



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 2 Autumn Term
Friday, 15th September 2023

Our value this half term is Friendship

'Encourage and help each other'
1 Thessalonians 5



Dear Parents/Carers

Earlier this week all families will have received our monthly online safety newsletter full of up to date information to help keep children safe online.

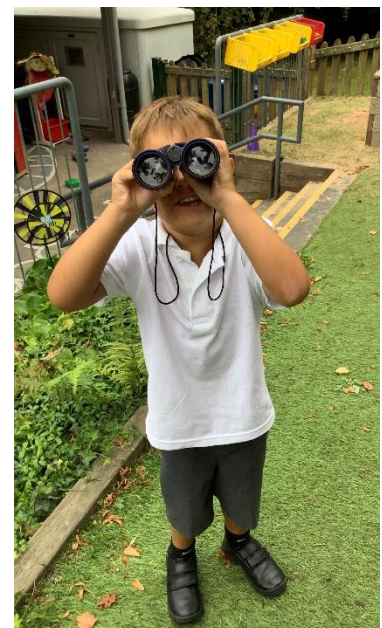


Many of our children have older siblings and we know it's tricky keeping up with new apps, social media, AI, games and parental controls, so please take 5 minutes to read the online safety newsletter to keep you better informed.

The illustration on the left highlights what happens in an internet minute!

This term we will be engaging with the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly and meeting Buddy, who will help children understand the importance of speaking out.

This week Year R have been settling into their new classroom and have joined the rest of the school at break in the main playground. Next week the children will be staying on for lunch too!



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

Year 1: Henry and Arlo

Year 2: Harvey and Bertie

Mrs Szczepanski wasn't well on Tuesday, the day of our celebration assembly, so watch this space for next week's Headteacher award.



Just a reminder that on Monday, 18th September we are holding Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in your child's class, so we can share information about our curriculum/routines and expectations. The meetings start at 2.40 pm and are held in the class rooms. The main gate will open early and we will open up external class doors at 2.40 pm.

Our EYFS (Year R) curriculum evening is on Tuesday, 19th September 7.15 – 8.15 pm. Please make your way to the reception class. We will open the main gate for you.

We will share the meeting information with you on Google Classroom afterwards, so please ensure you can access our learning platform. Please contact the school office if you have any problems logging on.

Harvest Festival

In joint partnership with All Saints Church we will be collecting items for St Marks Foodbank this autumn. If you would like to make a contribution then Witley C of E Infant School is collecting the following items:



Biscuits

Coffee

Sugar

Sweetcorn

Tins of corned beef/hot dogs/meatballs/mince/steak/chicken/tuna

Tins of rice pudding/custard/fruit

You can drop items off in the box near the school office. Thank you.

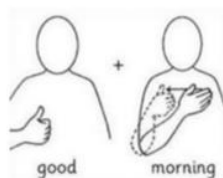
Events at All Saints Church

Don't forget it is Messy Church Saturday, 23rd at All Saints between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. All families welcome.



Makaton Challenge

Here at Witley we regularly learn Makaton signs.





This week we welcomed back our Open the Book Team who helped Year 1 tell the story of Deborah, who had a very important job to do.

Deborah knew she could only do it with God's help and she put her trust in him.



Just a reminder that children still have time to come to the library and tell them about the books that they have been reading as the challenge finishes on Saturday 23rd September. If they have been able to read 6 books over the holidays, they will receive a medal and certificate to show that they have completed the challenge. If they are not able to finish, they can still come and receive some prizes, as there are prizes for books for every book that they read.

Finally, we are developing a new positive behaviour and rewards system at Witley which we will be rolling out over the coming weeks. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

Have a super weekend

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Is your child feeling ill?

Covid – there are currently no restrictions on Covid. However, our advice is if your child is unwell, temperature, coughing please do not send them into school. If your child has NO symptoms and is well enough to learn then your child may come into school. Please give some serious thought to your decision.

Vomiting or diarrhoea – DO NOT send your child into school. Your child must not return until there has been a clear 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

TERM DATES 2023/24

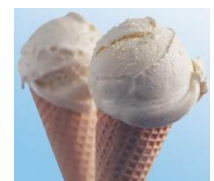
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Week beginning Monday, 18th September – EYFS can stay either until 12.15 or 3.15 pm

Monday 18th September – Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Teacher/Year Expectations 2.40 – 3.10 pm

Tuesday 19th September – EYFS Curriculum meeting 7.15 -8.15pm

Wednesday 27th September – FWS Ice cream sale after school in the playground



Friday 29th September – Year 2 Macmillan Coffee morning 9 – 10.30am up in The Jubilee Hall.

All parents/carers invited (details to follow)

Tuesday 3rd October - FWS AGM 7.30pm at The White Hart – why not come along?



Thursday 5th October – Parent Tours for admissions 2024, please book via the school office:

Tour no. 1 09.05 – 09.45 am (FULL)

Tour no. 2 10.00 – 10.35 am

Tuesday 10th October – Individual/sibling photographs inc. toddlers and babies first thing (details to follow)

Thursday 12th October - Parent Tours for Admissions 2024, please book via the school office:

Tour no. 3 09.05 – 09.45 am

Tour no. 4 10.00 – 10.35 am

Friday 13th October – EYFS Breakfast! (Details to follow)

Friday 13th October – FWS Autumn Disco – straight after school in The Jubilee Hall – details here:

<https://forms.gle/wX5Dr1YRpmnVsWs2A>

Monday, 16th October -- Harvest Festival in the Jubilee Hall at 2.15 pm – all parents invited followed by Open Classroom until 3.30pm

Wednesday 18th October – Hedgehog visit, all classes in the afternoon

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023

INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

Wednesday 1st November – Parent/carers consultations from 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Thursday 2nd November - Parent/carers consultations from 4.00 pm – 7.30 pm

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.



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.

September/October Families Magazine

<https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagSeptOct23Digital>



Electively home educated?

Don't miss out on your child's vaccinations

4 to 16 years:

Annual flu vaccination
and MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)

12 to 13 years:

HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccination

13 to 14 years:

Meningitis (Men ACWY) and tetanus,
diphtheria, and polio (Td/IPV) booster



Please contact us to book your appointment:

Woking, Runnymede, Surrey Heath, Guildford & Waverley boroughs

Goldsworth Park Health Centre, Woking
Telephone: **01483 794887**
Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net

Mole Valley, Banstead, Spelthorne, Elmbridge, Epsom & Ewell boroughs

Bourne Hall Health Centre,
Chessington Road, Ewell KT17 1TG
Telephone: **0208 394 8153**
Email: csh.eastimmsadmin@nhs.net

Tandridge, Reigate, Redhill & Horley boroughs

Caterham Dene Hospital, Church Road, Caterham
Telephone: **01737 775467**
Email: fhc.immunisation.team@nhs.net

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