

# NEWSLETTER

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Our Value this term is Tolerance. Tolerance, diversity and inclusion are not political opinions. They are non-negotiable human rights. We teach this through assemblies, our Jigsaw PSHE programme and circle time. We demonstrate it through our daily interactions with the children and each other: showing respect to all, listening to opinions and ensuring everyone has a voice.



### Friends of FVIS

From all the staff and children at Fetcham, I would like to give a huge thank you to Fetcham PTA for organising another fantastic Christmas Fair. So many people came to help set up and it was lovely to see so many of you having fun. I am so grateful to all of you for your continued support.



### Christmas Play

We are so looking forward to presenting our Christmas Play Baarmy Bethlehem starring your children. They love the songs, the dancing, the dressing up and the performing and just being part of it all is a memory they will treasure for a very long time. Saying that, I also know that some children get very anxious about performing. If that is your child please speak to the adults in your child's class and they will work with you to ensure that it is a positive experience.

We will not be recording the Christmas Play. If you are using your mobile phone to record your child's performance, please remember that this is for you and must not be shared on social media. Please be mindful of the people sitting behind you when holding up your phone. Thank you.

In order to avoid overcrowding in the school hall we have listed below when we would like parents to attend. **Please can parents only attend 1 performance.**

Monday 12 December 2022 9.30 am	Monday 12 December 2022 1.30 pm
Parents of children in the following classes may attend:  Rabbits Hedgehogs Otters	Parents of children in the following classes may attend:  Squirrels Foxes Badgers

Tuesday 13 December 2022 9.30 am	Tuesday 13 December 2022 1.30 pm
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9.30 am performance - after school drop off please wait in the playground and a staff member will let you know when you can come into the school hall. The school gates will be locked at 9.00 am so if you are arriving after that time please come into school via the office. At the end of the performance please leave via the side gate (near the office).

1.30 pm performance - please enter via the side gate and wait in the school playground. At the end of the performance please wait in the school playground to collect your child or exit via the side gate.



### **A message from Mr McGovern**

I just wanted to send a thank you note to the fantastic Fetcham Village Infants community. Since joining the school in September, I have been overwhelmed with how welcoming, kind and supportive you have all been. From the morning chats with friendly parents on the playground, the many memories made in the classrooms and loving, enthusiastic staff team, it is so clear to me that there is something quite magical about our school; the children we teach really are at the centre. I really cannot wait to make many more happy memories here in the future.



### **Safeguarding**

As we approach the Christmas break, you may be looking for holiday activities for your children. When selecting a venue ask what policies are in place to ensure your child's safety, such as:

- Safeguarding procedure
- Health and safety procedures
- Staff/child ratios
- Public liability insurance.

The Department of Education have published a guide 'keeping children safe during community activities, after school clubs and tuition: Questions to help parents and carers choose out-of-school settings'.

You can access the document via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-safeguarding-children-in-out-of-school-settings/keeping-children-safe-during-community-activities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition-questions-to-help-parents-and-carers-choose-out-of-school-settings>

### **November Highlights**

#### **Fire Services Visit**

Reception children had a lovely morning with members of the Fire Service from Leatherhead Fire Station. They talked to the children about fire safety and showed them the clothing they need to wear when tackling fires. The children went on to the fire engine and even had a chance to use the hose. It was very exciting and a lot of fun. The theme 'People Who Help Us' ended with a WOW day when the children came in dressed in what they want to be when they grow up. The emergency services were out

in force. We had a Theme Park Designer, Princesses, Super Heroes, Pop Stars, Dancers, the list goes on. My wish is that children always believe that you can be whatever you want to be!

### **Rabbits and Squirrels Class Assemblies**

We have not held these in a very long time and I thank the Reception team for their lovely, informative assemblies highlighting the learning this term. The children were so smiley and I know that reception parents really enjoyed watching.

### **Open School**

Wow! So many people. It was the very best attended Open School I have ever seen. Thank you so much for coming and for the lovely feedback I received following the event.



### **Fetcham PTA**

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

**Facebook:** [Fetcham PTA | Facebook](#)

**Instagram:** [@fetcham\\_pta](#)

Thank you for your continued support  
Fetcham PTA



### **Reminders**

Please remember that jewellery must not be worn in school with the exception of earrings in pierced ears, which 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 or any other characters please). An exception to this is Christmas party day when I look forward to seeing baubles, bells and all manner of amazingly festive headwear.

### **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.

## Keeping everyone safe

Please do 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, therefore please do **not** bring nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products into school.



## Dates:

Thursday 8 December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner
Monday 12 December 2022	<b>9.30 am</b> - Christmas Play - Rabbits, Year 1 and Year 2  <b>1.30 pm</b> - Christmas Play - Squirrels, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 13 December	<b>9.30 am</b> - Christmas Play - Squirrels, Year 1 and Year 2  <b>1.30 pm</b> - Christmas Play - Rabbits, Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday 14 December 2022	Christmas party afternoon - Magic Marty
Thursday 15 December 2022	Doughies Pizza - email sent to parents from Fetcham PTA on 2.11.2022
Friday 16 December 2022	Last day of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 3 January 2023	In Service Closure Day
Wednesday 4 January 2023	Children return to school

Kind regards.

*C Shuman*

Mrs Christine Shuman

Head teacher



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