

NEWSLETTER



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This month we have been welcoming Spring. The trees are turning green again, the daffodils have added colour to the school grounds and the field is beginning to dry out at last.

World Book Day

This day, at the beginning of the month was such a lovely event and thanks to your support, our school was awash with colour. The children spent the day undertaking lots of book related fun activities culminating in a brilliant Top Hat parade. A big thank you goes to Miss DJ for organising this exciting day.

British Science Week

In the week beginning 13th March, we celebrated British Science Week. The theme this year was 'Connections'. The week began with an assembly where the children learnt more about how connections are made in science, how science is used in everyday life, how science helps us all and how many different scientists have made our lives better. By the end of the assembly, everyone wanted to be a scientist!

Back in class, the children took part in some different science experiments, all based upon making connections. They investigated how different materials (such as kitchen towels, flower petals and flower stems) absorb liquid. They understood that absorbent materials have very specific properties. The children were very excited when conducting their own investigations, some even made a colourful rainbow using food dye, water and kitchen towels.

We were very lucky to be visited by a real life scientist, Dr James Suckling. He spoke to the children about his work as a scientist, his great achievements and how he became a scientist. He works to improve sustainability now but the children were fascinated with his previous work designing laser headlights! Thank you so much Dr Suckling.

This celebratory week was a great way to inspire our future generation of scientists, while having lots of fun too!

Values

This month the children have been learning about happiness and love. Through stories and songs we looked at different ways, we can spread happiness and show love:

- spending quality time with your family and friends
- trying your best and encouraging others
- smiling and making people laugh
- being kind to others
- listening to others
- including others in your games and not leaving anyone out
- praising others when they have done something well.
- leading a healthy lifestyle

Mental Health

Hi there!

In addition to working as Year 1 and Reception HLTA, I have also taken on the role as FVIS Mental Health Lead, further to completing the DoE Mental Health Lead training. I am extremely passionate about this area. I am very excited to have been given the opportunity to work closely with the parents, staff, and pupils at Fetcham Village Infant School. My role is to embed our vision to support everyone's wellbeing and mental health so they can be the best they can be, be resilient and ready to learn.

Look out for the Mental Health Pillar Focus (Connections, Magic Movement, Super Sleep, Learning New Skills, Healthy Bodies and Great Giving) in the newsletter. Your children will be encouraged to focus on one of the 6 pillars each half term and explore how they can foster positive wellbeing alongside their values during their school day - I am sure they will be keen to share their knowledge with you!

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Donated books

We have been extremely lucky to receive a number of books donated by Eastwick Surgery. They deal with aspects of Children's Mental Health in a colourful, very child friendly way. They cover topics such as helping children to understand that, although there are many different types of families they are all special in their own way. They also help children to recognise and manage their emotions and to help them develop simple strategies to grow both their resilience and happiness.

Safeguarding
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News/Upcoming Events

Book Sharing Shed

Its up! Thanks to the PTA who erected it in the most appalling weather. I am hoping that it will be ready after the Easter Holidays.



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. If there are any artists out there, we are looking for someone to decorate the front of the shed. Please contact Mrs Shuman if this is something you would like to do. We are so

grateful to the PTA and to all of you who have raised money, which has enabled this to happen.

Easter Assembly

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Easter Assembly. The children love to sing and we all had a great time.

We hope that you have a lovely Easter break.

Remember **Monday April 17th is an Inset day**. The children return to school on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

A message from The Fetcham PTA

We have had a lovely spring term with our Mother's Day Market raising an amazing **£230**. The Outdoor Library Shed is nearly ready for visitors - thank you for all the book contributions. We hope to have it up and running ready for the Summer term!

We are always looking for new members on the PTA - we are currently looking for more Reception parents to join us - if you are interested please email: friendsfetchamowls@gmail.com

Next up:

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 16th April 10.00 am -12.00 noon - you can buy tickets on the door for £4. If you can help please sign up: www.volunteersignup.org/k7rph

Doughies Pizza - Friday 28th April

May Fair - Saturday 20th May 11.00 am -3.00pm

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

Facebook: [Fetcham PTA | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [@fetcham_pta](#)



Dates:

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)
Monday 17 April 2023	In Service Closure Day
Tuesday 18 April 2023	Children return to school
w/c Monday 24 April 2023	After school clubs commence
Tuesday 25 April 2023	Rabbi visit to school – Year 1 workshop
Wednesday 26 April 2023	Music Festival – Howard of Effingham School – Year 2 – further details to follow
Friday 28 April 2023	Doughies Pizza (Fetcham PTA) – further details to follow

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 – 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 – 11.00 am to 3.00 pm (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
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
Wednesday 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

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

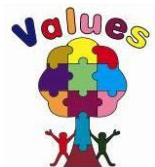
Please remember that we are a “nut and sesame free” school. Please do not bring nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products into school.

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 bear, singing happy birthday and giving out birthday stickers. The children love it and it makes them feel very special.

Kind regards.

Mrs Shuman
Head teacher



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