



Witley C of E Infant School

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Attendance
for the Year
95.7%

Newsletter no. 32 - Summer Term
Thursday, 23rd May 2024

Our value this term is trust



Dear Parents and Carers

Exploring the pond

We've been making use of the summer days over the past few weeks and Year R have been pond dipping. You might be able to see some of the pond life the children found in the photograph. We have plenty of adult newts which the children found fascinating with their frilly tails, dragonfly nymphs, water boatman and pond skaters. We did have some frog spawn earlier in the year but sadly the newts munched them for breakfast.



FWS Cricket Update

The Witley Dads Cricket Team made us all proud last Sunday winning the match against Hambledon CC 174 to 171! A supreme effort seeing as they had never played together and many hadn't picked up a cricket bat in over a decade. There is now lots of enthusiasm to defend their title next year. Thanks to all the dads for playing and throwing themselves so whole heartedly into it and thank you to everyone who came to support it was an excellent turn out and a lovely day. As soon as we have a fundraising figure for the day we will let you know.



Please see the end of the newsletter for a full match report from Henry's Dad, Sam, who sadly was on the wrong side! Sorry to rub it in!



Year 1 Forest School



The Forest School is flourishing at the moment led by Mrs Stanton and Sue Edwards, our Co-chair of Governors.

A couple of weeks ago we held a training day for Winchester University trainee teachers to experience our outdoor learning at Witley. The children told us about their favourite learning:

I like saving the worms when I'm digging!

I like making muddy puddles and jumping off the ledge into them!

It's fun and I like making potions!

Don't forget it's INSET Day tomorrow and a well-deserved half term break for everyone. See you all on Monday, 3rd June.

Enjoy the break
Mrs Helen Szczepanski

TOP GATE OPENING HOURS

Our top gate is for visitors, deliveries and late arrivals ONLY during the school day opening hours.

PLEASE only use this gate for the following reasons:

- Arriving late after 8.55 am when the main pupil entrance opposite the church gate has been padlocked.
- Arriving at any point during the school day before 3 pm.
- Please do not use this gate for drop off and pick up.



We are asking parents to use the designated pupil exit/entrance gate opposite the church before school and at the end of the day/football club/boogie pumps/French club collections. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The Rag Bag Scheme – time for a half term clear out!

Do you have any good quality clothes to donate? We raised over £250 last year. Please drop them off in the small playground shed from next Monday. Collection will be towards the end for the summer term.

Rag Bag **can only accept** the following items:

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



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

Staying safe online

We have an increasing amount of children referencing online gaming. Often parents are unaware of the age rating on many apps and games. Fortnite is one of them. We hope you find the information below helpful.

Exposure to adult content and language

Approximately 85% of Fortnite players are between the ages of 18 and 35. If your kids can access chat features while playing Fortnite, they will inevitably encounter adults using explicit language or talking about mature topics

Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other.



What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

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.



Going to the dentist/medical appointment/request for absence for exceptional circumstances?

Forms are available to print out using the link below which takes you to our website:

https://www.witley.surrey.sch.uk/web/parentcarer_forms/674096

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

Year R: Jacob and Percy

Year 1: Robin and Samuel

Year 2: Lottie, Phoebe and Rachael

Mrs Szczepanski's Headteacher Award in our Celebration Assembly goes to:

Year R: Harry W

Year 1: Bear

Year 2: Harry H



Cake Raffle

Our cake raffle takes place in our Celebration Assembly.

Thank you to the Britt family for supplying this week's cake.

Well done to Robin, Maeve and Finley for winning!



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Safeguarding is everyone's business

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

Helen Szczepanski – Headteacher – Lead DSL

Becky Latham – School Business Manager – Deputy DSL

Phillipa Allison – SENCo - Deputy DSL

Sarah Dutton – Home School Link Worker – Deputy DSL

If you have any concerns about a child, please report to one of the DSL's as soon as possible the same day.

Friends of Witley School

VOLUNTEER CALL FOR CHANDLER FETE

The Chandler School are holding their Summer Fete on Friday, June 14th from 5pm-8pm and have asked if FWS would like to run a stall.

