



# Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 23 Spring Term  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Our value this half term is resilience

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



Dear Parents and Carers

Do you share our newsletter with your child?

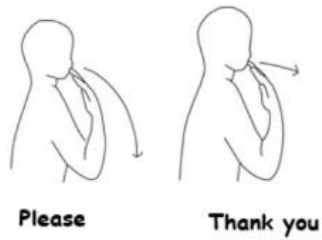
Talking through the news from school helps your child remember the week just gone. It also helps you to understand what is happening at school. As part of our 'sharing more with you' in response to our parent survey we will include more events from the week in our newsletter.

## Year R visit Haslemere Museum

Haslemere Museum is often called the Little British Museum as it has an incredible wealth of treasures to see including Arthur the Bear and a real Egyptian Mummy! The children were learning lots of facts about animals, fossils and the amazing spider crab! Thank you to our volunteers who helped us on the day.

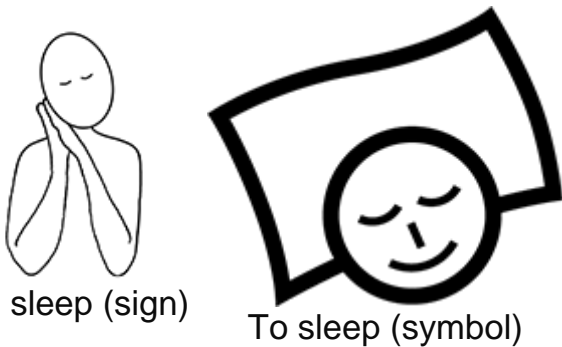


## Year R are Learning Makaton



Did you know Year R are learning Makaton? Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. This week they have been learning please and thank you.

Talking does not just involve speaking. Watch someone talking, they will not just be saying words but they will also be using hand movements or gestures, facial expression, eye contact and body language (posture and movement). All this is communication.



Makaton uses speech with signs (gestures) and symbols (pictures) to help people communicate. We also use facial expression, eye contact and body language to give as much information as possible.

With Makaton, signs are used with speech in spoken word order. Using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Research has shown that signs and gestures are easier to learn than spoken

words. This makes sense. Babies use gestures before they can speak, to tell us what they want. This helps build and develop important communication and language skills.

## Year 1 Design and Technology

Year 1 have been learning how to make apple crumble starting with the peeling and cutting of the apples through to the crumble topping. Delicious!



Have you eaten all of your Smarties? Maybe you could sort through your wardrobe this weekend as part of your spring cleaning jobs and donate all of the clothes and shoes you have grown out of to school. We are collecting for the Rag Bag Collection. Put your good quality clothing in any bag and drop it off in the little shed in the playground. It's getting quite full, thank you.

Have a great weekend!  
Mrs Helen Szczepanski  
Headteacher

### Have you started to clear your garden?

We would love to add some hardy evergreen shrubs to our outside areas. As you know at Witley we like to recycle in every way we can, so if you have some spare plants such as the following hardy evergreen shrubs we would welcome them:

Azaleas  
Heather  
Hebe  
Lavender, etc.

We are also looking for two water butts

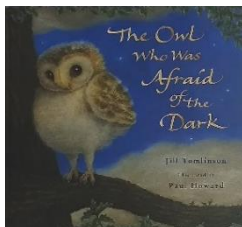
These plants do not need to be re-potted as we will put them into containers a.s.a.p. Please bring them to the Dolphin gate. The Year 1 Team, thank you.

### Competition news!

A couple of weeks ago, in our newsletter, I asked the children to name our new resident owl.

Congratulations to Sam Sw in Year 1 for choosing the name Plop. A couple of children chose this name but Sam's name was drawn from the hat.

Sam has named him Plop after the owl in the Jill Tomlinson book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' which sparked a conversation between Sam and I. This story was one of my all-time favourites when I was at school. The story was written in 1968 – 55 years ago!



Well done Sam!

