



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

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Friday 27th January 2023

Our value this half term is joy

A glad heart makes a cheerful face
Proverbs 15:13

Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to see so many of you at our Open Classroom event and to gain some valuable feedback about our interim reports that we have introduced this year. We'd welcome further comments about the reports so please do email the office with any comments.

Thank you for participating in our FWS 'Break the Rules Day'. We loved all of the outfits, coloured hair, tattoos and painted nails! The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the cakes and biscuits!



Fruit salad was on the menu this week when our Year 1 parent volunteers kindly came in to help the children prepare the fruit!

Over the next few weeks all of the children will have a chance to visit the kitchen learning about the different fruits and using equipment safely as part of our design and technology curriculum.

Mrs Stratford has been talking to children ahead of Safer Internet Day on Tues, 7th February and further on in our newsletter you will find some helpful information regarding age ratings for various games and videos. Some of which might surprise you! More about our Safer Internet Day next week.

Lots of children have been talking about Fluffy the hamster who is resident in Year 2. The children thought you might like to see a photo of him!



Have a super weekend
Mrs Szczepanski



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

Reception: Isla Ho and Arlo

Year 1: Maki and Dilys

Year 2: Stan and Maddison

The Head Teacher's Gold Book Award goes to Ted in Year R.



Cake raffle winners!

This week's winner is Rupert in Year R.

Thank you to the Brett family for the incredible Smartie Rainbow cake!



Pied Piper Theatre Group – Burglar Bill

We were delighted to welcome the crew from Pied Piper on Wednesday as part of our curriculum enrichment. All of the children enjoyed the show and they were the perfect audience! Here's some photos and a link to the show. As a follow up you could ask your child if they can tell you the names of the characters and what happened in the story. Did the story have a happy ending? What was your favourite part of the show?

[Burglar Bill 2022 - Full Show](https://youtu.be/...)
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SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 7th Feb – Safer Internet Day

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

Half term – Monday 13th – Friday 17th February



Monday 20th February – Start of term

Friday 24th February – Krispy Kreme Sale – FWS event

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



Tuesday 7th March - Year R trip to Haslemere Museum

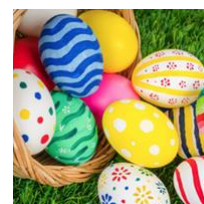
Monday 13th March – Science afternoon

Friday 17th March – Sponsored Bounce – FWS event



Tuesday 28th March - Parent/Carer consultations 1 pm – 6.30 pm in The Jubilee Hall

Thursday 30th March – Easter Egg Hunt



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

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed

Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – school closed – King Charles III Coronation



WitStock event – Saturday 13th May

***Friday 26th May – INSET DAY 5**

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

Wednesday 28th June - Class photos/siblings

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

Can you help Mrs Stanton and our Forest School?

Mrs Stanton is looking for the following items to improve our Forest School environment:

- Bark chippings
- Wooden pallets – this can be delivered up to the top staff car park.
- Small water butt
- Cable drums



ART COMPETITION 2023

St Hilary's School is delighted to be hosting an art competition in conjunction with World Down Syndrome Day.

The competition is open to pupils aged 5-7 and 8-11 from all local schools.
A **£2 entry fee** will be donated to World Down Syndrome Day.

Entries will be exhibited at the St Hilary's Celebration of Art Exhibition on **Tuesday 28 February, 6.00pm** to which you are warmly invited.

One piece of artwork per pupil on the theme of **Family** (any medium)



Artwork to be delivered to St Hilary's School by **Monday 20 February**, between 8.00am and 4.15pm together with the entrance fee.
Pupil's name, address, school and year group should be clearly marked on the back.
All work should be collected on **Friday 3 March**.

Art Competition

St Hilary's School are running an art competition (see above) and I know we have some budding artists. St Hilary's have invited our pupils to take part in their new Art Competition to benefit World Down Syndrome Day. The theme is 'Family' and submissions can be in any medium. Entries will need to be dropped off at St Hilary's, along with the £2 entry fee, by Monday 20 February. Artists and their families will then be invited to a celebration exhibition at St Hilary's on Tuesday 28 February, 6.00pm. Good luck!



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Twitter - @natonlinesafety

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Active Surrey will be running a free 'Help your child be their best' workshop in conjunction with YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team, giving tips on how parents can help their children reach their potential physically and mentally. Parents will learn about the Tree of Wellbeing and the links to activity, nutrition, hydration and sleep.

'Help your child be their best' workshop:
Thursday 9 February 2023 | 18:30-19:30

Find out more about the workshop and how to book on the website: [Parent Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)
Booking form: [Helping your child be their best Tickets](#), [Multiple Dates](#) | [Eventbrite](#).



Tennis Coaching Spring Term

GET 10% OFF

**Join this term's coaching program
and get 10% off the cost of the
remaining lessons.**

*** Term finishes on 1 April 2023**

**To check availability
and book your free trial**

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