**REMINDERS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

* Forest School – 13th January – Ladybird
* Forest School – 20th January – Caterpillar
* Forest School – 27th January – Bumblebee
* Forest School-3rs February-Bumblebee
* Friday 13th January 9-10am Cake and Play for pre-schoolers (siblings welcome after drop-off)
* Thursday 19th and Friday 20th January: Ladybird and Firefly swap PE days
* Friday 27th January 3-3.45: Open Afternoon to see your child’s work in class
* Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February: Parents Consultation Evenings
* 10th -17th February inclusive: Half Term hols
* Tuesday 21st February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Firefly Class
* Wednesday 22nd February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Ladybird Class
* Thursday 23rd February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Caterpillar Class
* Friday 24th February Maths Workshop for parents/carers in Bumblebee Class
* Follow us on Facebook Windlesham Village Infant School and Twitter @windleshaminfants if you don’t already and remember to check our website regularly for updates too!

**Message from Mrs Ezzard**

Happy 2023! Here’s to a fun, fulfilling and healthy year for all of us, individually and as a community.

I still have a couple of school tours for prospective parents and next Friday I will be hosting ‘Cake and Play’ for all those families who are thinking of choosing our school for Reception next September; please book a place if that applies to you, I would really welcome your attendance (and maybe bring a friend?) Given that you would be dropping off for 8.30am, please feel free to join the session in the hall early, with others joining at 9am, so that you don’t have to wait around.

We need your support in promoting Maths learning and we are planning Workshops for each class, which would involve you working with your child with support from your class teacher. More details will follow, but we wanted to share the dates with you early, in the hope that you (or another family member or friend) could attend.

Hammond Admissions: I am meeting with Mr Gunning, Headteacher from Hammond, to discuss their proposed changes to their admissions criteria (see below). I would want to ensure that our families are not adversely affected by the changes and will submit a response on behalf of our school but invite you to respond if you have strong views on the matter.

We have made a lovely start to the new term and we are excited about the teaching and learning ahead of us. We hope you all have a restful, fun weekend.

**Reading at Home**

For Caterpillar and Bumblebee Classes, we are changing the way we allocate reading books each week, starting from January; reading and Home Learning folders will be collected in on Monday and returned to you by Wednesday, with 2 new books from our reading scheme for your child to read. This video explains the system and how to help at home <https://video.link/w/vAxGd>

**Seasonal illnesses**

You will be aware from the news that the government is concerned about the rising number of cases of Flu and Strep A amongst children and they have released this link to guidance for schools.

[Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever)

It is important that we all act in the best interest of the community when considering whether or not a child should be in school. If a teacher becomes unwell, the education of a whole class is affected. The flip side of this, however, is that every day in school is important and a child misses a chunk of learning whenever they are absent. We appreciate that this causes a dilemma for you as parents and carers and it is not possible for us to advise you when we cannot see your child. As a rule of thumb, your child should not be in school if they have an upset stomach or they have a temperature. If they are tired and not eating properly, they are unlikely to be in a good place for learning. You know your child, however, and will know if they are able to cope with a school day or not. If we feel that a child is not well enough to be in school, we will contact you, so please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date and that there is someone who could collect your child for you if you are likely to be away from home. We will be in touch with families if a child’s attendance becomes a cause for concern and we can discuss the specific details of that child’s health. We will be continuing to take the usual precautions against the spread of viruses and seasonal illnesses in school.

**After-school clubs – Spring Term**

A reminder that children in Reception will be able to book on to after school clubs (except Jam Coding) from the start of the Spring term. Clubs start back on Monday 9th January. Further details are provided below. There are still places on all clubs so if you want your child to start any details found below or on the school website.

**Jam Coding – Mondays**

Jam Coding club is open to Years 1 and 2 and can be booked here: <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/1048>

**Terri Jayne Street Dance – Tuesdays**

Terri Jayne Street Dance will run from Tuesday 10th January 2023 – Tuesday 28th March 2023, the bookings are now live on their booking system via the link below:

<https://www.terrijaynetheatrearts.co.uk/classes/after-school-club/>

**\*NEW\* Choir – Thursday 3-3.30pm, dismissal from pupil gate at front.**

Exciting news! We are re-establishing a choir, where children can learn fun songs - the aim is for children to enjoy singing together. Choir will be run by Vicky Ball, with support from Miss Leggett. It will start on Thursday 12th January and we ask for a £1 contribution per child per week. Payment via PMX is now live - £5 for the first half-term. Please email the school office to be added to the choir list.

**SCL (Football - Wednesday, Gym – Thursday, Dodgeball - Friday)**

SCL sports clubs for January/February 2023 should now be live on their booking system and can be accessed via the following link: <https://sclactive.co.uk/after-school-sports-clubs/>

**Hammond Junior School - Consultation: Changes to Admission Arrangements for 2024/2025**

1. Changes to the Pupil Admission Number (To reflect the falling number on roll that has arisen from the changing demographics in the area surrounding the school.)
2. The removal of Valley End Church of England Infant School and Windlesham Village Infant School as linked schools to Hammond Junior School (To ensure those who live nearest to the school have priority of admission and to recognise the effect of the reduction of PAN from 90 to 60.)

<https://www.hammondjuniorschool.org/171/admissions-consultation>

**Bisley C of E Primary School - Consultation: Changes to Admission Arrangements for 2024/2025**

The consultation will run from 7th December until 6pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023.  Anyone wishing to submit their views should email the school, marking their email subject as Admissions Consultation, to admin@bisley.surrey.sch.uk.  Alternatively, responses can be made in writing and posted to Bisley C of E Primary School, Hawthorn way, Bisley, Surrey GU24 9DF. In any response, please include your full name, title, and contact details, and indicate whether you have a pupil at Bisley Primary School.

Full details of the consultation, the proposed changes and draft admissions arrangements are attached.

**St John the Baptist School – Consultation: Expansion of Sixth Form provision**

The consultation runs from Friday 9th December 2022 to Monday 23rd January 2023. More details can be found here: <https://w.sjb.school/consultation-for-sixth-form-expansion/>