

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 15th September 2023

Latest News

Sunshine continues to light up our days as we continue our learning journeys.

Rabbit Class have been painting self portraits and discussing the members of their family.

Fox class have enjoyed the large forest for their forest school session .

Badger class have been looking at different types of materials and their properties.

Notices

School photos take place on Wednesday 27th if you wish to have your child/ren photograph taken with their preschool siblings then please come to the hall from 8.30 to 8.50 . Please queue for the photographs to be taken. We will ensure school siblings are photographed together during the morning.

We are looking forward to our Harvest service at St John's church on Thursday 28th September. Please could you take the children to the church rooms to the left of the main entrance from 8.30. Then if you are able to stay and would like to watch the service you can enter the church to find a seat for the service. We will be singing, reciting poems and giving thanks for harvest. Details to follow on donations for the harvest collection. We will walk the children back to school approximately 45 mins later following the service. Please do not enter the church before dropping the children with a teacher at the church room. This can only be done from the usual school start time of 8.30. Any children in breakfast club will be walked to church by school staff.

Marion Stevens

Dates

- 27th Sept—individual school photographs
- 28th Sept—Harvest Festival service, 9.00
- 6th Oct—PTA Quiz night
- 17th Oct—Parent helper meeting, 2.15
- 20th Oct—End of term, 3pm finish
- 30th Oct—Back to school
- 7th Nov—Parent's Evening
- 9th Nov—Parent's Evening
- 13th Nov—Odd Socks Day
- 15th Nov—Year 1 trip to Guildford Cathedral
- 16th Nov—Twilight Tales
- 17th Nov—Children in Need, own clothes day
- 2nd Dec—Santa at St Johns
- 5th Dec—Xmas Play
- 6th Dec—Xmas Play
- 7th Dec—Xmas play
- 13th Dec—Xmas lunch & class parties
- 15th Dec—Church service 9am TBC
- 15th Dec—End of term, 2pm finish



Values News

Count your blessings!

This week we explored what it means to count your blessings. We thought about the things we are grateful for and were surprised by the number of things we could be grateful for every morning before we even get to school!

What are you grateful for each morning?

If you were to count your blessings how many would you have?



"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God"

Thessalonians 5:18

Celebrate Success

In Rabbit class they were all stars this week for amazing learning.

In Fox class Henry is this week's star learning for completing all his challenges!

In Badger class Ava is this week's star learning for fantastic effort in her writing .

Well done everyone!



A quick reminder that the first PTA meeting of the year is Wednesday 20th September at 7.30pm. Please come along to share your views on what you'd like us to fundraise towards and the types of events/activities you'd like to see this year.

Quiz night tickets are now on sale! See the poster for full details and the ticketing link.



Join us for some food, drinks and fun at the
St John's PTA Quiz & Curry Night.
Tickets are £25 pp and include a welcome drink and
curry from Pipasha. We'll put together teams of 8, or
you can let us know who you'd like to sit with.

»»» **FRIDAY 6TH OCT** «««
7.30PM

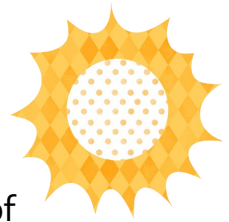
CHURT VILLAGE HALL

GET YOUR TICKET BY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Tickets available at
<https://tinyurl.com/sjptaquiz>



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 NURSERY SCHOOL CHURT

Offering unique & exceptional childcare and education for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers

Opening at Churt Village Hall in September 2023



We are a trinity of small privately owned nurseries and are planning to open a new setting at the village hall in Churt from September 2023

We plan to open Monday to Thursday 07:30 - 18:00 and Friday 07.30 - 16.30
51 weeks of the year

We will offer full time places, sessions and the more flexible option of booking your place by the hour

Funded places will be available for those who are eligible

The philosophy of our settings are 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.

Email: sophie@dottietots.co.uk or call **023 8251 3285** to discuss your childcare requirements
Please visit our website for more information dottietots.co.uk

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Wishanger Wild School

Forest School for all ages



Check out our
sessions



**Smithfield Lane
Between
Headley and
Churt**

**Toddlers, Older
children, Home Ed
families, Foraging and
Workshops**

Sessions for Children from confident walkers upwards
<https://www.wishangerwildschool.co.uk>

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Twelve15

JOIN OUR TEAM

Looking for a secure local term-time only position with great work/life balance and benefits?

Twelve15 is part of Surrey County Council, it has a range of job opportunities. Twelve15 has been delivering high quality and nutritious school meals for over 70 years.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about our current vacancies and apply. We look forward to hearing from you.



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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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