NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

About half way through January, I decided to start writing the newsletter. I knew I had plenty of time because January is such a long month. Somebody recently said to me January is like a Monday, but longer.

Suddenly January is gone and we are marching through February. I am now sending a newsletter that, like January, is long but worth getting to the end.



Blue Monday

It was lovely to see so much colour in school. Thank you for participating and thank you to the PTA, what a great idea. They raised £320.



Safeguarding

We continue to use the yellow card system that is designed to encourage children to share their feeling and any worries they may have. We remind the children that sometimes things make us happy and sometimes they can make us sad, worried or unhappy. It is important to understand our feelings and not keep worries to ourselves.

Not all children are able to use their words when they want to talk to someone. The yellow cards are available in the classrooms and the children simply hand one to an adult or place it in the 'bag of worries' outside my room if they want to talk to me. We want the children to grow up knowing that it is okay to speak out and ask for help.

Safer Internet Day

This year Safer Internet Day falls in the half term on Tuesday 14th February. The link below will take you to 'The Key' (a subscription site for school leaders). Here you will find a parent hub full of useful safer internet information. <u>https://parenthub.thekeysupport.com/</u>there is also internet safety information on our website <u>https://www.fetcham.surrey.sch.uk/.</u>



Values

Our Values for this half term are Cooperation and Courage. Throughout January, the children have been learning how to work together and be part of a team, at school, at home and in the wider world. This is communicated to them through our 'Jigsaw' PSHE program where the topic is Dreams and Goals. The impact can be seen across the curriculum as children work collaboratively to support each other's learning. For the remainder of this half term we will be concentrating on Courage. Teaching children to stay motivated when doing something challenging, trying new things, having the courage to be true to themselves and supporting others to do the right thing as it takes a brave person to be a leader.



Mental Health Week

We have been celebrating Children's Mental Health week in school. The focus of our learning was 'Let's Connect'. To launch our special week, we had a special assembly, and then we took part in lots of exciting activities in our classes. We now understand how we can connect with different people to look after others and ourselves.

Thank you to all the children who decorated a jigsaw puzzle piece, they look fantastic! Keep a look out next half term for a photo of the giant jigsaw we have made as a whole school.

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week at home, we have attached some useful resources for you. You could also use the link below to find out a little more. Take some time over the half term break to look after yourselves and others.

https://www.dragonflyimpact.com/MHweekvideos

Highlights this half term

Chertsey museum ran a 'Toys' workshop for year one children, Bookham Baptist Church held a puppet assembly on the theme of forgiveness. Hannah Hussain from St Mary's church held an assembly on courage and visited Year's R and 2 to support their RE curriculum, and Simon from Ooo Ooo Tales held a workshop on the theme of recognising and dealing with emotions. We are so grateful to all of the people who give their time to support our children's social, emotional and educational development. Year one had a very successful trip to Wisley and both members of the public and Wisley staff commented on how very well behaved all of the children were. We are very proud of them.



Upcoming Events

Sponsored Bounce

On Monday 20th February the PTA are leading the Sponsored Bounce in school. The children will be so excited when they arrive that morning to see a Bouncy Castle in the hall! An email from the PTA was sent to you on 30 January 2023 explaining how you can sponsor your child. Regardless of this, all children will have the opportunity to take part.

The Fantastic Fred Experience

Fantastic FRED and the Professor provide a special and memorable experience that is such an important part of making this a valuable resource for life. It is easy for small children to understand; it is fun, interactive and delivered in a mobile classroom to give that stand out learning moment children can recall as a result. There is no cost for this workshop.

World Book Day

March 2nd 2023 is World Book Day and we invite all the children to come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character.



A message from The Fetcham PTA

We are looking forward to hosting the FVIS sponsored bounce-a-thon on Monday 20th February so please ask friends and family to sponsor your child to bounce as many times as they can in 2 minutes on the castle at school.



FVIS Bounce-a-thon 2023 justgiving.com Please use our Just Giving Page to donate.

Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates and reminders about our events:

Facebook: Fetcham PTA | Facebook Instagram: @fetcham_pta

Dates:

February 2023	
Friday 10 February 2023	In Service Closure Day
w/c 13 February 2023	Half term
Monday 20 February 2023	Children return to school
	Sponsored bounce (Fetcham PTA)
Tuesday 28 February 2023	The Fantastic Fred Experience
March 2023	
Thursday 2 March 2023	World Book Day – children to come to school dressed as their
	favourite book character
w/c 6 March 2023	Year 1 Assemblies Week
Monday 6 March 2023	Foxes Class Assembly – 9.15 am
Thursday 9 March 2023	The Science Observatory – Year 2
	Hedgehogs class assembly – 9.15 am
w/c 13 March 2023	Science week
Friday 17 March 2023	Mothering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA) – further details to
	follow
w/c 20 March 2023	After school clubs finish
	Dance club finishes Thursday 30 March 2023
Monday 27 March 2023	A walk through Easter – St Mary's Church – Year 2 – further
	details to follow
Tuesday 28 March 2023	A walk through Easter – St Mary's Church – Year 2 – further
	details to follow
Thursday 30 March 2023	Easter assembly – further details to follow
Friday 31 March 2023	End of term – 1.30 pm finish
April 2023	
w/c 3 April 2023	Easter holidays
Sunday 16 April 2023	Easter Egg Hunt – 10.00 am until 12.00 noon (Fetcham PTA) –
	further details to follow
Monday 17 April 2023	In Service Closure Day
Tuesday 18 April 2023	Children return to school
Tuesday 25 April 2023	Rabbi visit to school – Year 1 – further details to follow
Wednesday 26 April 2023	Music Festival – Howard of Effingham School – Year 2 –
	further details to follow
May 2023	
Monday 1 May 2023	Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 3 May 2023	The King's Coronation Workshop – further details to follow

Friday 5 May 2023	Mufti for the May Fair (Fetcham PTA) - further details to
	follow
Monday 8 May 2023	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 16 May 2023	Godstone Farm – Reception – further details to follow
Saturday 20 May 2023	May Fair – 11 am to 3pm (Fetcham FTA) - further details to
	follow
Friday 26 May 2023	Last day of term
w/c 29 May 2023	Half term
June 2023	
Monday 5 June 2023	Children return to school
Friday 16 June 2023	Fathering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA) – further details to
	follow
Friday 23 June 2023	Sports Day – further details to follow
Friday 30 June 2023	Circus Workshops – further details to follow
July 2023	
Saturday 1 July 2023	Circus (Fetcham PTA) – further details to follow
Wednesday 5 July 2023	Miniature Railway trip – Reception – further details to follow
Friday 7 July 2023	Leatherhead Museum & Library visit – Year 1 – further details to follow
Wednesday 12 July 2023	Painshill Park – Year 2 – further details to follow
Thursday 13 July 2023	Leatherhead Museum & Library visit – Year 1 – further details
	to follow
Friday 14 July 2023	Head teacher for a Day (Fetcham PTA) - further details to follow
Thursday 20 July 2023	Year 2 Leavers Party – further details to follow
Friday 21 July 2023	Leavers assembly – further details to follow End of term

Kind regards.

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Our values based education empowers individuals to be the best that they can be.