



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 6 Autumn Term
Friday, 13th October 2023

Our value this half term is Friendship

'Encourage and help each other'
1 Thessalonians 5



Dear Parents/Carers

Year 1 have certainly been making the most of the outdoors this term. I think the photos say it all!

As autumn is well underway the leaves are falling and several children have been helping Mrs White, our lunchtime supervisor, to clear away the leaves on the hill. Huge thanks go to Ellie, Arlo, Henry and Samuel in Year 1 who offered to help. You are all superstars!



On Monday, 16th October we have our Harvest Festival in the Jubilee Hall at 2.15 pm. All parents are invited. Please enter the hall via the staff car park. After the Festival you are invited into your child's class as part of our 'Open Classroom' event. Please do not enter the class until the teacher and children return from the hall.

Christmas card designs will come home today. Details of how to order are on the information card and the order deadline is 25th October. Thank you for supporting this FWS fundraiser.

Church Lane is 20 MPH!

Please can we drive and park courteously in Church Lane. We had a rather unpleasant exchange of words during an incident this week when a car driven by one of our parents was travelling too fast and the driver was rather rude! Please remember that our children are free range and there is no path on Church Lane. Thank you.

Are you a school volunteer?

Over the next few months we have scheduled some safeguarding workshops in school for those of you that volunteer on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th November 2023 6-6.45pm

Friday 19th January 2024 9-9.45am

Thursday 29th February 2024 2.30-3.15pm

Please note that **ALL** volunteers will have to attend this workshop this year so we can ensure our helpers have all the information and skills they need to keep our children safe. Please contact the office to book yourself on one of the workshops.

INSET DAY at HEN HOUSE

Hen House are open on Monday, 30th October for a fun packed day of play, arts and crafts! Please see the flyer towards the end of the newsletter.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Dates for our Christmas performances have been added to our calendar. This year we are doing things a little differently. EYFS will perform the Nativity separately from KS1. This will allow more children to take part and allow for extra chairs for the audience.

Finally, Parent/Carer Consultation bookings are now live on Arbor. Please contact the office if you experience any issues.

Have a super weekend!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Open the Book



We welcomed our Open the Book team on Wednesday for the Bible story of Brave Abigail. Year 1 joined the cast and we learnt about sharing and how helping others makes you happy. We also felt sorry for Abigail's husband as he was very mean and couldn't see how unkind he was!



Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Snowden family for making a wonderful sprinkles cake.

Well done to Eben, in Year R who won the cake!



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

Year R: Ru and Zach

Year 1: Indy and Robin

Year 2: Winona and Maki

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to Astrid in Year 1



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 next Monday. Collection will be towards Friday, 3rd November.

Rag Bag **can only accept** the following items:

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



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

Makaton Challenge Here at Witley we regularly learn Makaton signs.



listening



looking

Please remember!

No riding on scooters and bikes
in the playground



NO BANANAS or NUTS HERE PLEASE!

Please do not put bananas or nut based products
in packed lunches.

Whilst we do have
bananas as snacks in
class we put strict
measures in place to
ensure children with
allergies are not affected.



Thank you.

TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

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

Thursday 19th October – Year 2 NSPCC Assembly Speak Out Stay Safe

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023

INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

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

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

Thursday 9th November – Year 1 Multi-skills sports at Rodborough. There is no charge for this local event

Thursday 16th November – Year 2 Multi-skills sports at Rodborough. There is no charge for this local event

Tuesday 21st November – Year 1 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited at 9.05 am in the Jubilee Hall. Please enter the hall via the staff car park

Friday 8th December – Non-uniform day in aid of FWS

Monday 11th December - EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall –
Parents/toddlers/babies welcome

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity performance at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall – Parents welcome

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall -
Parents/toddlers/babies welcome

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity performance at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Parents welcome

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

Monday, 8th Sleepy Story Time returns for all year groups 4.30 – 5.30 pm – just drop your child off at the Jubilee Hall at 4.30 pm (via the staff car park and collect from classroom doors in the playground at 5.30 pm.

Year R will use the middle door

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.

THE HEN HOUSE!



INSET DAY COVER

8.30AM–5PM at Witley Infant School

30th of October, 2023

£52 per child (£3 extra charge for lunch, or
bring your own packed lunch - nut free)

An action packed day of play, arts and crafts,
games and more!

Open to all primary children from all schools,
registration required using link below

Booking via <https://wollahwollah.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login>

Select – Witley Infant School: Inset Day 30.10.23

**CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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www.thehen-house.com

*'I really couldn't have asked for anymore and was so happy to know that he had a great time when he was there. He always looked forward to it. So a big thank you!'
D.T - Grayswood Parent*



Godalming & Villages Lions Club

Join us

and support YOUR local community!



Do you want to ... ?

- help those less fortunate than yourself
- play a part in improving your local community
- raise funds for local causes and projects
- meet like-minded people, make new friends
- have FUN!

Why not consider becoming a Lion?

To learn more about becoming a Lion and to reserve a place at an Open Evening, send an email to godalminglions@gmail.com and include

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- your telephone number

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Activities for your
children?

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Bee Active Camp
 The St Hilary's October Half Term
 Multi-Activity Camp
 for boys and girls Year 1 - Year 6
 in the heart of Godalming

Art | Chess | Dance | Drama | Lego | Music | Sport

Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October
 8.45am - 4.00pm
 £48 per day
 bookings: www.bookwhen.com/sthilarys

Are you looking at
 schools for
 Year 3, 2024?

We welcome all applicants to apply for the

st Hilary's
SCHOLARSHIP DAY
 Monday 27th November

Academic, Art, Chess, Music, Performing Arts, Sport, Swimming & Tennis Scholarships available
 Expressions of interest by Monday 16th October using QR code below

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