# Witley C of E Infant School

Newsletter no. 3 – Autumn Term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



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 98.5%

Dear Parents/Carers and children

It was good to see so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. If you have any difficulty logging onto Google Classroom then please come to the office and one of our admin team will help you. Google Classroom and our website are the two main sources of school information. Newsletters are uploaded to our website every Friday. If you have any queries then please speak with your class teacher who will help you in the first instance.

#### Join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning

Can you donate a cake, biscuits or teabags for our Macmillan Coffee morning? Please bring your donations into school next Thursday. Thank you.



Year 2 will be preparing the Macmillan Coffee Morning

which will take place on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September between 9 and 10.30 am. All parents and pre-school children are invited. Please enter the Jubilee Hall via the staff car park where our children will serve coffee, tea and cake!

<u>Please bring cash</u> – sorry, no card payments (the children will be sorting and counting the coins).

Harvest Festival and Open Classroom



Monday, 21st October 2024

Harvest Festival at 2.15 pm in the Jubilee Hall, followed by Open Classroom from 2.45 until 3.30 pm

#### Children starting school in September 2025

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

#### **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



#### The famous cake raffle returns

Our Witley Cake raffle returned this week. Thank you to the Graffham family for making the chocolate caramel squares and congratulations to Rex in Penguins who took them home!



#### Sunny September days

Year 2 have been taking advantage of the autumn sunshine and have been out exploring the forest for minibeasts by investigating different habitats for different types of insects. The children were very excited to find a very warty toad!



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

Year R – Toby and Coco

Year 1 - Iris and Rex

Year 2 - Chia and Willa

Headteacher's Gold Book award goes to:

Year R - Alfie, Doug and Henry

Year 1 - Olivia and Ellie

Year 2 - Bertie



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### Think 'Pharmacy First' for your child – information from SCC

GP practices can be very busy, and sometimes your child might not need an appointment. If your child has any of the conditions listed below, you can go straight to your local pharmacy instead of waiting to see a GP. A trained clinical professional at the pharmacy can talk to you, give advice, and even provide medicine if needed, helping your child feel better sooner. Pharmacies can help with these four common conditions in school-age children:

- Earache (ages 1-17)
- Sore throat (ages 5 and older)
- Infected insect bites (ages 1 and older)
- Impetigo (ages 1 and older)

Further information is provided at the end of the newsletter.

#### Family Learning Courses for Parents and Carers

#### FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Surrey



Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) run free courses that are available for families to enrol on with <u>a few simple clicks on the website</u>.

There is a wide range of parenting courses available. Many focus on literacy, numeracy and emotional wellbeing. Why not take a look?

Attached to our newsletter this week is information about the Cool Milk scheme.

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget to book your Bingo tickets!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski







| SCHOOL CALENDAR |       |   |  |
|-----------------|-------|---|--|
| DAY             | DATE  | ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25  |  |
| Fri             | 27.09 | Year 2 Macmillan Coffee morning 9.05 am – Jubilee Hall, all parents invited                       |  |
| 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   |  |
|                 |       | <b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> November                       |  |
| Mon             | 04.11 | First day back  |  |
| Sat             | 09.11 | FWS Bingo Night   |  |
| 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             | 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  |  |
| Fri             | 14.02 | INSET Day no. 4   |  |
|                 |       | FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025                              |  |

| Mon   | 24.02 | First day of term  |
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| 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               |



# For parents in Surrey



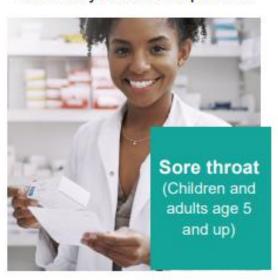
## Think Pharmacy First for your child Surrey Heartlands



Pharmacies can now offer appointment, with medication available if required, for four conditions that affect school-age children:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)

GP practices are busy and an appointment is not always necessary. When your child is ill with any of the above conditions. by going straight to a local pharmacy, you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed. meaning they could be on the road to recovery as soon as possible.





The majority of Surrey community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service. Remember - if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or suspected infected insect bite, think Pharmacy First.

