

# NEWSLETTER



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## SEPTEMBER

**2023**

Well September certainly seems to have flown by! It has been a pleasure getting to know all of the children, staff and families associated with our school over the past couple of weeks. I also enjoyed seeing so many of you attend my Welcome Coffee Morning last week.

Well done to all the Reception children who attended their first celebration assembly today!

In this newsletter you will also find:

- Links to the slides from each of the welcome meetings
- Details of our Harvest Festival Celebrations
- Consultation with parents on drop off and pick up arrangements for reception pupils
- Some useful reminders
- The Parent Teacher Association Calendar
- Diary dates for the Autumn Term and significant dates for the rest of the school year

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Festival Celebrations on the 11 October!

Best wishes,  
Mr Simon Sharp  
Headteacher

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## Welcome to Year Group meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Welcome meetings. We do hope that you found the presentations useful.

Please find the links to our presentations below.

**P** [Head's Welcome Meeting September 2023.pptx](#)

**P** [Reception Parents' Welcome Meeting 2023.pptx](#)

**P** [Year 1 Parents' Welcome Meeting 2023.pptx](#)

**P** [Year 2 Parents' Welcome Meeting 2023.pptx](#)



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## Harvest Festival

We will be holding our annual harvest festival on Wednesday the 11th October. The children are already well into rehearsing their songs!

There will be two performances: one at 9.15 am and one at 2.30 pm. If you'd like to join us for one of the performances please ensure that you are at school at least 5 minutes before the performance start. We have limited space in our school hall and we'd like to give the children an opportunity to settle so that they can perform at their best. To support us in ensuring as many of our families can attend as possible please only attend one of the performances.

The PTA and St Mary's Church are also supporting us with collections for our local food banks. A letter with more detail on how you can support will follow next week.



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## Parents Evenings

Parents Evening will be held on the following dates in your child's classroom:

- Tuesday 17 October 2023 from 5.00 pm until 8.00 pm
- Thursday 19 October 2023 from 3.20 pm until 6.00 pm

An email will be following after this newsletter to explain how the sign up process will work. Please read it carefully and let the office know if you have any issues with signing up.



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### **Consultation with parents on pick up and drop off arrangements for Reception Children**

We have trialled opening the additional gate on School Lane and the gate on The Street for the past couple of weeks. This has been to enable children to enter and exit their classrooms directly and means that teachers are able to talk to parents directly about any questions or concerns that they may have. We would like to canvas parents' opinions about how this is working for them so that we can decide what the future arrangements might look like. If you have any thoughts on this matter please put them in an email to [info@fetcham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@fetcham.surrey.sch.uk) with the subject title RECEPTION PICK UP AND DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS before the end of next week, Friday 6 October.



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### **The School Playground**

School staff cannot supervise children on the playground before school. Parents are therefore asked not to allow their children to play on the apparatus prior to school. Please also do not allow your child to get out and use equipment.

### **Toys**

Children should not 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.

### **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 our birthday cake shaped music box, singing happy birthday and giving out birthday stickers. The children love it and it makes them feel very special.



## Autumn Term Diary Dates:

### October 2023

Tuesday 10 October 2023

World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11 October 2023

Harvest Celebration

9.15 am & 2.30 pm

Tuesday 17 October 2023

Individual photos

Parents Evening - 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Thursday 19 October 2023

Wear your own Clothes - Christmas Fair

Donations (Fetcham PTA)

Parents Evening - 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Friday 20 October 2023

SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2023

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

### November 2023

Thursday 2 November 2023

PTA Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Head's Parent Forum - 6.00 pm

Monday 13 November 2023

Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 15 November 2023

SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Friday 17 November 2023

Children In Need

w/c 20 November 2023

After School Clubs finish

Road Safety Week

Thursday 23 November 2023

Year 2 - Natural History Museum

Saturday 25 November 2023

Christmas Fair - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

### December 2023

Thursday 7 December 2023

Children's Christmas Lunch

Monday 11 December 2023

Christmas Play - further details to follow

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Christmas Play - further details to follow

Wednesday 13 December 2023

Children's Christmas Party - 2.00 to 3.00 pm

Friday 15 December 2023

Doughies Pizza (Fetcham PTA)

Monday 18 December to Monday 1 January

End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm  
SCHOOL CLOSED: Winter Holidays

**2024 Key Dates:**

Tuesday 2 January

First Day of Spring Term

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

Monday 4 March

SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Monday 19 February

Children return from half term

Thursday 28 March

End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm

Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April

SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Holidays

Monday 15 April

First Day of Summer Term

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

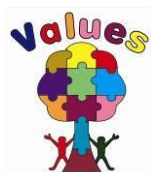
SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

Monday 3 June

SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Tuesday 23 July

End of term- school finishes at 1.30 pm



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