We are hoping to run a "Hook a Duck" stall with prizes.

Our FWS team is a bit sparse that evening so please can we ask for some volunteers to do shifts running the stall, we won't be able to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity if we don't have a few volunteers. Even a 30 minute shift would be helpful particularly at the beginning of the fete at 5pm. This might suit anyone with a child at Chandler or perhaps some Year 2 parents who are moving up in September and would like to get involved with the school.

Please sign up using the link below if you can help.

<https://forms.gle/gKRzBmCLX6t5egUb9>



VOLUNTEER CALL FOR TUESLEY FARM OPEN DAY

In addition to this we've been offered a stall at Tuesley Farm's Open Day on Sunday, June 9th from 10am-2pm.

We are running a cake stall - thanks in advance to those who are baking.



We don't have a full FWS team for this either so again we really need some volunteers on the stall to make it possible.



If you can help please use the link below! Thankyou!

<https://forms.gle/9L5XuPX5Zf4WPNcEA>

TERM DATES 2023/24

DAY	DATE	SUMMER TERM 2024
Fri	24.05	INSET DAY No. 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
		MAY HALF TERM 27.05 to 31.05
Sun	09.06	TUESLEY FARM OPEN DAY 10 – 2 pm
Mon	10.06	Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 – all week
Fri	14.06	FWS – Danceathon all day
Fri	14.06	Chandler Summer Fair – 5-8pm – FWS stall
Weds	19.06	Year 1 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Thurs	20.06	Whole Class group photographs
Fri	21.06	Open Classroom - parents/carers welcome 2.45 – 3.30 pm
Weds	26.06	Year 2 Team Building Games at Rodborough School - am
Thurs	27.06	Witley Sports morning 9 – 10.15 am PARENTS WELCOME
Tues	02.07	Chandler School transition visit – pm (see letter from Chandler School)
Weds	03.07	Chandler School transition visit – pm (see letter from Chandler School)
Wed	03.07	Year 1 Trip to Chichester Harbour
Thurs	04.07	BACKUP Sports Morning (see Thurs 27.06)
Sat	06.07	FWS – Summer event Club Tropicana
Tues	09.07	Year R Trip to Tuesley Farm
Tues	09.07	Year 2 Trip to Alice Holt Forest – Woodland Wellbeing (there is no charge for this trip)
Weds	17.07	Year 1 Trip to Alice Holt Forest – Woodland Wellbeing (there is no charge for this trip)
Thurs	18.07	Year 2 Trip to Sayers Croft
Thurs	18.07	Year R Trip to Alice Holt Forest – Woodland Wellbeing (there is no charge for this trip)

Tues	23.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH.
DAY	DATE	ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 -25
Mon	02.09	INSET DAY no. 1
Tues	03.09	INSET DAY no. 2
Weds	04.09	Welcome back to Year 1 and Year 2 Year R (EYFS) start dates and home visits to be confirmed
Fri	25.10	INSET Day no. 3
		AUTUMN HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November
Mon	04.11	First day back
Fri	20.12	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 23 rd December– 3 rd January 2025
Mon	06.01	First day back
Thurs	13.02	3.15 pm LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri	14.02	INSET Day no. 4
		FEBRUARY HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st February 2025
Mon	24.02	First day of term
Fri	04.04	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH
		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tues	22.04	First Day of term
Fri	23.05	INSET Day no. 5
		MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY 26 th – 30 th May 2025
Mon	02.06	First day of term
Tues	22.07	1.05 pm LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER FINISH

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THE HEN HOUSE!

Throughout August, The Hen House Soft Play is hosting **get togethers for families with a child starting school in September.**

Turnover to see when your school's event is taking place.

Why attend?

- These sessions aim to ease the transition into school life and help children build friendships before their first day.

What's included?

