



Witley C of E Infant School



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Newsletter no. 1 Autumn Term

Friday 9th September 2022

Our value this half term is Friendship

Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

It was with great sadness that Buckingham Palace announced yesterday the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

The long reign of Queen Elizabeth II was marked by her strong sense of duty and her determination to dedicate her life to her throne and to her people. She became for many the one constant point in a rapidly changing world.

On the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, she recalled the pledge she had made on a visit to South Africa 30 years before.



"When I was 21, I pledged my life to the service of our people and I asked for God's help to make good that vow. Although that vow was made in my salad days, when I was green in judgement, I do not regret, or retract, one word of it."

The Department for Education has advised schools to remain open during the period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral.



Remembrance in Class Today

This morning our children have remembered Queen Elizabeth II and a life well lived. We have talked about our country's loss and the wonderful life she led, allowing children to share their thoughts and prayers.

All Saints Church

Sunday 11th September at noon
A special service to mark the death of
Her Majesty QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The church will be open from 8am – 6pm every day until the funeral for private prayer and with a book of condolence to sign. All are welcome.

The church will also be joining in with churches up and down the country by holding an hour of muffled bell ringing today between 12-1pm as a mark of remembrance.



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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back for the autumn term. It has been lovely to see our Year 1 and Year 2 children quickly settle into their new classrooms and to meet our youngest children in Early Years. I met them in the library during their grand tour of the school and they were very excited to meet our older pupils. We have an EYFS Curriculum Evening planned on Tuesday 20th September between 7.15 and 8.15 pm. We look forward to seeing you and presenting information about our learning at Witley and how we can work together to help your children flourish.

We are welcoming two new staff this year. Mrs Laura Stanton is joining Miss Jo Cann in EYFS. Mrs Stanton will also be covering planning time in KS1 and developing our outdoor learning/Forest School learning across the school.



Mrs Phillipa Allison is our new Senior Teacher/Special Educational Needs Coordinator who is also teaching Penguins Class on a Thursday and Friday.

We are thrilled that they have chosen to work with us at Witley School and look forward to the year ahead.

We have had an extremely busy summer with the installation of our new fence/gate as well as white boards installed in both KS1 classes. Puffins cloakroom has also been smartened up and repainted. We were very fortunate not to have too much damage to the building during the heavy rain this week.

Earlier in the year the speed limit in Church Lane was reduced to 20 mph to keep pedestrians safe. Please be mindful of where you park on the narrow lane. If you park over at Roke Lane to drop siblings at The Chandler please park considerately, especially leaving space for emergency vehicles and away from junctions and driveways. Thank you.

Open morning parent/carer tours for admissions 2023/24 have now been fixed. Please ring the office for further information.

Best wishes
Mrs Helen Szczepanski



DOLPHINS

Bring your own food with you for a

PICNIC LUNCH

at All Saints Church

outside or inside according to weather

**Come and meet us & have
a look round our beautiful church**

on **FRIDAY 16th September**

12.30pm

Free hot drinks available



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We are delighted to invite parents/carers to our **Harvest Festival** in the Jubilee Hall.

Entrance to The Jubilee Hall is via the staff car park, **please do not come through the playground** as the children will be using this route.

**Monday, 3rd October 2022
2.35 pm**

We would welcome non-perishable food donations on Friday, 30th September, Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th October. Please leave items in the Harvest Festival box near our main office reception door and we will arrange for these to be distributed out in our community.

Message from Godalming Library



Thank you for inviting Godalming Library into Witley School last term to tell your pupils about the Gadeteers Summer Reading Challenge. We have had an amazing uptake this summer with over 500 children signing up for the reading challenge at Godalming Library and over 9,000 children taking part across Surrey.

We have really enjoyed seeing the children from your school visit the library and talk to them about the books that they have read. The reading challenge finishes on Saturday 17th September so there is still time to complete the challenge. As there is a reward given out for every book read, if a child is not able to finish 6 books, we would still like to encourage them to come and see us so they can pick up their prizes for every book they have read over the summer holidays. Don't forget that there is just over a week left to finish the reading challenge.



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Tuesday 20th September - EYFS Curriculum Evening 7.15 – 8.15pm

Friday 30th September – Year 2 MacMillan Coffee Morning 9 – 10.30am. All parents/carers invited

Monday 3rd October – Harvest Festival in the Jubilee Hall – Parents/carers welcome

Wednesday 12th October – Year 2 Multi Sports at Broadwater School 1 – 2.45 pm (transport provided)

Friday 14th October – Year 2 trip to Arundel Castle - details to follow

Half term - Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

End of term - Friday 16th December – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

SPRING TERM 2023

Start of term - Tuesday 3rd January

***Friday 10th February – INSET DAY 3**

Half term – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day come dressed
as a book character

End of term - Friday 31st March – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

SUMMER TERM 2023

***Monday 17th April – INSET DAY 4**

Start of term - Tuesday 18th April

***Friday 26th May – INSET DAY 5**

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

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



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LITTLE SAINTS

(Friendly Friday Toddlers Group)

Every Friday morning, in All Saints Church, all pre-school children are welcome to bring their adult and join in the fun. **Lots of toys, plenty of hot buttered toast, with tea or coffee for grown-ups.**

Action songs before home time.

Drop in anytime from **8.45 – 10.30am**
– even in the holidays!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

www.allsaintswitley.org.uk
office@allsaintswitley.org.uk

Saturday 17th September

3.30pm – 5.30pm

in church



All ages welcome
01428 681872 for more info.

Activities, songs, stories, tea

The Chichester Hall Witley

Would you like to be involved in your local community?

Do you have a few hours to spare?

This might be just for you!



Our Village Hall is a fantastic venue in the heart of the community of Witley village. The Hall Management Committee is a happy band of volunteers. We seek a Treasurer and a Booking Secretary (or job share for 2) to join the team and help run the Hall smoothly.

If you'd like to know more or receive some more details, please email the Chichester Hall at thechichesterhall@gmail.com or telephone 07956 617695

We look forward to hearing from you.