs done.

Min 1 volunteer required

15th Jul

SUMMER SOCIAL

This is a biggy, but worth it! We'll need setup and clean up crew, and some folks to man the bar, BBQ and raffle stall.

Min 10 volunteers required.

National Education Union members have voted to hold industrial action on several non-consecutive dates.

The next dates planned are:
Thursday 2nd March,
Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.



At present, there are no plans to close or partially close the school.

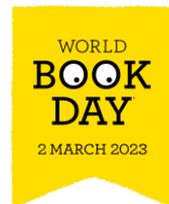
Following DfE guidance, we will make every effort to remain open; however, there may be some disruption to the normal running of the school and the delivery of our planned curriculum on these dates.

SPRING TERM 2023



AFTER SCHOOL TODAY!

Friday 24th February – Krispy Kreme Sale – FWS event



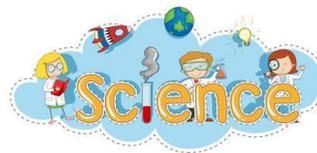
Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day - come dressed as a book character and meet our local author!



Tuesday 7th March - Year R trip to Haslemere Museum

Monday 13th March – Science afternoon

Friday 17th March – Sponsored Bounce – FWS event



Tuesday 28th March - Parent/Carer consultations 1 pm – 6.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall

Thursday 30th March – Easter Egg Hunt



End of term - Friday 31st March – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

SUMMER TERM 2023

Saturday 15th April – DIY DAY at school

***Monday 17th April – INSET DAY 4**

Start of term - Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – school closed – King Charles III Coronation



Wednesday 10th May – Year 1 to Broadwater Multiskills Sports event

Saturday 13th May - WitStock event

***Friday 26th May – INSET DAY 5**

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Wednesday 21st June – Year 1 to Brooklands Museum

Wednesday 28th June - Class photos/siblings

End of term – Friday 21st July - **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**



Thank you so much to everyone who has very kindly donated items from our Amazon Wish List, we are so touched by your generosity! If anyone would like to contribute, our wish list link is below.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/O7YP3V5VAQTS?ref=wl_share

Witley Parish Council - Part time Office Administrator.

To start April 2023. Witley Parish Council has a vacancy for a part-time Office Administrator.

The role is for 10 hours per week, to be worked flexibly over three mornings, to be agreed on appointment.

The postholder will be required to work as part of a small team, supporting the Clerk and Assistant Clerk with the overall administrative function of the Council.

The Council is looking for a resourceful individual with administrative and IT experience, including knowledge of MS Office. Additionally, the successful candidate will have excellent organisational and inter-personal skills and be willing to learn.

The starting salary is SCP 7 £22,369 (actual £6,046). We are offering 21 days holiday (pro-rata) and membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Closing date details: The closing date for applications is 5pm on 10th March 2023 with interviews taking place week commencing 13th March 2023. Applicants should note that the intended start date for this role will be April 2023.

To request a recruitment pack or to discuss the role further, please contact the Clerk at clerk@witley-pc.gov.uk or 01483 422044.

Completed applications should be emailed to the Clerk.



Ultimate Activity Camps provide outstanding Ofsted-registered activity day camps for children aged 4-14 during the school holidays. Children will enjoy a fantastic range of over 40 sports, games and art activities every week led by engaging staff at amazing locations. Running this Easter & Summer at Prior's Field School.

Book by Wednesday 1st March to save up £40 a week on all Easter & Summer dates!

W: <http://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF>

T: 0330 111 7077

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FB: <https://www.facebook.com/UltimateActivityCamps>



Time	Level / Age	Camp Option	Cost
09:00 - 10:00	Pre School (3 - 4 yrs)	4 x Morning	£29
09:00 - 13:00	Pre School (4 year olds)	4 x Half Day	** Please contact Jorge **
09:00 - 13:00	Mini Tennis (5 - 10 yrs) & Junior Tennis (10 - 16 yrs)	4 x Half Day	£107
09:00 - 15:00	Mini Tennis (5 - 10 yrs) & Junior Tennis (10 - 16 yrs)	4 x Full Day	£160

Time	Level / Age	Camp Option	Cost
09:00 - 13:00	Pre School	1 x Half Day	** Please contact Jorge **
09:00 - 13:00	MINI & JUNIOR Tennis	1 x Half Day	£30
09:00 - 15:00	MINI & JUNIOR Tennis	1 x Full Day	£45

For more info and to book contact Jorge
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