



Witley C of E Infant School



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Newsletter no. 38 Spring Term
Friday, 14th July 2023



Our value this half term is confidence

'For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control' 2 Timothy 1:7

Dear Parents/Carers

Our pupils were very excited to welcome their parents to their Open Classroom on Monday. It's a wonderful opportunity for you to share in our learning at Witley. These events are very popular and we will add them to the calendar again next year.



Sports Day

We were extremely lucky to have dry weather on Tuesday for our sports morning. After the event we all gathered for our celebration assembly in the hall and reflected on all our six school values including joy. Ava in Year 2 explained how she saw joy at sports day, 'we saw all of the smiles on everyone's faces' and we certainly did!



We congratulated our winning teams and the scores were incredibly close:

- 1st place – Amazing Apples, who scored 260 points
- 2nd place - Great Grapes, who scored 258 points
- 3rd place - Awesome Oranges, who scored 244 points

Well done to all of our teams; Brilliant Bananas, Super Strawberries, Limitless Lemons, Magnificent Melons and our Year 2 Team Leaders, Khaqan, Dilly, Evie, James S, Alice P, Jack and Alice G.



Reading Books

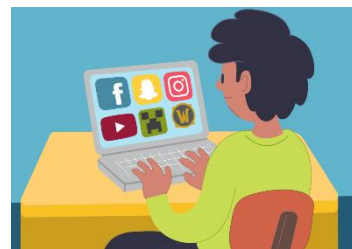


Please can you return all library books, reading spine books and our Little Wandle decodable reading books before the end of term. Pupils can borrow as many sharing books as they like over the summer. Please ensure your child takes home plenty to keep reading over the break.

Don't forget that Godalming library has a host of family activities in July and August.

Staying Safe online

We hope you are finding our monthly parent/carer online safety newsletter helpful. Don't forget there's a wealth of information on keeping yourself informed of how to keep you child safe when using the internet. It's a fact that children spend more time during school holidays on the internet, gaming and social media. Check out the following websites:



<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Finally, we have our Leavers' Service at All Saints Church for our Year 2 parents/carers on Monday. Please arrive at 2.20 pm and be seated before our children arrive at 2.30 pm. We will bring over school siblings. Some seats will be reserved for the children.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

Governor Pen Portraits

Every week I have been including pen portraits from our Governors so you can get to know them. This week, Ian Beaumont, who is one of our Co-opted Governors, and is responsible for computing in our school.

I am a co-opted governor at Witley and my background is in IT. I have been a director in numerous companies and have a wealth of experience in running businesses. I live locally to the school and am keen to support our local community. When I am not working I enjoy being in the garden - I am a keen gardener and beekeeper.



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

Reception: Robin and Henry
Year 1: Charlotta and Harrison
Year 2: Otilie and Alfie



Headteacher's Gold Book award goes to Oscar in Year R for being an amazing sports star!

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the Wilson family for the most fantastic cake and the Frackiewicz family for the yummy chocolate cup cakes.

Puffin Class have all been the lucky winners of the mega cake!
Winona in Year One and Ellie in Year R are the lucky winners of the cupcakes.



SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th July – Year 2 Leaver's Service at All Saints Church 2.20 pm for a 2.30 pm start. Year 2 parents invited.

End of term – Friday 21st July - **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

Makaton Challenge



listening



looking



Surrey families can get free access to understanding your baby, child and teenager guides developed by the Solihull Approach.

The free online guides include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts and are available in a range of languages.



**Children and
Family Health
Surrey**

Surrey families can sign up for free through the [Children and Family Health Surrey](https://www.childrenandfamilyhealthsurrey.org.uk/) website, by using the code 'ACORN'. See details below.

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TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

INSET No. 1 – Friday 1st September

School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 4th September at 8.45 am

Home visits for EYFS – Mon 4th, Tues 5th and Weds 6th

EYFS half day visits on Thursday 7th /Friday 8th

Week beginning Monday, 11th September – EYFS stay until 12.15 pm

Week beginning Monday, 18th September – EYFS can stay either until 12.15 or 3.15 pm

Thursday 14th September – Flu vaccines (details have been emailed)

Tuesday 19th September – EYFS Curriculum meeting 7.15-8.15pm

Tuesday 10th October – Individual and sibling photographs inc. toddlers and babies.

Monday, 16th October -- Harvest Festival in the Jubilee Hall at 2.15 pm – all parents invited followed by Open Classroom until 3.30pm

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023

INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

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

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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PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM!

The school holidays is a good time to label up school uniform.

Our school code is 25651

At Witley we have nearly new and second hand uniform available. Please call in at the office for further information. Our uniform policy is on our school website. Please remember M&S logo white polo tops are optional. Simple supermarket white tops are perfect!



