



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 36 Spring Term
Friday, 30th June 2023

Our value this half term is confidence

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

Dear Parents/Carers

We were extremely proud of our Year 2 pupils this week. They were all very excited to attend the two transition afternoons this week, meeting new friends and getting to know their new Class Teacher at The Chandler School. In addition our children, who are moving on to different schools, have been excellent ambassadors in school helping our Year 1 and Year R children visit their 'new' classrooms. Yesterday a trip to Sayers Croft Outdoor Centre rounded off the week and we will put together some photos of this event in next week's newsletter.

On Tuesday Year R travelled by coach to Tuesley Farm to learn all about how strawberries, raspberries and blueberries grow and the process involved in picking and collecting. The children returned with quite a few punnets. We hope you enjoyed them! Our thanks go to our parent volunteers who helped on both of these trips and the wonderful FWS who subsidised the Tuesley Farm and fully funded the Sayers Croft trip.





It certainly was a very busy week as we also welcomed our new Year R children for their introductory visits. We look forward to seeing them again next week.

I am also delighted to announce that we have successfully recruited a new full time EYFS Class Teacher for this September. Mrs Sarah Willgoose will be joining our team at Witley. Sarah lives locally and has a wealth of teaching experience. We look forward to seeing her in September where she will be meeting our new children during their home visits in the first week.

Just a reminder that before school opens at 8.45 am children remain the responsibility of their parent/carer. Please keep an eye on your child at all times. Thank you.

We are in need of some computer mice for the children to use with our chrome books occasionally! If anyone has any at home that they no longer need please drop them off at the office.

Hen House

Our wrap around care provider Hen House will be opening its doors once again in September to provide morning and after school care. We are working hard to ensure the provision is across the whole week but it does depend on numbers.

Please refer to the Hen House at thehen-house.com/clubs-camps/ for pricing and further information. You can contact them via email care@thehen-house.com or phone 01483 658 946. They will be able to answer any questions you may have and make bookings for the new term. The Hen House is owned by Wollah Wollah Ltd which is registered with Ofsted. The Ofsted registration number is: EY560403.

Forthcoming Strike Days

I am not anticipating any school closures during the newly announced strike days on Wednesday 5th July and Friday, 7th July. However, we will inform parents as soon as possible if anything changes.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Szczepanski

Governor Pen Portrait

Every week I have been including pen portraits from our Governors so you can get to know them. This week, Victoria Woods, who is one of our Foundation Governors, and is responsible for Christian distinctiveness in our school.

I have been on the Governing Body at Witley for 2 years now, a role I am glad to be able to do as both my children attended the school between 2004 and 2009. There is also a strong tradition of school governance in my family, my father from 2002-2015 here at Witley Infants and my mother, currently at Chandler.

I am a regular member of All Saints Church, Witley and enjoy singing in the choir as often as I am able. I have been in teaching for almost 30 years working in varied roles and across both mainstream and special schools. I have a passion for helping every child reach their potential and using the natural environment for learning through experience - Forest School is perfect for this and Witley Infants are very fortunate to have a programme for outdoor learning. When I'm not in school I enjoy country living as we have a small farm with livestock and woodland, both of which take a lot of looking after.

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

Reception: Poppy and Felix
Year 1: Oscar and Oskar
Year 2: Sebby and Maggie

Headteacher's Gold Book award goes to Kailen in Year 2



Makaton Challenge

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fruit



Cake Raffle Winner

This week's winners are:
Henry in Year R, bee cake
Gracie in Year 1, chocolate sprinkles
Evie in Year 2, chocolate flowers

Thank you to:
The Minter family and the
Frackiewicz for the wonderful
array of cakes this week.



SUMMER TERM 2023

Friday 7th July – FWS Year 2 Leavers Supper during the evening

Monday 10th July – Open Classroom event – 2.45 – 3.30 pm – parents invited



Tuesday 11th July – Sports Morning from 9.00 am – 10.15 am Parents welcome. Pupils to arrive in PE kit/sunhats/water bottle and sunscreen applied at home. NO BOOK BAGS needed today!

Thursday 13th July – FWS Non Uniform Day. Children are encouraged to come to school in their favourite casual clothes

Monday 17th July – Year 2 Leaver's Service at All Saints Church 2.20 pm for a 2.30 pm start. Year 2 parents invited.

Tuesday 18th July – **Reserve** Sports Morning 9.00 am – 10.15 am Parents welcome

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

TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

INSET No. 1 – Friday 1st September

School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 4th September at 8.45 am

Thursday 14th September – Flu vaccines (details to follow)

Autumn half term – 23 October to 27 October 2023

INSET No. 2 – Monday, 30th October

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

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.

Summer!

Please ensure your child brings a sun hat into school every day and that sunscreen is applied before school. Sunscreen should only be brought into school by prior agreement.


Here is some useful advice on staying well and healthy in summer.

<https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/seasonal-advice/summer>





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