Newsletter no. 4 – Autumn Term Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together Our value this term is friendship



'Encourage and help each other" - 1 Thessalonians 5

Target attendance for the Year 95% This year's attendance is 98.3%

Dear Parents/Carers and children

What a surprise when I opened the latest edition of Milford and Witley Parish Council Magazine to find an article about Rupert's mission to keep Witley clean.

Rupert and his friends' posters are dotted around the village and I know that other local areas have asked for copies so they can do the same.

You can read the magazine using the link below:

Witley and Milford Parish Council Update

#### **Smart Watches**





Please can we remind parents that electronic devices, cameras and smart watches are not allowed in school as per our school Acceptable Use Agreement for Pupils. Pupils are allowed to wear analogue watches. Please support the school with this rule. Thank you.

### Are you a school volunteer?

Over the next few months we will be scheduling some safeguarding workshops in school for those of you who volunteer. Our first workshop is on **Wednesday**, 6<sup>th</sup> **November starting at 6 pm and finishing at 6.45 pm**. Please contact the office to book yourself on our workshop.



Please note that **ALL** volunteers are required to attend our safeguarding workshop every 2 years so we can ensure our helpers have all the information and skills they need to keep our children safe. For further information about safeguarding at Witley C of E Infant School please check out our website <u>Safeguarding at Witley</u>

# Spring bulb planting



As part of our science curriculum pupils learn about plants and last week Year 1 planted 100 bulbs in various containers in their outdoor area. We'll just have to wait and see what appears in the spring!

# Communications

When emailing class teachers please allow them time to reply and remember that teachers don't access emails until the end of the school day as they teach from 8.45 to 3.15 pm! If anything is urgent then please email the office who monitor emails continually. Thank you.

### Harvest Festival and Open Classroom



# Children starting school in September 2025

We have several tours scheduled over the next few weeks. Please contact the office for further details.

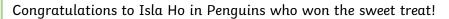
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 Harvest Festival at 2.15 pm in the Jubilee Hall, followed by Open Classroom from

2.45 until 3.30 pm

| Autumn Term Tours |                                |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Thurs, 3rd Oct    | 9.05 - 9.45 am & 10 - 10.35 am |  |
| Fri, 11th Oct     | 9.05 - 9.45 am & 10 - 10.35 am |  |
| Mon, 14th Oct     | 9.05 - 9.45 am & 10 - 10.35 am |  |
| Tues, 22nd Oct    | 9.05 - 9.45 am                 |  |
| Weds, 23rd Oct    | 9.05 - 9.45 am                 |  |

# Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Snowden family for such a delicious strawberry sponge.





Finally, we try our best to include as many children as we can in our newsletters as we read them in class every Friday and it's a real boost for self-esteem. Please don't forget that your child's photo will not appear in a newsletter if you have not given permission for photographs to be used in school publications/website.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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

Year R – Nancy and Delilah Year 1 – Lola and Dylan Year 2 – Max, Katie and Oran Headteacher's Gold Book award goes to: Year R – Nancy Year 1 – Rex Year 2 – Indy

#### **Haslemere Museum**

This half term, families can experience the culture of South India with a magical Kathakali dance and drama show, with spectacular costumes and make-up. Kathakali performance at Haslemere Educational Museum Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm. More information and tickets at

#### haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson

Haslemere Educational Museum has lots more events for families and children in its new autumn What's On programme, including half term sessions, Halloween fun and the annual fireworks and bonfire evening. You can see the full programme by clicking on the link below.

https://heyzine.com/flip-book/ad3651fd39.html

# Enjoy the outdoors but be 'tick aware' this autumn

As the autumn weather arrives, it's important for our health and well-being to get outdoors, enjoy nature and the fresh air. In grassy or wooded areas, including your local park or garden, there may be ticks. Ticks are found throughout the year, mostly between spring and summer. However, they also can show up in the autumn season. Some helpful advice can be found here on the Surrey Education Service website.











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|       | SCHOOL CALENDAR |   |  |
|-------|-----------------|---|--|
| DAY   | DATE            | ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25  |  |
| Tues  | 08.10           | Individual photographs (formal) - pre-school children welcome (details to follow)                 |  |
| Thurs | 10.10           | Flu vaccinations for pupils – details will be emailed separately                                  |  |
| Fri   | 11.10           | Harvest Service at All Saints (PUPILS ONLY/PARENTS ASSEMBLY on MONDAY 21st October)               |  |
| Mon   | 21.10           | Harvest Festival at 2.15 pm in the Jubilee Hall, followed by Open Classroom at 2.45 until 3.30 pm |  |
| Tues  | 22.10           | Parent Consultations – all year groups – 3.30 – 6 pm (details to follow)                          |  |
| Weds  | 23.10           | Parent Consultations – all year groups – 3.50 – 7.20 pm (details to follow)                       |  |
| Fri   | 25.10           | INSET Day no. 3   |  |
|       |                 | AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November                              |  |
| Mon   | 04.11           | First day back  |  |
| Weds  | 06.11           | Volunteer's Safeguarding Training in school 6 – 6.45 pm   |  |
| Sat   | 09.11           | FWS Bingo Night – Jubilee Hall  |  |
| Mon   | 11.11           | Anti-bullying week wear something BLUE on FRIDAY – Be Loving and Understanding to Everyone.       |  |
| Fri   | 15.11           | Come to school wearing an item that is blue – socks, hair accessory, blue top!                    |  |
| Fri   | 13.12           | Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children and Christmas lunch                              |  |
|       |                 | Christmas entertainer – Magic Road Safety Show  |  |
| Fri   | 20.12           | 1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH  |  |
|       |                 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> December– 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025                         |  |
| Mon   | 06.01           | First day back after Christmas  |  |
| Thurs | 13.02           | 3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM  |  |

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| Fri   | 14.02 | INSET Day no. 4   |
|       |       | <b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 |
| Mon   | 24.02 | First day of term   |
| Thurs | 06.03 | World Book Day – Extreme reading competition and WBD costume day!           |
| Fri   | 04.04 | 1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH                        |
|       |       | EASTER HOLIDAYS   |
| Tues  | 22.04 | First Day of term   |
| Mon   | 05.05 | BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED   |
| Sat   | 10.05 | WITSTOCK 2025   |
| Fri   | 23.05 | INSET Day no. 5   |
|       |       | MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025          |
| Mon   | 02.06 | First day of term   |
| Mon   | 09.06 | Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (all week)                                   |
| Tues  | 22.07 | 1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH                        |

