

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

Another month has passed and we are getting ever closer to the end of the school year. I hope you had a lovely half term. I have deliberately left this letter a little late, as there is lots of information I wanted to share with you that had not been sorted out before half term. Rather than sending it out on a separate email, I held this newsletter back until now. I know that you will be starting to wonder which class your child will move into next year so I have included the information in this newsletter.



Highlights

This has been a very busy month. The Coronation workshop kicked off the celebrations, which was good. At the end of the week, the whole school looked amazing in red, white and blue. We raised the Union Jack, played games and ate crown shaped biscuits courtesy of Debbie in the kitchen. Thank you Debbie!

Year R had a fabulous day out at Godstone farm and Outdoor Classroom Day was a great success with such creative and fun activities taking place across the school.

May Fair

This was most definitely a highlight. The PTA did a brilliant job of putting together an amazing fair which raised a huge amount of money. The Royal party, the very talented dancers, the staff, the support from all of you and the sunshine made this fair a very special event. Thank you to everyone involved.



Staff News

Jo

The lovely Jo, who has worked in our office for the past 21 years has decided that the time has come to put her feet up and enjoy a long and happy retirement. She will be leaving the school at the end of the summer term. Knowing Jo, she won't be resting for long, and I am sure she will be regaling us with tales of the new adventures that lie ahead for her.

Miss DJ

At the end of the summer term, we will also be saying a sad farewell to Miss DJ. She will be taking up a new position as Head of Early Years in a primary school in Thames Ditton. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication over the last two years and wish her every success in the future.

Mrs Stokes

Baby Stokes is due in the summer holidays and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr and Mrs Stokes lots of love and happiness as they welcome their new little person into the world.

Mrs Faux

Baby Faux is also due in the summer holidays. Mrs Faux will be returning to us next year as our SENCo.

We wish them both well and are very much looking forward to meeting both babies in the Autumn term.

More Staff News

I am sure you will join me in welcoming new staff to our school in September 2023.

Mr Simon Sharp - Headteacher

Mrs Lorna Ryan - Class Teacher

Mrs Lucy Cole - Class Teacher

Classes for September 2023

Class		Class	Teacher
Rabbits	to	Hedgehogs	Miss Sebastian
Squirrels	to	Foxes	Mrs Cavanagh Mon-Wed Mrs Cole Thurs-Fri
Foxes	to	Badgers	Mrs Ryan
Hedgehogs	to	Otters	Mr McGovern – Assistant Head

The children will get an opportunity to spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher in July.

Reception class teachers September 2023 will be:

Rabbits Class - Mrs Birrell Mon-Wed Mrs Flashman Thurs-Friday

Squirrels Class – Miss Coles

Safeguarding

This is an excellent resource and has lots of information about keeping your child safe on line. It is broken down into the use of different devices, the benefits and the dangers.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Values

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours."

This month's Value is Caring. The children are encouraged to care for themselves, one another, their environment and the world.

We do this through school and class assemblies, circle time activities and PSHE Jigsaw lessons.



Upcoming Events

Sports Day and Picnic lunch

Weather permitting this will take place on Friday 23 June. For those of you who have not attended a sports day at Fetcham it runs like this:

Children will bring PE kits home and we ask that they come to school in them on sports day. Parents are invited to sit along one side of the running track (which will be marked by them) whilst the children sit in classes on the other side. At 9.45 am children will parade out in their classes, much like the Olympic Games. Once they are all out and seated the games will begin at 10.00 am! We start with flat races for all classes followed by novelty races. Once the whole school has completed all of their races the children will return to class for a cool down and an ice-lolly.

They will then come back out to sit with you and have lunch. A packed lunch including a filled roll will be supplied to all children. If you would like to stay please bring your own picnic and your child will be able to join you for a family picnic. We ask you to leave at 1pm when the children will return to the classroom for registration. Gates will be locked throughout the event. If you need to leave earlier than 1pm, you can exit through the office

or find a member of staff who will unlock the gate for you. At 1pm gates will be open for all parents to leave. Fetcham PTA will be selling refreshments.



A message from Fetcham PTA (formally Friends of FVIS and Pre-school)

Thank you again for helping us to raise **£3500** at the May Fair. That is an incredible amount! We are busy organising our next event - Fathering Sunday Market in school on Friday 16th June. All children will have the opportunity to buy a small gift for their families. Look out for an email with more information.

Remember to follow us on social media

Upcoming events:

16th June - Father's Day Market (in school)

1st July - Circus - more information coming very soon....

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:

Play equipment

This week I have talked to the children in assembly about the rules we have in school, which are in place to keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, the children are not following these rules before and after school so I would like your support to ensure that this happens and that we work together to give the children consistent messages.

During the school day,

- The children know that walking along the wall with the boxed seating is not allowed.
- The children know that climbing trees is not allowed.
- It is preferable if the children do not go on the play equipment in the morning as this often ends in tears because they do not want to leave it when the doors open. This is not a good start to their school day.
- The children also know there are rules for using this equipment including only one child at a time and only going in one direction.

- The children know that the bikes in the fenced off area are for year one use during the school day. Please discourage them of opening the gate before and after school.

Thank you so much for your cooperation

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. There are cycle and scooter parks at both entrances.

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

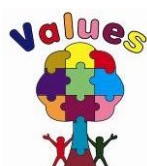


Dates:

June 2023	
Friday 16 June 2023	Fathering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA) – further details to follow
Friday 23 June 2023	Sports Day
Wednesday 28 June 2023	Year 2 Oakfield (Induction day) Eastwick (Induction morning)
July 2023	
Saturday 1 July 2023	Circus (Fetcham PTA)
Wednesday 5 July 2023	Miniature Railway trip – Reception
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
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	Reception & Year 1 – move up afternoon 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 Shuman
Head teacher



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