

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 30th June 2023

Latest News

The weeks are flying past and Badgers are certainly packing in as much as possible before the end of term.

At the end of last week they enjoyed participating in the Farnham Youth Choir "Singing Spree ." A great deal of fun was had by all singing, dancing and appreciating music. A big thank you to the choir and St Ed's for providing us with transport.

Then two class have had assemblies this week as Foxes and Badgers showed us what they have been learning about and we certainly heard that both classes enjoy their singing. Such confidence was seen by all those proudly presenting their information. Well done to all.

The coming week is busy !!

There are industrial action days planned for the coming week but on this occasion these are not affecting our school. Staff still reiterate that they support the reasons for the action but the consequences of action are not something they can partake in currently.

We have sports day on Wednesday afternoon, you are invited to join us on the recreation ground at 12.30 so we can benefit from the shade of the trees to have a picnic lunch. We will tell the children they are to remain seated and eating with you during this time and should not be running around. If you are unable to attend the lunch, please let your child's teacher know and they will sit with us for lunch. If anyone requires a school packed lunch please do let the office know by 3.30 Monday 3rd July so we can order this. Then we move to our sports field for sports day races at approximately 1pm. It is hoped to be completed by 3pm and those attending clubs will be walked back to school by staff. Year 1 have their trip on Friday 7th July so please make sure you have given consent for this.

Marion Stevens

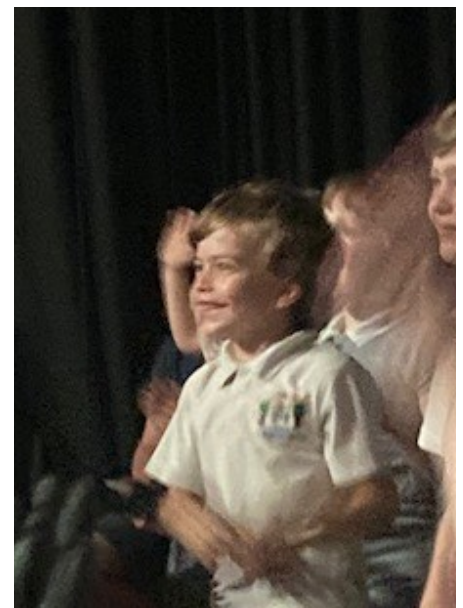


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For these and other dates.

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Road safety is always an issue at every school and ours is no exception. The current road works outside the garage are part of work myself, and the Parish council took part in last Summer. We spoke with our councillor David Harmer about how the school are asked to promote the use of the crossing, but the path we are asking people to use in front of the garage is more carriage way than path. For once they actually agreed and work is being done to improve the path, and it is hoped that this may also have an impact on the speed of traffic by adding more pavement the road will look narrower. We are grateful to the garage for supporting this improvement so a big thank you to them.

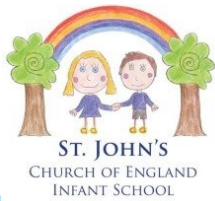
That said there was an incident this week in the village where a car did mount the pavement near to the pub. Please be vigilant when using this area, we know it is not the safest place and if you have time we really do advocate parking at the tennis court and walking down. We will be doing more to promote this if the pavement works go well. "Park and Stride" .

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Values News

Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up.

-1 Thessalonians 5:11



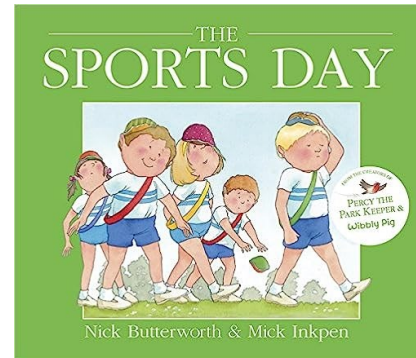
**" Trust in God with
all your heart."**

Proverbs 3:5'

Being a good sport!

This week we looked at the importance of being a good sport if we want to have a healthy mind as well as body.

We reminded ourselves that one of the ingredients of a good friendship is encouragement and we should be using this to support and encourage our friends at events like sports day.



A good sport encourages others, cheers on friends, celebrates the success of others and themselves in thoughtful ways. Being a good sport helps us to have a healthy mind and supports the development of our resilience.

Are you a good sport or a sore loser?

Celebrate Success

In Rabbit class this week's star learner was Jasper for all his efforts this week.

In Fox class this week, the star learner was Wilf for super confident appearance in the class assembly.

In Badger class this week's star learner was Joshua Allen for great contribution in his reading group.

Well done everyone we are so proud of you!



PTA—Poetry competition



The children at St John's were visited by our very own poet on Tuesday morning - Wendy Sparks. Wendy read the children a poem she has written especially for our themed school fayre, based upon the books of Julia Donaldson . Wendy kindly wrote the poem and presented it to Mrs Donaldson inviting her along to the event. Unfortunately Mrs Donaldson is a very busy lady, but the wonderful Wendy did get a copy book signed by Mrs Donaldson to be given away to one lucky child.

As well as reading her poem, Wendy also invited the children to enter this competition, so even if you can't be here at the fayre, you could still enter and stand a chance of winning this fantastic prize.

The children were very excited by this and were enthralled by the poem.

The competition entry form needs to be completed and handed in by Friday 7th July.

You need to list the books you find in the poem and

Count the number of books included in the poem

Then see if you can find 3 deliberate mistakes in the poem.

The winning entries will then be placed into a raffle and one will be pulled out as the winner of the signed book. This is quite a tricky challenge but we have added some picture clues around the poem, so hopefully the whole family can join in. We know how you all love a competition!

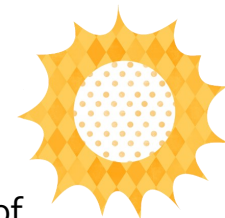
The poem should not be published/reproduced in any form, it is purely for the use of our families. It will be winging it's way to you in children's book bags.

We do hope you will be able to join us for the fete on Sunday the 9th July for more themed fun.

A big thank you to Mrs Sparks for all her efforts with this project and for such an amazing prize.



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

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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

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>

Our Community



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

Our Community

Churt & Hindhead Cricket Club are looking for new Junior Member.
Please follow the link below for more information and to register.

[https://club.spond.com/landing/courses/
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SCHOOL CATERING VACANCIES

Term-time only positions with great work-life balance
Secure local jobs with regular pay
Career opportunities across Surrey
Work term-time only, get paid 12 months of the year

[https://itstwelve15.co.uk/
work-for-twelve15/](https://itstwelve15.co.uk/work-for-twelve15/)

Register your interest, we'll get in touch



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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