



# Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 16 Spring Term  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

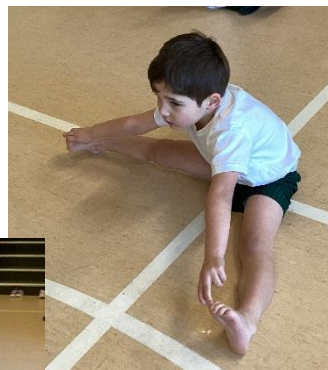
Our value this half term is joy



*Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul and healthy for the body  
Proverbs 16:24*

Dear Parents and Carers

I have had the pleasure of joining Dolphins in class over the past couple of weeks. Last week we practised our PE skills and today we 'travelled' on a train! Our ticket officer, Mrs Stanton, ensured all the children's tickets were valid and checked before we boarded the train to London!



## Sleepy Story Time

The very real benefits of reading bedtime stories...

It enriches their language development on multiple levels.

It grows their imagination and appreciation for stories.

It gives them an outlet for empathy.

It builds their vocabulary so they can be well-spoken.

It encourages engagement and conversation.



PLEASE remember to write in your child's reading record if you have heard them read, just a date will suffice. This helps us to track progress and support your child's reading. REMEMBER to remind your child to always put the Little Wandle book in their book bag!

## Friendship Day



On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January children are invited to wear something **BLUE**. This could be blue socks, shoes, hair accessory, etc.

We will be wearing blue to **Be** Lovely and **U**nderstanding to **E**veryone! We will be sharing our love, talking about friendship, understanding bullying and how our actions affect others.

## Children's Mental Health Week – 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

In a few weeks we will see the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Children's Mental Health Week. As a school we follow the Jigsaw Programme to support children's personal, social and emotional wellbeing and there's lots of information on the Place2Be's website. Why not check it out?

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

## Little Wandle Reading Workshop (open to all year groups)

Little Wandle Phonics Workshop for all parents starting at 2.30 – 3.05 pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Please come to the main office reception door.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

### Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Potton family for the delicious chocolate cake!

Well done to Maki in Puffins who won!



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

Year R: Harry and Lyra

Year 1: Bear and Rupert

Year 2: Harvey and Charlie H



Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to:

Year R: Sylvie

Year 1: Robin

Year 2: Lark

## A guide to the new Online Safety Bill

The Online Safety Bill is a new set of laws to protect people online. The laws will make social media companies more responsible for the safety of their users on their platforms. The Government have created a guide to the new laws detailing how the laws will protect children and adults. For example, the new laws mean social media companies will have to show how they are enforcing age limits.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/aguide-to-the-online-safety-bill>



## Haslemere Educational Museum

Below is a link to Haslemere Educational Museum's programme of events for January to March 2024, including many activities for children and families.

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/8e2097e8e4.html>



## Jan/Feb 2024 Families Surrey West Magazine link:

<https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagJanFeb24digital>



## TERM DATES 2023/24

DAY	DATE	SPRING TERM 2024
Tues	16.01	Pied Piper Theatre Production in the school hall for pupils. Funded by FWS
Tues	16.01	Little Wandle Phonics Workshop for all parents starting at 2.30 – 3.05 pm
Fri	19.01	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers, 9 – 9.45 am. Contact the office for further info.
Fri	19.01	Wear something BLUE – Be Lovely and Understanding to Everyone! Celebrating friendship and understanding bullying. Children can wear something blue, either socks, a hair accessory, jumper, etc.
Fri	19.01	Interim Pupil Reports issued for all year groups.
Tues	23.01	Poetry Slam performed by KS1 – Years 1 and 2 only at 2 pm in the Jubilee Hall. FOLLOWED by Open Classroom 2.45 – 3.30 pm for ALL year groups.
Wed	24.01	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum
Tues	06.02	Parent Consultations 4 – 7.30 pm held in school
Th	08.02	Parents Consultations 3.30 – 6 pm held in school
Fri	09.02	<b>INSET DAY No. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>
		<b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 12.02 to 16.02</b>
Mon	19.02	First day of term
Fri	23.02	Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale and uniform sale - FWS
Th	29.02	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers. Contact the office for further info.
Th	07.03	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!
Wed	13.03	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Tues	19.03	Year 2 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall 9.05 – 9.30 am Parents welcome
Weds	27.03	Easter Service at All Saints Church – parents welcome 2 pm FOLLOWED by Open Classroom 2.45 – 3.30 pm for ALL year groups.
Th	28.03	<b>1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH</b>

DAY	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2024
Mon	15.04	INSET DAY No. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tues	16.04	First day of term
Mon	06.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Mon	07.05	Witley School we be participating in the optional <b>Key Stage 1 Tests for Year 2</b> pupils this academic year. This will take place in the month of May.
Fri	24.05	INSET DAY No. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		<b>MAY HALF TERM 27.05 to 31.05</b>
Mon	10.06	Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 – all week
Weds	19.06	Year 1 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Th	20.06	Whole Class group photographs
Weds	26.06	Year 2 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Wed	03.07	Year 1 Trip to Chichester Harbour
Th	18.07	Year 2 Trip to Sayers Croft
Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.

**Have you changed your mobile number, home address or any other contact details?**

Please update your details via Arbor. If you have any problems logging on or using Arbor please contact the school office.



**Safeguarding is everyone's business**  
**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:**

Helen Szczepanski – Headteacher – Lead DSL  
 Becky Latham – School Business Manager – Deputy DSL  
 Phillippa 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.

## Are you a school volunteer?

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

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.



**Pitch Pals**  
Fun, Football & Friendships



# FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CAMPS

**LIVE ● FEB 12, 13, 14**  
9AM-3.30PM

**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 5**

Witley Infants School Discount Code- **GSA352**  
Full Week- \*£85.50 Single Day- \*£31.50 Half Day- \*£18

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play the  
TimberNook  
way!

# TimberNook

Sensational Experiences

We are super excited here at TimberNook Chiddingfold to announce our spring dates for 2024. Booking is now live on the website. Our sensory adventures are suitable for children age 4 - 11 yrs. Our Easter holiday club will run from 2nd - 4th April, 9;30 - 1. We are also offering a Tiny ones session for parents and carers alongside their little ones age 18 months - 5 yrs on Monday 8th April 9: 30 - 11am. We are a woodland based play experience, offering children a wonderful adventure outside whatever the weather. For more information please visit the website. Please also follow TimberNook Chiddingfold on facebook for all updates and future sessions. Term time TimberNook preschoolers sessions are also available and begin on 16th April.

[www.timbernook.com](http://www.timbernook.com)