Please come and collect your prize  
from Mrs Szczepanski!



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

Reception: Astrid and Florence

Year 1: Sam Sn and Harry C

Year 2: James D and Otilie

This week's Gold Book assembly Headteacher's award goes to Stanley in Year 2





## Cake Raffle Winner

This week's winner is Florence in Year Two

Thank you to the Read family for the incredible seaside cake!



## SPRING CLEAN - we are collecting clothing!

Please put any good quality items in a bag (they do not supply them anymore) and drop off in the small shed in the playground. Rag Bag **can only accept** the following items:

- Good quality wearable men's, ladies & children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags and belts



**PLEASE DO NOT PUT SCHOOL UNIFORM IN THE BAGS. Thank you**

Collection will be a couple of weeks.



## SPRING TERM 2023

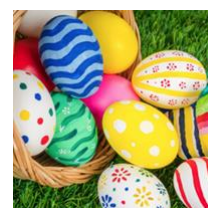
Throughout March we have our Spring Cleaning Month!

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Science afternoon



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Sponsored Bounce – FWS event

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parent/Carer consultations 1 pm – 6.30 pm  
in the Jubilee Hall – **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN VIA ARBOR**



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt

End of term - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

## SUMMER TERM 2023

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April – DIY DAY at school**

**\*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY 4**

Start of term - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – school closed**

**Bank Holiday – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – school closed – King Charles III Coronation**



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 to Broadwater Multiskills Sports event

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May - WitStock event

**\*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – INSET DAY 5**

**Half term – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 1 to Brooklands Museum



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Class photos/siblings

End of term – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - **EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm**

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## Dear Parents/Carers

As a Voluntary Controlled School our admissions are determined by Surrey County Council. Please see the 2024 admission arrangements below.

# Determination of admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2024



The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2024 have now been determined. Full details of the arrangements are available on Surrey County Council's website under 'Admission arrangements and outcomes' - [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

1. **Southfield Park Primary School** – extension of the catchment area as a replacement for priority on the basis of 'nearest school' and amendment of the tie breaker within catchment so that children living closer to the school receive higher priority
2. **Stamford Green Primary School** – introduction of a catchment area to replace priority on the basis of 'nearest school'
3. **Beauclerc Infant School** – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 40 to 30
4. **Farncombe Infant School** – reduction of published admission number for Reception from 50 to 30

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by **15 May 2023** and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the [Office of the Schools Adjudicator](#) website.



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# WHAT'S ON THIS EASTER



## CREATIVE WORKSHOPS ★ FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-12

Whatever they're into we have everything to get your child's creativity flowing and imagination soaring!

We do parties too!

Monday 3rd April 10:30am - 12pm  
The Mill Tea Room, Farnham

£12.50pp

Make a clay pot character

Have a go at making a clay pot character with air-dry clay in this creative workshop. All materials provided. Tea, coffee and light refreshments available to purchase. Age 6+



Pop-up Craft Cafe

Tuesday 4th April 10:30am - 12pm  
The Victoria Hall, Ash

Child £7 Adult £2.50

Join us for an Easter themed, craft egg-stravaganza! With lots of fun activities for the children plus tea, coffee and cake for the grown-ups! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age 3+

Wednesday 5th April 10am - 2pm  
The Hideaway Cafe, Guildford

£5 per child

Make a Hoop Suncatcher

Join us at the Hideaway cafe in Guildford and make a hoop suncatcher. 30 minute sessions available. Book a space at the table or drop in. Tea, coffee and refreshments available to purchase. Age 4+



Craft and Drama Workshops

Thursday 6th April 10am - 3:45pm  
Haslemere Youth Hub

All sessions £9.50 each

A day of creative workshops for all ages!  
10 - 11:30am - Drama Workshop - age 6+  
1 - 2pm - Craft Workshop - age 4-8  
2:15pm - 3:45pm - Craft Workshop - age 8+

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