

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

April came and went so fast I hardly noticed its passing. It was a short month made even shorter by the two weeks of the Easter Holidays, which I hope you all enjoyed. We did still manage to fit in a visit from the Rabbi in Year 1 who worked with both classes. The children listened very attentively, were able to handle artefacts and asked some insightful questions.

Year 2 attended the Infant Music Festival held at the Howard of Effingham School. All of the local schools took part. At each school, the children learn the same songs. This results in over 200 children singing together accompanied by musicians from the Howard. Each school also learns one song that they perform to the other schools. Our children did this beautifully and behaved impeccably, we are so proud of them.



Safeguarding

NSPCC
Support for parents

Parenting can be rewarding, but it can also be challenging. The NSPCC has parenting tips for all stages of your child's life, as well as advice on how to deal with difficult situations.

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



Values

This month the children have been learning about Trust. Trust is essential in human life and it is at the heart of our relationships with one another. We are able to live in harmony when we know that we can trust those around us.

We will explore questions such as:

Who do you trust?

What special thing about them makes them people that you can trust?

Can you think of something that shows that people are trustworthy?

Can we successfully deal with situations when trust is broken?

Our children think Trust is:

- If you trust someone, you believe that they will do what they said they would do.
- If you trust in something, you believe it to be true or right.

Our message to the children is Trust is very important. It can take a long time to trust someone but it can take only a moment for that trust to be broken. That is why it is something to take very good care of.




Mental Health

This term our Mental Health Pillar is Learning New Skills. Learning a new skill can be good for our mental health. It can take your mind off your worries and help you to concentrate on a personal interest. Sharing our new skills we are learning will also drive connections and help us and our children to feel proud, confident and most of all drive those happy hormones. Below are some ideas of skills you may like to learn!



Our brains love learning new skills, too.

Which of these skills would you most like to learn?

 Horse riding <input type="checkbox"/>	 Ice skating <input type="checkbox"/>	 Swimming <input type="checkbox"/>	 Playing a musical instrument <input type="checkbox"/>
 Juggling <input type="checkbox"/>	 Baking <input type="checkbox"/>	 Drawing cartoons <input type="checkbox"/>	

I look forward to sharing the news of learning a new skill with you during the course of the half term. Please do share your experience, photographs and achievements with me. Whilst

being a keen cake baker, baking brownies has never been something I am particularly competent with so I will be learning to bake brownies as my new skill. Miss Elphick has assured me that she has a good recipe for me to try!

Science

We LOVE science at Fetcham Village Infant school. We have been learning about the different enquiry skills and how they can help us to find out the answers to questions we have about our wonderful world.

To help us with this, we had an assembly where we learnt about our new Fetcham Village Infant School Science Superheroes! Each superhero has a special scientific power! When we use one of them in our Science lessons, we will talk about how the special power has helped us. We are very excited to see which Superhero power will be used first!

Introducing...our new Fetcham Village Infant School Science Enquiry Superheroes...



Reading Shed

We have a name. The Chair of Governors, Cath Garel went through the names children suggested and chose...Story Time Shed.

It will be open for Reception children on Tuesday 2nd May before and after school. For Year 1 on Wednesday 3rd May and Year 2 on Thursday 4th May. Friday 5th May for anyone who did not manage to get there on other days. Going forward we hope to make it a drop in for anyone at any time but we will need to see how this goes. There will not be a member of staff on duty

therefore, it is important that the children do not go into the shed unsupervised. We will remind them in assembly that they need a grown up with them to help them to select books. Please could you ensure that the little ones, who are not at school, get the same message? The boxes are labelled fiction and non-fiction. I was hoping to do this by colour but I neglected to take into account how few non-fiction compared to fiction we have. I am expecting it to be very busy to begin with so please be patient. When the weather improves we will put boxes outside along with the large bean bags the PTA have purchased. I am hopeful that this will work well and children access the lovely books that have been donated by all of you.



Governor News

The Governing Board is very pleased to announce the appointment of 2 new parent governors this term – Dr James Suckling and Mrs Sebrina O'Connor. They replace Mrs Aurora Sinclair and Mrs Laura Ward who have been members of the board for 4 and 6 years respectively. We are not letting them escape just yet as they have both volunteered to help us on-board our new governors. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Ward for everything they have done to support the school and a huge welcome goes out to Dr Suckling and Mrs O'Connor.



Upcoming Events

May Fair – Saturday 20th May

Just a reminder to fill in the online form emailed to parents to let us know if your child will be coming to the May fair. The classes perform dances with partners and need this information in order to practise.

Please bring your child to their classroom at 10:45 am where they will change into their plimsolls ready to dance.

When the dancing is over the staff will take the children back to their classrooms where they will wait to be collected by an adult. It can be a little crowded in the corridors especially upstairs, but it is the best way to ensure the children are handed over safely.

The Kings Coronation

We will be celebrating this historic event with a workshop, which takes place on Wednesday 3rd May. Friday 5th May is 'Wear Your Own Clothes day'. It would be lovely if the children could wear Red, White and Blue. This can be as little as coloured socks or a ribbon. There will be a number of fun activities to mark the occasion.



A message from The Fetcham PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to the Easter Egg Hunt. We raised a £335.

Upcoming events:

20th May 11am-3pm - Mayfair - Family event

16th June - Fathering Sunday Market (children in school)

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

Facebook: [Fetcham PTA | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [@fetcham_pta](#)



Dates:

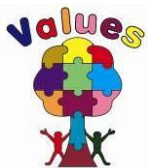
May 2023	
Monday 1 May 2023	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 2 May 2023	Class photos
Wednesday 3 May 2023	The King's Coronation Workshop
Friday 5 May 2023	Mufti for the May Fair (Fetcham PTA)
Monday 8 May 2023	Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 16 May 2023	Godstone Farm – Reception
Saturday 20 May 2023	May Fair – 11 am to 3pm (Fetcham PTA)
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
w/c 10 July 2023	After school clubs finish
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	School Reports home Head teacher for a Day (Fetcham PTA) - further details to follow
Thursday 19 July 2023	Move up afternoon – Reception & Year 1 Open School – 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm – 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 – school finishes at 1.30 pm

Kind regards

Mrs C Shuman

Head teacher



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