



Witley C of E Infant School



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Forest School Special

Newsletter no. 35 Spring Term
Friday, 23rd 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

We are so lucky to have the most amazing environment at Witley! Everyone has been enjoying the better weather and the outdoors! Mrs Stanton has put together a fabulous curriculum across the year groups and we thought you'd like to see what your children have been learning.





Poetry Slam for Parents/carers!

We were treated to some wonderful poetry this week as part of our Poetry Slam. It's lovely to see how confident the children are becoming. Some of the pupils wrote their own poems whilst others read their favourite ones.



BROOKLANDS MUSEUM



Year 1 experienced the wonderful world of Brooklands this week, learning facts about different types of transport. The children had the opportunity to visit Concorde, learn about the use of bamboo in early plane design and make an aluminium aeroplane.



Hen House

Our wrap around care provider Hen House will be opening its doors once again in September to provide morning and after school care. We are working hard to ensure the provision is across the whole week but it does depend on numbers.

Please refer to the Hen House at thehen-house.com/clubs-camps/ for pricing and further information. You can contact them via email care@thehen-house.com or phone 01483 658 946. They will be able to answer any questions you may have and make bookings for the new term. The Hen House is owned by Wollah Wollah Ltd which is registered with Ofsted. The Ofsted registration number is: EY560403.

Photographer

A reminder that 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/babies at 8.45 am where a member of staff will greet you.

We will take sibling photographers who are at school together separately during the morning. This early morning session is for pre-schoolers and babies can have sibling photographs.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Szczepanski

Surrey Oak Church of England Federation

You may recall that St James C of E Primary School in Elstead and St Marys C of E School in Shackleford have federated. Due to a late objection, the Governors have been asked to amend their Federation name, as Surrey Hills was too similar to a school near Dorking. Therefore, the new Federation will be called Surrey Oak Church of England Schools Federation, or Surrey Oak Federation (SOF) for short.

Governor Pen Portrait

Every week I have been including pen portraits from our Governors so you can get to know them. This week, James

[The Revd James McKeran](#)

James is our Vicar of All Saints Church, having previously worked as a cattle rancher in Australia, a solicitor in East Anglia and a Jockey Club official throughout the UK. After a stint as a church administrator in London he served as a curate in Altrincham, Greater Manchester, before spending seven years in southern Africa as a missionary. He is delighted to be back in Surrey, where he grew up, serving the people and village of Witley. James is our Foundation Governor and is responsible for Religious Education and our Christian distinctiveness. Every third week James leads our Collective Worship in school.



Sickness

We have a number of children in different classes with sickness. We have talked to the children about the importance of washing hands and good hygiene. With the constant handling and drinking from water bottles it may be a good idea to give these an extra run through the dishwasher this weekend to help kill any germs. Thank you.



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

Reception: Astrid and Isla Hi

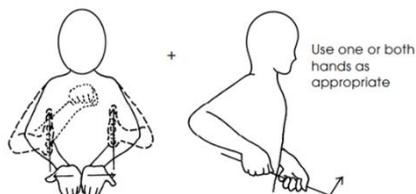
Year 1: Vinny and Dilys

Year 2: Khaqan and Thomas

Headteacher's Gold Book award goes to Isla Ho in Year R



Makaton Challenge



Bucket and Spade



Penny Stevens

We are sad to announce the death of Penny Stevens, who was Chair of Governors at Witley when the school had major building work back in 2005. Penny was instrumental in our growth as an infant school at the time and also worked in the office at The Chandler not long after it was built. Our thoughts are with her husband Brian and Family.

Penny's funeral is at Guildford Crematorium at 11.15 am on June 28th.



Cake Raffle Winner

This week's winner is: Phoebe in Year One

Thank you to the Drechsler family for the pretty flower cake



SUMMER TERM 2023

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

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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>





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