- 2 hours exclusive use of The Hen House soft play and cafe just for parents and children joining the same school this September.
- Cafe available for hot and cold drinks, food and snacks.
- Space for up to 30 children and their adults.
- £5/family



New Starter Class Get Togethers 2024

- Sunday 4th Aug - 10am-12pm - Amesbury School
- Sunday 4th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - **Beacon Hill School**
- Sunday 4th Aug - 3-5pm - Camelsdale School
- Saturday 10th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - Fernhurst School
- Saturday 10th Aug - 3-5pm - Grayshott School
- Sunday 11th Aug - 10am-12pm - Grayswood School
- Sunday 11th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - Shottermill Infants
- Sunday 11th Aug - 3-5pm - St Bart's
- Saturday 17th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - St Edmund's
- Saturday 17th Aug - 3-5pm - St Ives
- Sunday 18th Aug - 10am-12pm - **St James, Elstead**
- Sunday 18th Aug - 12.30-2.30pm - **St Mary's, Shackleford**
- Sunday 18th Aug - 3-5pm - Witley Infants

To RSVP please email bookings@thehen-house.com



Bill's

KIDS EAT FREE

MONDAY 27TH MAY - FRIDAY 31ST MAY

Up to two kids can eat free ALL DAY from Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May when one adult orders any main (breakfast, lunch or dinner) .

[Kids eat FREE](#)

**NO BOOKING? NO PROBLEM
WE CAN SQUISH YOU IN**

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Milford Village Fete Saturday 8th June 2024

Starts at 1pm on the Jubilee Field

Please join in our 1940's theme to
commemorate the 80th
Anniversary of D-Day.

Live Music from New Judgement
Milford School
Milford and Brook School of Dance

Tea Tent
Beer Tent
Ice Cream Van

BBQ
Bouncy Castle and Rides
Children's Races
And lots more!

Free Parking Available at Milford First
School or 20p for 2 hours at Station
Lane Car Park



Hambledon Sunday XI Vs. Witley School P.T.A XI

And the winner is.....well, we'll get to that later shall we!

Last Sunday saw a previously traditional Sunday fixture reinstated post the Covid lockdown and the weather certainly played its part as both teams and a fantastic number of spectators were greeted by that elusive perfect English summer's day. Even the sight of a BBQ which was expertly manned by Pete (thanks again!) all afternoon didn't bring the rain clouds out!

Onto the cricket then and with Hambledon themselves consisting of a number of debutants following various length sabbaticals from the game and the P.T.A team also composed of various levels of regular playing time it's fair to say that Captains Gilling and Neal stood at the toss with no idea as to what may happen. Little did players and spectators alike know we were in for a cricketing treat!

The P.T.A batted first with openers Neal and Steels walking bravely onto the field to face Hambledon's fearsome opening pair of Mackenzie, from the village shop end following his traditional pre-match Sunday roast (chicken this week if you're interested) and Wales's answer to Glenn McGrath, Griffiths from the Oakhurst Cottage End (once he'd finished cutting up cakes and getting the 'sum-up' machine to work!). The opening exchanges were a cagey affair with both batsmen defending well against probing bowling on a wicket which is still yet to firm up following the never-ending spring showers. The opening partnership was broken in the 5th over for 17 runs when, with Mackenzie bowling, Steels's (6) patience ran out going for a big shot over midwicket which was mistimed and caught in spectacular diving fashion running back towards the crowd by Ollie 'Safe hands' Bayne. Sadly the 'Safe hands' did then go on a leave of absence a few times for many fielders during the rest of the innings but this catch certainly made up for that!

This brought the P.T.A's Dooley to the crease at number 3 who immediately raised suspicion that he knew what he was doing by wearing a full set of kit and, as was pointed out to me, 'standing like a cricketer'. Our expert's intuition proved correct as following the opening bowlers' spells Dooley took excellent advantage of the short square boundary to work his way to an eventual 64 guiding the innings with valuable assistance from Neal (8), Perkins (15), Morrison (13) and Kelson with a swashbuckling 33 before being well stumped by young Nick Reed, who a special mention must go to for demonstrating excellent glovework behind the stumps throughout (3 stumpings in all!). The innings then petered towards a close with Strachan and Botsford's 3 and 1 respectively and the two not out batsman, Richardson (1) and Aneja (2).

Off we hobbled into the interval for tea, scones, cake and other more exciting refreshments from the fridge with a good score set of 175 required from 30 overs for Hambledon to chase down for victory.

