

Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 10 – Autumn Term

Friday, 15th November 2024



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



'Encourage and help each other' 1 Thessalonians 5

Target attendance for the Year 95%
This year's attendance is 97.2%

Dear Parents/Carers

Equal Access School Award

An unexpected parcel arrived this week which was a lovely surprise. Witley School had been selected to receive the Barclaycard Girls' Football Partnership Award. Last summer our Year 2 girls, coached by Paul from Pitch Pals on a Thursday afternoon, had the opportunity to all play football. We're also thrilled that so many of our girls join Paul in our afterschool football club.



Thank you to FWS

Eyes down! The Bingo night was a huge success and thank you all for supporting this event. Money raised from events like this go towards resources for all the children. We have just purchased some new equipment for Dolphins, including new role play home corner items and outdoor play construction. Please see the Chair's AGM Report later in our newsletter.



Remembrance Sunday at All Saints Church

Thank you to Mrs Stanton who stood in for me last Sunday at our All Saints Church Remembrance Service. We are so proud of our pupils who helped Mrs Stanton pay our respects on behalf of all the staff and children at Witley.



BEING LOVELY and UNDERSTANDING to EVERYONE WEEK!

This week was anti-bullying week and we have talked about healthy friendships and why it is so important to be kind to one another, focusing on our value of 'respect'.



Thank you to the parents who offered to help with our Opal Play programme. I am currently going through your emails and will be in touch soon.

Mrs Szczepanski

Finally, I hope you all have a great time at the Disco tonight!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Richardson family for the spooky delights!

Congratulations to Zach in Dolphins who won this week.



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

Year R – Olive and Zach

Year 1 – Roman and Lily

Year 2 – Felix and Samuel

Headteacher's Gold Book award

Year R – Lottie

Year 1 – Lola

Year 2 – Bear and Olivia



Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Cyber Crime and Fraud Awareness for Parents & Carers

Learn how to protect yourself and your kids online and how to spot potential online scams at this webinar from Thames Valley Police.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cyber-crime-and-fraud-awareness-for-parents-carers-tickets-1075642919929?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

Friends of Witley School Chair's AGM Reprt October 2024

I speak on behalf of Sam and Tiff when I say we really enjoyed our first year back last year and the addition of Emily was excellent as she brought so much creative flare to the events. It was great to have Hannah and Katy continuing and we've been a really good team. Huge thanks to Hannah and Katy who have taken a break this year and will be missed for their big smiles and brilliant, tireless effort. We welcome Anna to the team who is

already proving to be a brilliant addition. This year the team consists of Jo (Chair), Tiff (Treasurer), Sam (Secretary), Emily and Anna.

The big fundraisers last year were the cake raffle £2054, Christmas Grotto £1123, Sponsored Dino Run £1200 and the Summer Social 31344. Our efforts overall raised £8872. And we spent £6273 on the school as well as charity donations.

We hoped to develop a real feeling of camaraderie and community and we felt that in all our events last year, with lots of helpers and good turn outs. We want to keep this going throughout our time on the FWS team.

We are all feeling really enthusiastic and up for a big year of fund raising with the focus very much on joy for the kids and investment for the school that will make a noticeable difference to the children's time there.

There are many fund raising events coming up, the Cake Raffle is in its 8th week and is set to raise over £2000 again and we ran a successful Ice Cream Stall which was a freebie from FWS. November is a big month. The inaugural Bingo night is our imminent first big event, followed by The Disco and our first ever Christmas Wreath Making. We have still to announce our Christmas event and this was discussed at the AGM. We have a Christmas Entertainer coming on the last day of term and then in 2025 there will be Krispy Kremes, World Book Day Workshops, Science Displays, Easter Egg Hunts, an all new Barn Dance, Colour Run, Fruity Fridays, Sponsored all day Danceathon, Cricket Witley v Hambledon, the Leavers Dinner and The Summer Social.

As mentioned in our welcome letter we want to provide fun and meaningful experiences for the kids as much as we want to fundraise. So theatre groups, world book day events, Christmas entertainers, Christmas presents, Ice creams, Easter egg hunts and Science displays are all part of those experiences and are our treat. And then events such as the Colour Run & Leavers dinner are about fun whilst covering costs! And the big events hopefully provide all of the above whilst also raising plenty of money for the school. There are between 6 and 8 events each term which should provide nicely spaced interest and fun for everyone and hopefully a steady stream of fund raising.

We are asking the school to come to us with projects they need money for and we are very aware that we haven't yet spent the money we intended to at the end of last term. We want to spend it on things that will enhance the kid's experience at Witley and improve the environment for everyone. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please get in touch. We will continue to communicate to the parents how we spend the money, regularly and clearly. The School provides a regular Amazon Wishlist which FWS pay for.

