



# Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 15 Spring Term  
Friday, 5<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

A happy new year to all of you, although the continuous rain this week has been very unwelcome! We have managed to dodge the showers sprinting up to the hall for assemblies and lunch. January can be a very difficult month after all the excitement of Christmas which is why we have the new value of JOY, to help us keep smiling until the signs of spring arrive – I can't wait!



You will have read in our end of term newsletter that FWS purchased some new group learning tables and they arrived this week.

All three classes have a new horseshoe shaped focus table and they are certainly a big hit!



Thank you to everyone who supports our Friends of Witley School – you really make a difference!

## Little Wandle Workshop

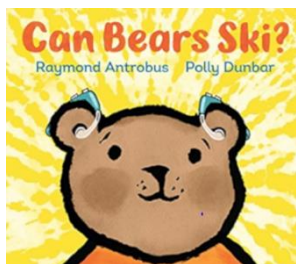


Our workshop for ALL parents/carers about early reading and our Little Wandle phonics scheme is on Tuesday, 16th January starting at 2.30 pm until 3.05 pm. The main gate will be open for you to come round to the Dolphins gate. The presentation will be in Dolphins Class. Don't worry if you can't make the event we will put all of the information on Google Classroom and our website.

## Sleepy Story Time is on Monday

Sleepy Story Time. Drop your child off at the Jubilee Hall at 4.30 pm (via the staff car park) and collect from their classroom doors in the playground at 5.30 pm. Year R will exit through the middle door in the playground.

## Pied Piper Theatre



Our local theatre group will be performing this month for all year groups. Can Bears Ski? has an integrated cast of three deaf and three hearing actors and a deaf Associate Director.

The play will be in spoken English with British Sign Language; and uses a visual approach to engage all children; including, for example, those with language development needs, or for whom English is a second language.

## Staff Car park

Also, a gentle reminder not to use the staff car park for drop off or pick up, thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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

Year R: Lola and Jacob  
Year 1: Oran and Felix  
Year 2: Henry B and Rachael

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

Year R: Evie  
Year 1: Poppy  
Year 2: Harrison



## News from Surrey County Council

Is your child starting school in September 2024?

Is your child in Year 2?

In an effort to minimise the number of late applications received, SCC would like to remind parents, **including parents with pre-school siblings**, that the closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2024 entry is **15 January 2024**.

For infant schools, this will include reminding parents of children on roll in Year 2 that they must submit an application **by 15 January** for a Junior transfer.

We encourage online applications

via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

## TERM DATES 2023/24

DAY	DATE	SPRING TERM 2024
Mon	08.01	Sleepy Story Time. Drop your child off at the Jubilee Hall at 4.30 pm (via the staff car park) and collect from their classroom doors in the playground at 5.30 pm. Year R will exit through the middle door in the playground.
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
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
Th	28.03	1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

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.