Please follow the link below for advice and support for help paying for school uniform.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/family-finances/paying-for-school-uniforms>



THE HANDLEBARDS

Join the HandleBards for a hilarious, high-octane production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

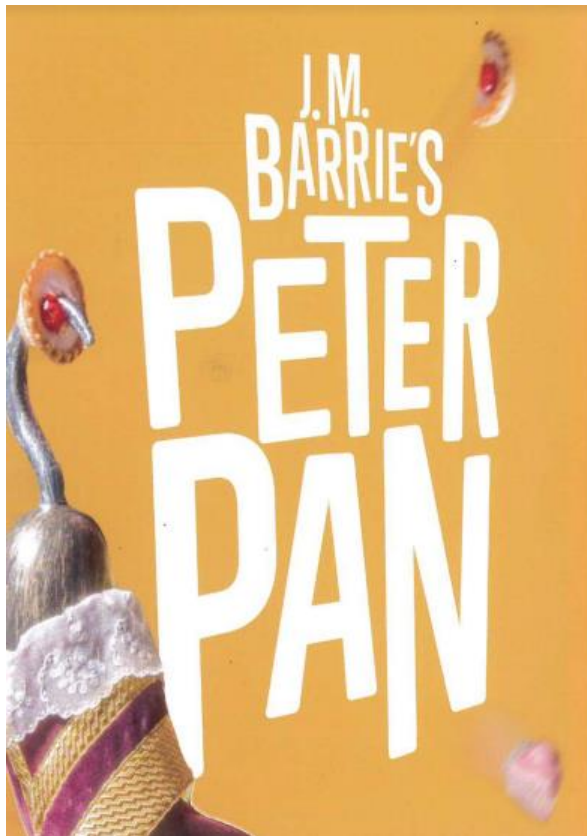
Four young lovers find themselves lost in a magical forest, where the Fairy King and Queen are fighting for the possession of a changeling boy. A group of amateur actors head to the same forest to rehearse for a play. Humans and fairies collide and hilarity ensues.

Saturday, 2 September 2023
 7pm - 9pm
 Gates: 5:30pm
 Carriages: 11pm

The Churchfield, Witley

Tickets: Free - £19.50
www.thechurchfield.co.uk

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



SLAPSTICK
PICNIC

PRESENTS

This summer join Slapstick Picnic at the Churchfield, Witley, for a theatrical treat like no other as they whip up a three actor version of JM Barrie's classic play Peter Pan.

Let your imagination soar as we dish out this timeless tale of hapless pirates, feral children and a particularly punctual reptile. This show isn't just for kids, our brilliant buffoonery will have picnickers of all ages cackling into their coleslaw.

Tuesday, 18 July 2023
7pm - 9pm
Gates: 5:30pm
Carriages: 11pm

The Churchfield, Witley

Tickets: Free - £19.50
www.thechurchfield.co.uk

Getting To The Churchfield

The Churchfield is a vibrant community space for neighbours, families and friends with seasonal events, theatre, food and laughs in the heart of Witley village.

We will be serving BBQ on the night, and operating a bar for refreshments.

After the performance, you are invited to join us with the performers around a campfire in the woods.

Bring your picnic blankets and chairs, and kick off your summer with a flight of fancy you don't want to miss!



Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service

If you need us through the summer, we'll still be here for you...

If you're in immediate danger:
call 999

If you are concerned about your
mental health, you can call and
talk to your GP

If you have an urgent need, call our
crisis team on 0800 915 4644 . It's open
24 hours a day – 7 days a week.

If you're not in a crisis, but still need help ...

Visit our website, www.mindworks-surrey.org – this offers a wide range of information which can help your mental health and wellbeing. We have resources such as [My Safety Plan](#) and [self-help tips](#) to help guide you through your wellbeing during challenging times. You'll find links to useful websites, recommended reading and apps, plus coping strategies to help you through difficult times.

We are partnered with Kooth, who are a digital mental health platform providing confidential support for all young people. Here you can access forums, activity centres, messaging and live counselling. You can get support when you need it, with no waiting lists or need to be referred by an adult. Visit www.kooth.com for more information.

Sometimes it might feel easier to message/ text about how you are feeling and there are many places you can do this:

- **Shout** : is a free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. To start a conversation, text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258.
- **Chat Health** : is a safe and easy way for you to speak to a qualified health professional. They provide information about services near you that can provide support. Contact them through their website www.chathealth.nhs.uk

Mindworks Surrey provide a free out-of-hours helpline if you have or think you may have ADHD or Autism. It's open every night of the year, including weekends, on 0300 222 5755 from 5pm to 11pm.

The CYP (Children & Young People) Haven is a safe space for any child or young people aged 10–16 to go where they can talk about worries and mental health in a confidential, friendly and supportive place. Scan the QR code for more information.

The Mindworks Access and Advice Team can also provide support in signposting you to more help.
Call them on 0300 222 5755.

We also work closely with young people groups such as Amplify, their contact email amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk and Surrey Youth Voice, where your voice can help us help other young people's mental health and wellbeing services across Surrey and North East Hampshire. Contact them on 01483 519 464 or user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk

Find out more at
mindworks-surrey.org