We didn't run a DIY day last year so it would be good to get that organised this year in the warmer months. When we ran it previously there was a wonderful sense of community and common goals and seeing the results of our work immediately was gratifying.

Of course volunteers are a vital part of our work. We take the events as our responsibility but they are only ever a big success when parents get involved. We will need volunteers throughout the year. Even a half hour commitment to shifting some tables, blowing up balloons or manning a stall makes a huge difference. We will ask for volunteers in advance of the events and we ask that give any time you can.

So big thanks to the outgoing team members and parents from 2023/24 and huge thanks in advance to everyone who comes on the ride with us this year and helps make 24/25 a massive success.

Jo, Sam, Tiff, Emily & Anna



SPARE CHANGE COMPETITION

**WHICH CLASS CAN FILL A
JAR WITH CHANGE FIRST!
BRING IN ALL THAT SPARE
CHANGE LYING AROUND
YOUR HOUSE & EMPTY
OUT YOUR PIGGY BANK.
THE FIRST CLASS TO FILL
THE JAR WINS THE
CHANCE TO CHOOSE THE
WITLEY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS TREE**

**BRING IN CHANGE FROM
MONDAY NOVEMBER
18TH**

**COMPETITION ENDS
NOVEMBER 28TH
THE RACE IS ON!**

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.



<https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/christmas-festival/>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
		AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November
Fri	15.11	DISCO – FWS Come ready dressed for the disco (sensible shoes please!) including 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
Mon	16.12	EYFS Christmas dress rehearsal/KS1 watching/parents with toddlers at 2.30 pm. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
Tues	17.12	EYFS Christmas performance, parents welcome at 2.30 pm. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
Weds	18.12	Christmas service at ALL Saints Church – 2.30 pm. All parents welcome, but it's a bit of a squeeze!
Thurs	19.12	KS1 Christmas dress rehearsal/EYFS watching. Parents with toddlers welcome at 9.10 am. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
Thurs	19.12	KS1 Christmas performance. Parents welcome at 2.30 pm. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the car park
Fri	20.12	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH Children's Magic Road Safety Show during the morning – thank you FWS!
		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23 rd December– 3 rd January 2025
Mon	06.01	First day back after Christmas
Thurs	13.02	3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st 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 th – 30 th 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

School Website

We are currently updating our website in response to parent feedback. One of the most notable changes is the calendar. Why not take a look? Google Calendar will no longer be updated and we aim to add more information on the website school calendar, which is easier to navigate.

Please bear with us while we add the daily events throughout the year. Calendar dates at the end of the newsletter will gradually be phased out next term and the website will be your main calendar for events.

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ACTIVITY CAMPS!
for 4-11 year olds at
St Mary's Infant School, Shackleford

Action packed days of sport, art, cooking, games and so much more! Sign up to reserve your place for one day or the whole week! Open to all children aged 4+.

Christmas Camp 2024
30th Dec-3rd Jan

Monday - Friday
8:30am to 17:30pm*

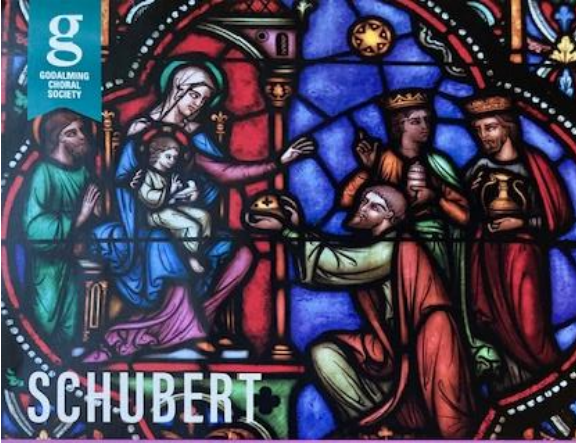
£40.00 per day or,
£80.00 for 2 days
£100.00 for 3 days
£120.00 for 4 days
£140.00 for 5 days

Add-Ons

*Extended hours
8am-6pm
£6/day (£25/week)

Hot Lunch
£5.00/day (£20.00/week)

Childcare vouchers and
tax free childcare
payments accepted.



SCHUBERT
MASS IN G MAJOR

PLUS SELECTED FESTIVE PIECES
FROM GERALD FINZI, JONATHAN
DOVE AND BOB CHILCOTT

**St John's Church,
Farncombe, GU7 3EJ**

**Saturday
30 November 2024
at 7:30PM**

Musical Director : George de Voil

Tickets £20 (Free for under 18s)
Available from Record Corner, Pound Lane, Godalming (CASH ONLY),
www.godalmingchoral.org.uk, tickets@godalmingchoral.org.uk,
or at the door

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