

Witley C of E Infant School

Learn, love and flourish together



Newsletter no. 27 Spring Term Friday 21st April 2023

Our value this half term is Trust

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:2



Eid Mubarak to all those celebrating today!

Dear Everyone

We hope you all received our latest monthly Online Safety Newsletter last week, full of relevant and useful information to help keep our children safe online.

Our plans are coming along brilliantly for our 'Royalty Day – Fit for a King!

On Friday, 5th May Witley C of E infant School will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III. Children can come to school wearing red, white and blue or go even further and arrive as a king, queen, prince or princess!

We will be off timetable all day with activities and a street party at lunch time.

Year 1 Multiskills

Sadly, Broadwater School have had to cancel the forthcoming Multiskills sports afternoon planned in May for Year 1. We will try to find an alternative activity for them.

Healthy Eating

Learning about healthy living and healthy eating is part of our science and PSHE curriculum but it's something that we are learning about all the time. All of our children take part in a Daily Dash every morning as well as enjoying physical activities during their break. Children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit during morning snack. Most children go through a phase of 'fussy eating' and GOSH have a helpful page on their website. See link below.

<u>Great Ormond Street Hospital – Fussy Eaters</u>

We encourage children to 'give food a try' at lunchtime when they are not sure about a type of food and many parents tell us that school dinners help their children eat new food at home.

Please ensure you include healthy snacks in your child's packed lunch. We do not allow chocolate or sweets or fizzy drinks. Crisps are advised just a couple of times a week.

For the lunchbox, too.





Book Review Competition Results – encouraging a love of reading

Our Easter break competition was very popular with some amazing entries which will go up on display in our library. Well done to our winners, Bear, Henry S and Maggie, who all won £10 book tokens, our runners up and all of our entrants.



Year 2 Leavers Service at All Saints Church

Date for your Diary – Year 2 Leavers Service will be held at All Saints Church on Monday, 17th July at 2.20 pm. This service is for the parents/carers of Year 2 only. Siblings of year 2 pupils will also attend.

Mrs Helen Szczepanski Headteacher

Sickness Bug?

Please can we remind parents/carers that we operate a 48 hour rule to prevent the spread of sickness.

Your child should have a clear period of 48 hours before returning to school after being sick or after an episode of diarrhoea.



DIY DAY

Thank you to Ben and his Dad in Year 1 for tidying up all around Church House and clearing the gutters on our DIY Day.

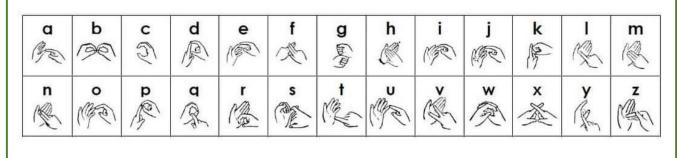
A special mention to Maeve's dad who took a car full of rubbish to the tip!

It's really appreciated!



Makaton Challenge Can you sign your name?





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

- Reception: Isla Ho and Fiona
- Year 1: Charlie H and Harvey
- Year 2: Maddison and Evie

Cake Raffle Winner

This week's winner is Lottie in Year 1

Thank you to the FWS for kindly donating the Happy The Hedgehog cake

National Education Union members have voted to hold industrial action on the following dates:

Thursday, 27th April Tuesday, 2nd May

At present, there are no plans to close or partially close the school.

education union

Following DfE guidance, we will make every effort to remain open; however, there may be some disruption to the normal running of the school and the delivery of our planned curriculum on these dates.





Story Detectives Playful and Particular at Godalming Library

Godalming Library is very excited to tell you about a special performance that is happening in the library on **Saturday 22 April.**

Story Detectives Playful and Particular will be visiting Godalming Library for three interactive danced adventures around the library to find the Most Important Story. Children and Families can join them as they collect letters, solve clues and build their own adventure story.

We currently have an activity trail installed for childred Story Detectives, where they can create their very ow around the library.



I have attached a poster and an activity pack to this email for you to see. If anyone is interested they can book a ticket using this link: <u>The Story Detectives are coming to Godalming Library!</u> <u>Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite</u>

We hope to see some of your students in the library soon.

SUMMER TERM 2023

Start of term - Tuesday 18th April Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed Friday 5th May – Royalty Day – Fit for a King! Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – school closed – King Charles III Coronation King Charles II

Saturday 13th May - WitStock event Mid May – Year 2 SATs (Standard Attainment Tests)

*Friday 26th May – INSET DAY 5

Half term – Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Week beginning 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test



Wednesday 21st June – Year 1 to Brooklands Museum





Wednesday 28th June - Class photos/siblings

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 BOOKBAGS needed today! Monday 17th July – Year 2 Leaver's Service at All Saints Church 2.20 pm. Year 2 parents invited. Tuesday 18th July – **Reserve** Sports Morning 9.00 am – 10.15 am Parents welcome End of term – Friday 21st July - <u>EARLY FINISH 1.30 pm</u>

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 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.

INSET DAYS 2023/24

Witley C of E Infant School will be closed on the following days next academic year for staff training.

- 1. Friday, 1st September 2023
- 2. Monday, 30th October 2023
- 3. Friday, 9th February 2024
- 4. Monday, 15th April 2024
- 5. Friday, 24th May 2024

The Hen House are looking to expand their team at all sites for breakfast and after school clubs including Witley C of E Infant School.



INSET DAY!

Hen House are looking for hard working, enthusiastic people who enjoy working with children. This could suit a gap year student, college leaver or perhaps a parent looking for extra work. Positions available in Grayswood, Shackleford, Witley and Puttenham with immediate start or from September.

If you would like more information do send an email to care@thehen-house.com





Godalming United Church GU7 3DU

Sing for fun with professional musicians Children from Year 2 up, accompanied by a parent/carer

For more information email **gcc@godalmingchoral.org.uk**