



Witley C of E Infant School



Learn, love and flourish together

Newsletter no. 11 Autumn Term
Friday, 24th November 2023

Our value this half term is respect

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing

Roman 15:13

Dear Parents/Carers

Non-uniform day on Friday 8th December – bring a bottle

On Friday 8th December we have our FWS fundraising non-uniform day! Children can wear casual clothes, or their Christmas jumper to add a bit of festive fun! In return, please ask your parent to bring along a bottle to add to our wheelbarrow raffle! Alcoholic or non-alcoholic, large or small, we'd like as many different drinks as possible for our winner. Mrs Szczepanski will be selling raffle tickets on Friday, 8th December in the playground and also at the FWS Christmas Market after school.

St Andrew's Day – Thursday 30th November



Year 1 have been learning about St Andrew's Day, celebrated in Scotland. Mrs Allison brought in her daughter's marching uniform which she wore at the Lord Mayor's Show a couple of weeks ago. Our pupils asked lots of questions and learnt all about tartan and sporrans!



Spare Change Fundraiser!

Monday saw the start of our fundraiser in class. Each class are collecting loose change, it doesn't matter how small 1ps, 2ps, etc.

The first class to fill the jar and collect the most change gets to choose our school Christmas tree! We will pick two names out of a hat to go to Church Fields to choose and cut down the tree.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Helen Szczepanski

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

Year R: Martha and Eben

Year 1: Jack, Ellie and Isla Hi

Year 2: Henry S and Vinny

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to Vinny in Year 2.



Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Gilling family for the amazing seaside cake!

Well done to Martha in Dolphins who has won the cake this week.



Have you changed your mobile number, home address or any other contact details?

Please update your details via Arbor. If you have any problems logging on or using Arbor please contact the school office.



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
don't 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.

TERM DATES 2023/24

Day	Date	AUUTMN TERM 2023
Mon	27.11	Parent Tour no. 12 09.05 – 09.45 am
Th	30.11	Parent Tour no. 13 09.05 - 09.45 am
Fri	01.12	Christmas tree collection
Fri	08.12	Non-uniform day in aid of FWS PLEASE bring a bottle to donate for our Christmas fundraiser (alcoholic and non-alcoholic, small or large) please
Fri	08.12	Christmas Lunch
Sat	09.12	FWS German Christmas Market and Grotto 3.30 – 6 pm
Mon	11.12	Christmas at All Saints Church – 10.30 – 11 am – parents welcome
Mon	11.12	EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall – parents/toddlers/babies/family welcome
Tues	12.12	EYFS Nativity at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall – parents welcome
Weds	13.12	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Parents/toddlers/babies/family welcome
Th	14.12	KS1 Nativity at 2.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall - Parents welcome
Fri	15.12	1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		SPRING TERM 2024
Tues	02.01	First day of term
Mon	08.01	Sleepy Story Time. 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 exit through the middle door in the playground.
Tues	16.01	Pied Piper Theatre Production in the school hall for pupils. Funded by FWS
Fri	19.01	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers. Contact the office for further info.
Tues	23.01	Poetry Slam performed by KS1 – Years 1 and 2 only at 2 pm in the Jubilee Hall. FOLLOWED by Open Classroom 2.45 – 3.30 pm for ALL year groups.
Tues	06.02	Parent Consultations 4 – 7.30 pm held in school

Th	08.02	Parents Consultations 3.30 – 6 pm held in school
Fri	09.02	INSET DAY No. 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 12.02 to 16.02
Mon	19.02	First day of term
Th	29.02	Safeguarding workshop for volunteers. Contact the office for further info.
Th	07.03	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!
Tues	19.03	Year 2 Class Assembly in the Jubilee Hall 9.05 – 9.30 am Parents welcome
Th	28.03	1.05.pm LAST DAY OF TERM –PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		SUMMER TERM 2024
Mon	15.04	INSET DAY No. 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tues	16.04	First day of term
Mon	06.05	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Fri	24.05	INSET DAY No. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		MAY HALF TERM 27.05 to 31.05
Weds	19.06	Year 1 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Th	20.06	Whole Class group photographs
Weds	26.06	Year 2 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH WITLEY

Messy Christmas

Saturday 2nd December
3.30pm – 5.30pm
in church

CHRISTINGLES CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & FUN



Come and
join us for:






Activities, songs, stories, tea

All ages welcome. 01428 681872 for more info.



Christmas Holiday club

-  Spaces available between 7:30-6pm
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“Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers’ themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film ‘Any of Us’. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. ‘Any of Us’ is available to watch from the 26th September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch ‘Any of Us’ via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering”

GET Teaching with the GLP

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners with Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 6 years. Our blend of innovative, immersive school experience and training allied to academic study is used by Winchester as a model of best practice for their new partners.

We are running an **online** information evening on **Thursday 07 December at 7.00pm** for anyone interested in finding out more about our unique and bespoke School-led PGCE teacher training programme which starts in September 2024.



Register on Eventbrite for this online event using the QR code or link below:

[GET Teaching with the GLP](#)



For more info in the meantime, see our [GET Teaching](#) website and our *GET Teaching* information evening flier.

We look forward to meeting you.



Considering a career as a primary teacher?
Prefer the combination of university and school-led study from an outstanding teacher training provider?
Seeking to study in a group of schools that fundamentally believe in a genuinely holistic education?

Study to teach starting Sept '24 with the Godalming Learning Partnership!

Find out more about our unique school-led PGCE teacher training programme at our online information evening:

Thursday 07 December @ 7.00pm

Register for this event on Eventbrite using the QR code or link: [GET Teaching with the GLP](#)

There will be a presentation from our Course Coordinators explaining how the course runs, entry requirements, the enrolment process etc plus a Q&A session to answer any questions you may have on the course itself or the partnership schools.




FWS & THE STAFF INVITE
YOU TO

SLEEPY STORIES

WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN ON
MONDAY JANUARY 8TH
PUT ON YOUR PYJAMAS, GRAB YOUR
TEDDY AND SNUGGLE DOWN WITH WARM
MILK AND BISCUITS FOR BEDTIME STORIES
WITH YOUR TEACHERS.

4.30pm DROP OFF AT THE JUBILEE HALL
5.30PM PICK UP
DONATION TO FWS AT THE DOOR WELCOMED



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Be. families

LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS!

a party for children aged 0-14 and their families

Friday 8th December
5.30 til 7.30pm
at Milford Baptist Church

Buffet party food, Christingle, stories,
games, craft, and songs, as well as lots of fun!



 **Milford Baptist Church**
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