

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 14th July 2023



Latest News

What a wonderful School trip Year One children had last week. Once again the Rural Life Museum in Tilford provided us with an amazing trip. Children got to ride on Penny Farthings, fire engines and make a wheel for a cart. It was so much fun, you can see more pictures on our website in the gallery.

The Museum host some lovely events over the summer - you might want to pop along.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our annual survey, a link for which was sent out via email on Tuesday. The link will expire on Monday so we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes to complete it. The results of this help to shape our future developments.

On Wednesday 19th July classes will have fun afternoon (parties) children can wear their own clothes on this day if they wish to. The clothing and footwear should be suitable for a full school day.

We have mixed emotions to our leavers service on Thursday, it is always a special memory each year but it is tinged with sadness too as part of our St John's family is ready to leave us to begin their next adventure.

The service will begin at 9 am with the choir singing, then the service is led throughout by the Year 2 children. Whilst everyone is welcome we do point out that Fox and Rabbit class are spectators at this service and we bring the children back to school so attendance at this service is often mainly Badger class families.

Have a super weekend

Marion Stevens



Dates

- 18th July—Helpers Tea Party, by invitation only
- 19th July—Class Parties
- 20th July—Leavers service 9am at the church
- 20th July—Last day of term, 2pm finish
- 1st Sept—INSET day
- 4th Sept—school opens
- 6th- Sept Year 2 Meet the teacher 2.30
- 7th—Sept Year 1 Meet the teacher 2.30
- 8th— Sept- PTA coffee morning 8.30 9.30
- 13th Sept—Flu sprays for all.
- 27th Sept Individual school Photographs
- 5th October Harvest Festival
- 6th Oct PTA Quiz night
- 17th October parent helper meeting. 2.15

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)



Values News

Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up.

-1 Thessalonians 5:11



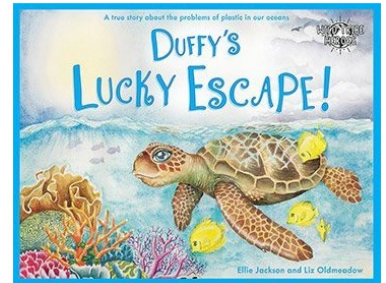
**" Trust in God with
all your heart."**

Proverbs 3:5'

This week we looked at being friends with the animals on our planet and the PTA kindly bought us a series of books called the "Wild Tribe Hero's."

We learned all about the tale of Duffy the Turtle who swallowed plastic bags because they looked like jelly fish. We looked at how she was helped in a special Turtle hospital and luckily she was set free back into the ocean once she had recovered. It reminded us that we already do somethings to help this situation and why doing these things are a good idea.

- Use reusable bags not made from plastic.
- Use refillable water bottles.
- Use paper straws or no straws at all
- Recycle all recyclable materials



**Are you a good friend to our planet?
Do you do all these things?**

Celebrate Success

In Rabbit Class the star learner was Zachary for super explanations!

In Fox class the star learner was Ava for fantastic effort in writing and drawing this week.

In Badger Class star learner was Sophia for great achievements in her writing this week.

We are so very proud of you!



Rural Life Museum





PTA

Thank you!

Thank you to Katie and her PTA team as well as everyone who came along as well Wendy for her superb poem. We all had a fun filled afternoon.

Whilst we await news on the exact amount raised, it was a significant amount so thank you everyone. It seems very fitting that this be the last event for Katie and her team. She has dedicated 2 years to this cause when most people only do one!

We are very grateful for all her ideas, hard work, time, effort and dedication to host super events for the children and families whilst raising money to support the school. Thank you Katie and we hope you enjoy a well earned rest, we couldn't have done it without you.

We can only do fun filled things for the children if we raise funds first.

On another note we do have a new PTA team and they are very eager to give you dates for your diaries.

