

NEWSLETTER



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2023

Welcome to our February newsletter. This was another very busy month in school. Year 1 enjoyed a lovely trip to Wisley Gardens. It was a sunny day and the children had a great time learning and exploring. The Sponsored bounce was so exciting for the children. Thank you so much to the PTA for organising this brilliant event and to all of you who supported it. Fantastic Fred was exactly as promised in the title. The children took part in a live, interactive and engaging performance delivered inside an immersive mobile classroom. Specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivered simple, memorable and practical ways that our young children can look after their mental health and explained the link between physical and mental health. The children loved it!

We have many exciting events to come so keep an eye on the school calendar.



Values

Our Values for this half term are Happiness and Love. Throughout March, the children will be learning to recognise the things that make them happy and that making others happy has a huge impact on their own happiness and wellbeing. They are learning to show love for themselves and others through their words and through their actions.



Safeguarding

The NSPCC has an area on their site specifically for parents. It provides support with the many challenges faced by parents in today's society. It covers many topics including mental health, working from home and talking about difficult topics. It also explains PANTS. A safeguarding resource used in schools to explain, with the help of a dinosaur called Pantosaurus, how children can keep themselves safe.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

News/Upcoming Events

Book Sharing Shed

I know that some children were disappointed when we stopped sending library books home. This has concerned me for some time, but now I think I have come up with a solution. Next to the PE shed, you can see a concrete base has been laid. On this will sit a Book Sharing Shed! Something like this but slightly bigger.



This will house a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and it will be open every day for children to take out books they would like to read and donate books they have loved reading. We are grateful to the PTA and to all of you who have raised money, which has enabled this to happen. Coming soon, watch this space or the space outside!

Outdoor playground update

You will have noticed that the clatter bridge has been removed. The next to go will be the hanging tyres. This is the beginning of the move towards replacing all of our playground equipment! We have requested quotes and have so far received plans from two companies. We are awaiting two more. When a decision has been made as to who will be carrying out the work we will display the plans outside and on our website for you to see. We are very much hoping that this work can begin at Easter and be completed early in the summer term. Thank you to the PTA and all of you for continuing to raise money toward making this possible – there are more events organised so we can afford it!

Mother's Day Market Friday 17th March 2023

This is a PTA event and they will send out information very soon.

Easter Assembly Thursday 30th March 2023

In order to avoid overcrowding in the hall and to allow you to get clear sight of your child, we are performing our Easter Assembly twice.

Squirrels, Rabbits and Hedgehogs parents are invited into the hall at 9.15 am for a Spring/Easter celebration through song, which we estimate, will be about half an hour.

Foxes, Otters and Badgers parents are invited to attend at 2.30 pm. All children will perform in the morning and the afternoon so you need not worry if you have children in more than one class.



A message from The Fetcham PTA

The children were so excited to see a bouncy castle in the hall last Monday. We would like to thank all the parents for helping us run this event and thank you to the staff for allowing us to run it! A huge thank you to everyone for sponsoring your children. We have raised a fantastic **£1380**. If you have not yet sponsored, then please use this

link: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/2023FVIsbounce-a-thon>

Finally a massive well done to all the children for starting the term with a bounce!!!

Our next event will be a Mother's Day market in school on Friday 17th March - more details coming soon!

For updates and reminders about our events please follow us on Instagram and Facebook :

Facebook: [Fetcham PTA | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [@fetcham_pta](#)



Dates:

March 2023	
Monday 6 March 2023	9.15 am - Foxes Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 March 2023	International Women's Day Year 1 visit St Mary's Church, Fetcham
Thursday 9 March 2023	The Science Observatory – Year 2 9.15 am - Hedgehogs class assembly
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">9.15 am - Squirrels, Rabbits and Hedgehogs parents are invited into the hall2.30 pm - Foxes, Otters and Badgers parents are invited to attend
Friday 31 March 2023	End of term – school finishes at 1.30 pm
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
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



Reminders:

School Office

The ladies in the office would be very grateful if you could make sure to include your child’s class along with their name in any correspondence.

Uniform

Please remember that jewellery must not be worn in school with the exception of pierced earrings that must be removed at home on PE/Sports/Dance days.

If your child wears a hair band, please make sure it is small, plain and inconspicuous (no cats ears, bunny ears, stars, flowers or any other characters please).

Toys

Children are not to bring toys and other personal items into school. Much learning time is lost and there is often upset as we sort out ownership issues, look for lost items and try to repair breakages.

Watches

If your child is learning to tell the time, they may wear a small, inexpensive analogue watch. No large digital watches please.

Keeping everyone safe

Please may I remind you not to let your children ride cycles or scooters on the school site.

Nuts

Please remember that we are a “nut and sesame free” school. Please do not bring nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products into school.

Healthy School

We are very proud of our ‘Healthy Schools’ status which is why we do not encourage children to give out treats on birthdays. We do celebrate with your child, playing our singing birthday, singing happy birthday and giving out birthday stickers. The children love it and it makes them feel very special.

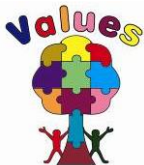
Parking

Please can we remind everyone not to park on the yellow zigs zags in front of the school or by the back school gate. Please also do not park across driveways which are marked with white lines or in the Sensory Services private car park.

Kind regards.

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Head teacher



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