



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 9 Autumn Term
Friday, 10th November 2023



Our value this half term is respect

Dear Parents/Carers

This weekend marks Remembrance Sunday and, in history, our pupils have been learning about WW1 and reflecting on our value respect. Many children shared their own family stories of distant relatives who had lost their lives.

We also talked about current world events and the impact of war on children around the world in assembly.

Here's some of our thoughtful artwork that Year 1 and Year R have made this week. Year 1 reflected on the 'silent soldier' and worked collaboratively to create their own. A selection of our artwork will be on display at All Saints Church.



Forest School

Just a reminder that parents can take home any of their FS kit on a Friday, but please remember we need it back ASAP. We are hoping to dedicate more time to outdoor learning and if your child's kit is in school then we can do this more easily. If your child's kit gets very wet Mrs Stanton will ensure it goes home. ALL kit will go home at the end of every half term.

Rodborough Multi-skills event

Our Key Stage 1 pupils will be going to Rodborough School by coach this month to join in a multi-skills event with other local schools. Yesterday, Year 1 took part in the morning event with pupils from Milford and Busbridge Infants School led by the sports leaders.

Please note there is no charge for this event, but please remember to give permission for your child to attend via Arbor. Children will get changed into their PE kit at school, so they will need to come to school in uniform, as normal and will be back in time for lunch.



Christmas Performances

Please do check our dates list at the end of the newsletter for all of our Christmas events. We were extremely busy at our Harvest festival so we do ask that you either attend the dress rehearsal or the main performance. This will allow everyone to have an enjoyable experience.

Chandler Tours

If you are a Year 2 parent or carer looking for a place for September 2024, The Chandler School would like to invite you to one of their remaining school tours. Please phone The Chandler School office on 01428 683071 to book your place.

Thursday 16th November at 1.30pm
Wednesday 22nd November at 1.30pm
Tuesday 28th November at 9.30am
Friday 8th December at 9.00am



Sunflower seeds

Thank you to Maeve and Finlay who have been busy in their garden collecting seeds from their very own sunflowers. Each class has been given a packet ready to plant next summer.



Yesterday we were treated to a wonderful vivid double rainbow which illuminated All Saints Church. It was quite a spectacular sight.

Thank you Mrs Latham for the photo taken from Church House.

Finally, I met with our School Council from Year 1 and 2 on Wednesday and they had some great ideas for some playground activities which we will be looking into buying in the new year.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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

Year R: Maddox and Tillie

Year 1: Isla Ho and Oscar

Year 2: Cameron and Dilys

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to Ted in Year 1.



Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Sneddon family for the wonderful bonfire cake.

Well done to Daniel in Year R who has won the amazing creation!



Father Christmas

Is Coming to Witley

Saturday December 9th 3.30-6pm

at The Church Field a short walk up the church path

FWS bring you an immersive, magical, woodland experience & Christmas Market exclusively for the children & families of Witley School. As you explore the twinkling enchanted wood Santa's Elves will guide you through Elf School. There you can decorate cookies, make reindeer food, snuggle up for a special Christmas Story & tie your Christmas wish to the Wishing Tree. Then hidden amongst the pine trees in his starlit grotto you will meet Father Christmas & receive a special gift.

After all that excitement come & listen to live music while you browse the Christmas Market with a mulled wine or hot chocolate. There will be a special performance from all the children who can make it at 5.15pm dont miss it! Look out for booking forms via e mail.

£10 per child to include all of the above except anything bought in the Christmas Market. £7.50 for additional children. Under 2s free.

Prices kept the same as 2020.

Please complete forms by November 24th.

If you're struggling financially this year please get in touch with FWS for help.

Are you a school volunteer?

Over the next few months we have scheduled some safeguarding workshops in school for those of you who volunteer, on the following dates:

Friday 19th January 2024 9-9.45am

Thursday 29th February 2024 2.30-3.15pm



Please note that **ALL** volunteers will have to attend this workshop this year so we can ensure our helpers have all the information and skills they need to keep our children safe. Please contact the office to book yourself on one of the workshops.

Here at Witley we regularly learn Makaton signs.
Year R have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.



Diwali



TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 13th November – Parent Tours for admissions 2024, please book via the school office:

Tour no. 11 09.05 – 09.45 am (one space remaining)

Thursday 16th November – Year 2 Multi-skills sports at Rodborough. There is no charge for this local event

Tuesday 21st November – Year 1 Class Assembly. Parents/carers invited at 9.05 am in the Jubilee Hall. Please enter the hall via the staff car park

Monday 27th November – Parent Tour

Tour no. 12 09.05 – 09.45 am

Friday 8th December – Non-uniform day in aid of FWS and Christmas Lunch

Saturday 9th December – FWS German Christmas Market and Grotto 3.30 – 6 pm

Monday 11th December– Christmas at All Saints Church – 10.30 – 11 am – parents welcome

Monday 11th December - EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall –

Parents/toddlers/babies welcome

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity performance at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall – Parents welcome

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall -

Parents/toddlers/babies welcome

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity performance at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Parents welcome

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

Monday, 8th Sleepy Story Time returns for all year groups 4.30 – 5.30 pm – just drop your child off at the Jubilee Hall at 4.30 pm (via the staff car park) and collect from their classroom doors in the playground at 5.30 pm. Year R will use the middle door in the playground.



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.



INFINITY presents

Theatre Workshop

This Christmas, Infinity will be hosting another 3 day performing arts workshop under the theme of FROZEN. Children will get the chance to sing, dance, act, make crafts and set whilst making new friends.

infinityperformers.com

This workshop is taking place at Gosden House School, Bramley, Surrey. Just a five minute drive from Guildford and Godalming. Run by two professionally trained performers who have years of experience teaching to children of all abilities.

Dates:
18/12/23
19/12/23
20/12/23

Book NOW

infinityperformers@gmail.com

FREE SESSION for Witley Parents/Carers



We would like to offer all parents and staff at Witley Infant School a free session at CYC:D Studio, located just off Haslemere High Street. We offer group exercise classes in YOGA, HIIT, CYCLE, PILATES, BARRE & BURN, our strength based class.

The Studio is all inclusive and we have an amazing community of clients and friendly knowledgeable instructors who all support each other to reach their fitness goals, whatever they may be. Whether you are new to group exercise or a seasoned pro we've got you covered. To book your free session with us, have a look at our [Timetable](#) and either call or drop us an e-mail to let us know which class you'd like to come to and we'll get you booked in.

We can't wait to see you in the Studio.