



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 34 Spring Term
Friday, 16th June 2023

Our value this half term is confidence

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

Dear Everyone

Year 1 have commenced a new theme this term building on the knowledge from Year R. The text they are learning about is a book called Man in the Moon by Simon Bartram. The theme of transport continues in history and next week pupils will be visiting Brooklands Museum. Last week Charlotta's Dad came to talk to the children about his role in the aviation industry. The children had lots of questions about different types of aircraft and airports. Thank you Charlotta's Dad for spending time with us!



Year 2 have been active with their class enterprise project. A few weeks ago pupils planted up flower and vegetable seeds and this week they have been selling them on the playground. Please do let us know how the plants get on. It was a sell out!



Photographer

Our professional photographer will be in on Wednesday, 28th June for whole class photos and first thing he will be available to take sibling photographs. If you would like to take up this opportunity please email the office. We are hoping we can start these photos at 8.45 am. Please make your way up to the hall via the playground with your children/toddlers at 8.45 am where a member of staff will greet you.

Please keep an eye on your children in the playground. We have several children cycling and scooting at top speed! Whilst I do not want to stop children from using their bikes and scooters, if they continue to race around I may have to for everyone's safety. A number of parents have reported near misses. Thank you for your support in reminding children to take care.

Year R we are collecting herbs, flowers from the garden and slightly past their best bunches of flowers for the children to cut up and explore in our mud kitchen. If you have any please pass them on to Miss Cann and her team.

We would be grateful for any old sunhats as spares. Please drop these in at the office. Thank you.

Finally, a reminder that The Chandler School have their School Fair this evening starting at 5 pm.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Szczepanski

Governor Pen Portrait

Every week I will be including pen portraits from our Governors so you can get to know them. This week, our Co-opted Governor, Sam Whyte, introduces herself. Sam joined our Governing Body in 2019 and is our Safeguarding Governor and also oversees LAC (looked after children), School attendance, PSHE (personal, social, health and economic education and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education).

Sam Whyte

My name is Sam Whyte and I'm the Lead Safeguarding Governor on Witley Infant School's Governing Body.

As the lead safeguarding governor, I'm responsible for holding the school to account for how it keeps children at Witley safe, and this includes how staff and volunteers are supported to identify and respond to any concerns about children's safety and wellbeing, and how we teach children about keeping safe (online and offline) and developing healthy relationships. There's a genuine commitment at Witley to instil a positive safeguarding culture at our school in partnership with our students, parents, staff and governors, and it has been a privilege in my role to be able to support the school to be the best it can be for children.

I became a school governor at Witley in summer 2019 as I wanted to be able to do more to support the school and the local community, and I've been delighted through the governing body to continue to do this now my own children have moved on to junior school.



In the “real world”, I’m a working mum of two boys, living in Witley and very much embracing village life.

In my day job, I’ve spent over 15 years working in children’s charities, including at Unicef UK, advocating for the rights of children and young people; and now for a national safeguarding training and consultancy organisation working with schools, universities, victims’ services and policing to improve how they support children and adults.

Poetry Slam at Witley

Our children would like to celebrate poetry with you in June. Pupils will be learning all about poetry and would like to perform for parents. On Tuesday, 20th June at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking the stage for their Poetry Slam.

Year R will perform on Wednesday 21st June at 2.45 pm. Please enter the hall via the car park. This is a last minute request from the pupils which we agreed would be a wonderful idea!

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

Reception: Arlo and Indy
Year 1: Lottie and Maki
Year 2: James D and Ava

Headteacher’s Gold Book award goes to Dilly in Year 2



Makaton Challenge



lighthouse

Twist at the wrist
and flick open
fingers go show
flashing light.
Repeat



bird



Cake Raffle Winner

This week’s winner is: Jack in Year One

Thank you to the Bradwell family for the delicious homemade cake



SUMMER TERM 2023

Tuesday 20th June – Year 1 and Year 2 Poetry Slam at 2.30 pm in The Jubilee Hall

Wednesday 21st June – Year R Poetry Slam at 2.45 pm in The Jubilee Hall

Wednesday 21st June – Year 1 to Brooklands Museum



**BROOKLANDS
MUSEUM**



Tuesday 27th June – Year R trip to Tuesley Strawberry Farm

Tuesday 27th June – Year 2 Transition afternoon at The Chandler School

Wednesday 28th June - Class group photos/siblings – am

Wednesday 28th June – Year 2 Transition afternoon at The Chandler School

Thursday 29th June – Year 2 trip to Sayers Croft – all day. There is no charge for this trip, (courtesy of FWS)

Friday 7th July – FWS Year 2 Leavers Supper during the evening

Monday 10th July – Open Classroom event – 2.45 – 3.30 pm –parents invited



Tuesday 11th July – Sports Morning from 9.00 am – 10.15 am Parents welcome. Pupils to arrive in PE kit/sunhats/water bottle and sunscreen applied at home. NO BOOK BAGS needed today!

Thursday 13th July – FWS Non Uniform Day. Children are encouraged to come to school in their favourite casual clothes

Monday 17th July – Year 2 Leaver's Service at All Saints Church 2.20 pm for a 2.30 pm start. Year 2 parents invited.

Tuesday 18th July – **Reserve** Sports Morning 9.00 am – 10.15 am Parents welcome

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

TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

INSET No. 1 – Friday 1st September

School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 4th September at 8.45 am

Thursday 14th September – Flu vaccines (details to follow)

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023

INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

Last day of term - 15 December 2023 – early finish 1.05 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

Spring Term 2024

School starts – Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY No.3 – Friday, 9th February

February half term - 12 February to 16 February

Last day of term – Thursday 28th March – early finish 1.05 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

Summer Term 2024

INSET DAY No. 4 - Monday 15th April

School starts – Tuesday, 16th April

INSET DAY No.5 - Friday, 24th May

Summer half term - 27 May to 31 May 2024

Last day of term – Tuesday, 23rd July – early finish 1.05 pm. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

Summer!

Please ensure your child brings a sun hat into school every day and that sunscreen is applied before school. Sunscreen should only be brought into school by prior agreement.

Here is some useful advice on staying well and healthy in summer.

<https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/seasonal-advice/summer>



The Friends of Chandler School

would like to invite you to our*

* friends and family are warmly invited too!

SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY 16 JUNE FROM 5-8PM

ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

Music acts, face painting, ice cream van,
bouncy castle, strawberries and cream, raffle,
BBQ, bar, candy floss, sweet bags, hoopla,
bottle and toy tombolas, photo booth - and more!