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th September Coffee morning and uniform Sale 8.30– 10am

Wednesday 20th September PTA meeting 7.30pm

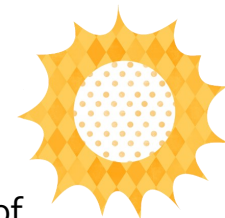
Friday 6th October PTA quiz Night Village Hall

Thursday 16th November Twilight Tales 5pm– 6pm (more details to follow)

Saturday 2nd December Santa Experience (more details to follow)



School Attendance



Please see our school calendar for next years term dates. We ask you to be mindful of these when booking your holidays. [Term times 2023– 2024](#)

Please be aware that the Education Regulations 2013, which became law on 1 September 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances. Examples of exceptional circumstances, quoted by the Department for Education (DfE), are: **service personnel and family crises**. Family holidays taken during term time for example due to affordability or work restrictions do not meet the DfE criteria for authorisation.

If you do need to request an absence please remember to complete a request for absence form before the date of absence otherwise there will be safeguarding concerns for the whereabouts of your child. It can be found on page 4 of the policy. [Request for absence](#)



Safeguarding

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on

:0300 470 9100

For out of hours see our [website](#).

During school hours you can contact the school Safeguarding leads Mrs. Stevens or Mrs. Ireland DSL@stjohnsfarnham.surrey.sch.uk or

telephone 01428 713216

Wellbeing

If you know a family, child or young person in need of help. You might like to point them in the direction of the Surrey website <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has a website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children. The Parenting Smart website can found [here](#):

Hello!

Welcome to Mindworks Surrey, the new emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey.



Our Community



Dottie Tots Churt Nursery School Open Day

We are very excited to announce an open day for our Dottie Tots Churt Nursery School, which will be opening from September 2023 at the beautiful Churt Village Hall.

Come along between 9.30am-11.30am on Wednesday 19th July 2023 to see the homely and open environment we have created for all the children to explore and grow. To book in for the open day, ask any questions or register your child for a place please contact Sophie@dottietots.co.uk

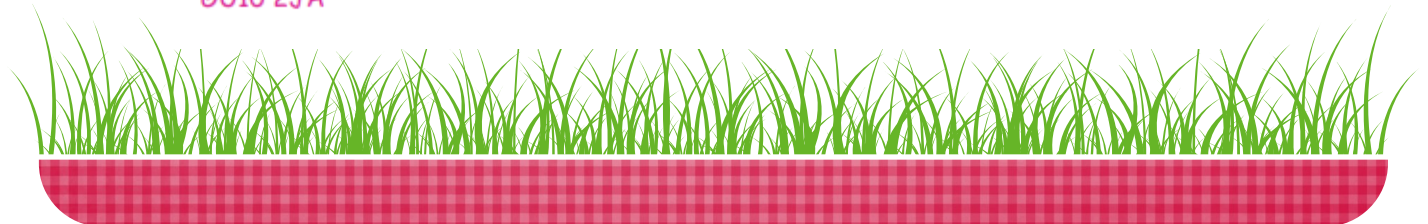
The philosophy of all our settings is to provide child-centred education with a heuristic approach to learning and development. We aim to nurture the uniqueness of each child and meet individual needs through a relaxed learning atmosphere, where children feel safe and secure; whilst becoming confident, self motivated, and autonomous learners, through their play and exploration.

At Churt, there will be the opportunity to utilise your full 15 or 30 hour funding entitlement for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

The Nursery will be open for 51 weeks of the year Opening; 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 7:30am to 4:30pm Fridays.

Churt Village Hall,
Crossways, Churt,
Farnham,
Surrey,
GU10 2JA

www.dottietots.co.uk



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families, Foraging and
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[Families
Online
July/August](#)

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www.haslemere-museum.co.uk

MUSEUM EXPLORERS

Activities for children aged 5-11, based around our collections and exhibitions. Parents do not need to stay.