With refreshments complete (although I noticed some fielders very sensibly took additional hydration onto the field with them) the second innings began. The P.T.A's opening bowlers, Garfoot and Strachan bowled tidily to Hambledon's opening partnership of Harper (or Gavaskar as he's more suitably referred to) and Hambledon stalwart Bruce Sleep. The pair laid a solid opening foundation of 20 before an unfortunate run-out resulted in Gavaskar being sent on his way for 14. Unfortunately for this report I myself was obtaining some much-needed refreshment at the time of the incident but I believe Mr Sleep offering to buy Gavaskar a beer at the end of the match may be all the evidence needed to point the finger of guilt!

This brought Safe Hands Bayne to the crease at number 3 who started to build momentum before departing stumped for 12 followed soon after by Sleep, bowled by Kelson for 8 with the score on 51/3 in the 15th over. With Hambledon's Fradgley and Gilling now at the crease needing 124 at a mere 8+ runs per over it did start to look like the batting 'plan' may have, like many a village cricket plan's been, slightly over-ambitious. However; the partnership took the bull by the horns and with some lusty blows, especially from Fradgley who managed to find a Tesla's bonnet well over the ground's longest boundary and the occasional sight of some form of timing the ball from Gilling the score grew to a nail-biting 14 needed off the last over. The crowd, now fully engaged (although admittedly perhaps more through their own instincts of self-preservation due a fear of flying red leather), settled in to watch the drama unfold. Steels now bowling - having given up wicket-keeping duties - bowled a legside line meaning the batsman had to take on the long boundary which was well patrolled

by a number of fielders. Over the first 3 balls both batsman felt they'd missed out with a few poorly timed shots to full tosses allowing the field to hold firm leaving 10 now needed from the final 3 balls. The first of these was a single for Fradgley (who finished on an excellent 71) leaving Gilling (finishing on 47) on strike needing 10 from the final two balls, the first of which was despatched for 4 leaving 6 needed off the final ball which Steels very sportingly bowled for a wide providing another final ball with 5 for a win or 4 for a tie.

So, this takes us nicely back to where we started, 'And the Winner is.....'. Well, sadly for Hambleton Gilling only managed a single from the final ball which meant the P.T.A won 'by the closest of margins' and congratulations must go to them for a well-fought victory. I would however ponder a different and all the more appealing result, being the losing captain you could say this is no surprise, however, you can take it on good authority that the famous phrase 'Cricket was the real winner' was heard multiple times in the very enjoyable social gathering in the early evening sun. The P.T.A were of course winners of the match but to see so many families having watched the whole game still at the pitch and so many kids waving bats and throwing balls around the outfield really was a highlight of the day.

A huge thanks must go to Jo and her ever-enthusiastic P.T.A members Tiff, Sam and Emily with extra help from Rosie for helping to get the P.T.A team together and organise the Bar, Face Painting and BBQ as well Sion (the Welsh McGrath) for handling the cricket club side of things. I hope those of you who haven't been to watch or get involved in the club before enjoyed the day and thank you for coming out in such support, we would love to see you in a playing (especially!) but also in a watching / social capacity again over the summer.

Mr S. Gilling (c) (esq.)





Elstead Village Tennis Club

Holiday Camps 2024

Easter- 2nd-5th April, 8th-12th April

May H/T- 28th-31st May

Summer- 29th July-2nd August, 5th-9th August, 12th-16th August
5th day free if you sign up for the whole week!

Time	Level / Age	Camp Option	Cost per day	Cost per week
09:00-10:00	3-5 years	1 x Early Years	£8	£32
10:00-13:00	MINI Tennis (Red, Orange, Green) (5 - 10 yrs)	1 x Half Day	£24	£96
10:00-13:00	JUNIOR Tennis (10 - 16 yrs)	1 x Half Day	£24	£96
10:00-15:00	MINI Tennis (Red, Orange, Green) (5 - 10 yrs)	1 x Full day	£40	£160
10:00-15:00	JUNIOR Tennis (10 - 16 yrs)	1 x Full Day	£40	£160

For more information or to book, contact Doug

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