



Witley C of E Infant School



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Newsletter no. 8 Autumn Term
Friday, 3rd November 2023

Our value this half term
is respect



Dear Parents/Carers

CONGRATULATIONS to all our pupils as we have 100% attendance this week, it is lovely to see everyone back, keep it up!

We hope you all had a restful extended half term break last week. It has well and truly turned into autumn with heavy rain and the strong winds. A sentence very similar to this time last year! Sadly The Chandler School Firework display was cancelled yesterday but has been rescheduled for Thursday, 9th November.

In Celebration Assembly this week we introduced new certificates, one being awarded for a 'Ready to Learn' attitude and the other in recognition of demonstrating one of our school values. Well done to the following pupils:



Year R – Addison and Daniel
Year 1 – Raife and Astrid
Year 2 – Bella and Harry H



Our Headteacher Award goes to Ben Edwards for some fantastic writing.

Speak out Stay Safe

Just before half term Liz from the NSPCC joined us to talk to the Year 2 pupils.



Speak out Stay Safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5 to 11 years old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our [Childline service](#).

"Since Yuke Been Gone"

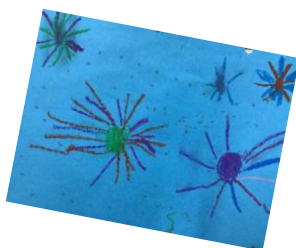
I listened to our Year 2 pupils today learning to play the Ukulele with Alessandro from Music Works. Some of them have been playing since Year 1 and it's great to see and hear their progress. All children in Year 2 also learn to play the recorder as part of our music curriculum.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

Our Year 2 children have been collecting for The British Legion this week and will continue through next week. Please do support them with any change you have. There are poppies available plus bracelets for a suggested donation of £2, rulers £3, and reflectors £3.

Please say safe if you are out this weekend enjoying the bonfires and fireworks. Well done to Year 1 who have produced some wonderful pictures this week using oil pastels!



Rodborough Multi-skills event

Our Key Stage 1 pupils will be going to Rodborough School by coach this month to join in a multi-skills event with other local schools. Please note there is no charge for this event, but please remember to give permission for your child to attend via Arbor. Children will get changed into their PE kit at school, so they will need to come to school in uniform, as normal and will be back in time for lunch.

Finally, thank you to our parent/carers who attended our consultations this week. Many parents commented on the benefits of having the meetings in the school rather than the hall, so you could see the learning environment and children's books.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Is your child starting school in September 2024? Is your child in Year 2?

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place between 30 October 2023 and 15th January 2024.

If your child is in Year 2 then you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

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:

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

Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Marvin family for the wonderful spooky delight!

Well done to Ben in Puffins who has won the ghostly cake!



Families Magazine

I have pleasure in sending you the links for the Nov/Dec issue of Families magazine. This issue is all about Christmas (although it does have a listing of local firework displays as well!). Either of these links will work:

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_surrey_west_nov_dec_23_digital?fr=sYWZiMTY3NTY1NTA

<https://bit.ly/FamiliesMagNovDec23Digital>

This issue includes details of pantos and children's theatre, where to see Santa, workshops, days out and lots, lots more.



TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

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 and Christmas Lunch

Saturday 9th December – FWS German Christmas Market and Grotto

Monday 11th December– Christmas at All Saints Church – 10.30 – 11 am – parents welcome

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 their classroom doors in the playground at 5.30 pm. Year R will use the middle door in the playground.



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.



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the national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

The National Sleep Helpline

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely. Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>