Members £5	Non-members £7	Accompanying adults £2
Get Buzzing! Come along and learn about our bees, visit the observation hive and take part in some bee related craft activities. Sat 1 July 10.30-12.00		
Creative with Clay Join ceramicist Jan Hite for clay workshop linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Thu 27 July 10.30-12.00		
Wildlife Dioramas Join us to make a 3D scene inspired by our British wildlife exhibition. What creatures will you use? Thu 2 August 10.30-12.00		
Woodland Wonders Inspired by our summer exhibition join us for some creative wildlife inspired crafts. Tue 8 August 10.30-12.00		
Lego Challenge Join Brilliant Bricks for an exciting morning of Lego linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Inebriated explorers Betty and Boad are on an adventure around Britain discovering new animal and plant life. Build how they lived around and the things they discover. Tue 15 & Thu 24 August 10.30-12.00		
Tolkien Fantasy 50 years after his death join us for a morning of Tolkien based activities. Sat 7 September 10.30-12.00		

Book your tickets now

at haslemere-museum.arttickets.org.uk

If you are unable to book online, please call 01428 642112 for assistance



FAMILY EVENTS

Family Exhibition: British Wildlife

A family-friendly exhibition celebrating British wildlife. Something for all ages.

6 July-2 September | 10.00-17.00 | Tue-Sat | Donations



Brilliant British Wildlife

Join us for a morning of art and crafts inspired by our summer exhibition on British Wildlife.

Tue 25 July | 10.30-13.00 | £4 | Members £2 | Accompanying adult £1

Falconry Display

The Falcon High Falconry Display Team will be here so you can experience the beauty of these birds in flight. With talks and static display so you can experience real close up encounters with these beautiful birds. Flights subject to weather. Booking advisable. Price per person.

Wed 2 August | 12.00-16.00 | £5 | Members £2

Early Birds

Special opening for families with children who have an Autism Spectrum Condition to come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public. The galleries will be open and there will be an opportunity to handle special objects. Booking essential.

Mon 7 August | 11.00-13.00 | By donation

Meet the Tortoise

Meet the tortoise and ask our expert June Chiffell your questions about tortoises. 25 minute sessions to control numbers. Booking essential.

Tue 8 August | 12.30-16.00 | £1



Teddy Bears' Picnic & Mini Fete

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a traditional picnic and mini fete in our beautiful garden. There will be games, stalls and more. Bring your teddy for a photo with the Museum's famous mascot Arthur the bear and enter our competition for best Wildlife Explorer dressed Teddy. Children's picnic teas must be ordered in advance.

Thu 16 August | 12.30-16.00 | Free entry | Children's tea £5

Outdoor Theatre:

The Tale of Peter Rabbit & Benjamin Bunny

Join Peter and his naughty cousin Benjamin on their hair-raising adventures in Quantum Theatre's delightful adaptation of Beatrix Potter's much loved Tales. A theatre performance for the whole family in the Museum's beautiful grounds. Doors open 5.30pm. Please bring a blanket to sit on.

Wed 15 August | 18.00 | Adult £10 | Child £6 | Family of 4 £48

Lego!

Join Brilliant Bricks for an exciting morning of Lego linked to our summer exhibition of British wildlife. Build whatever your imagination invents!

Thu 17 August | 10.15-11.30 | £5 | Members £3 | Accompanying adult £2



Circus Skills

A day of circus skills workshops run by Primary workshops for schools. Two short demonstrations at 10.30am and 1.15pm. Workshops throughout the day. Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and if the adult would like to participate, they will need to book a space. Non-participating adults only need to book an accompanying adult ticket.

Tue 22 August | See above | £5 | Members £3 | Accompanying adult £1

Fantastic Fossils

Explore the fossils in our handling collection and take part in some fossil arts & crafts.

Tue 29 August | 10.30-13.00 | £4 | Members £2 | Accompanying adult £1

Our Community

We are still looking for a Crossing Patrol Officer who could support the children safely across Barford Lane in the morning and afternoon.

Surrey County Council

would accept a job share for this position. For more details [Click here](#)



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