

NEWSLETTER



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I hope that you and your family enjoyed a lovely half term. I sit and write this newsletter as the leaves are finally starting to fall from the trees and the wet and windy weather has finally arrived.

It was such a pleasure to see so many of our parents attending our Harvest Festival performances. They were so popular that it was standing room only for some of our community members. Nevertheless the children's singing was fantastic and we all

enjoyed a lovely start to Autumn (even if it did still feel like summer at the time!). Thank you to all of you who donated items for the Epsom and Ewell foodbank which have been donated in our local community.

As the weather is now turning, please make sure that your child has their coat (and, as it gets even chillier hat, gloves and scarf) in school as we will have the children outside at break and lunchtime wherever possible.

It is a busy month here at FVIS: Otters kick off our class assemblies for the year tomorrow and we look forward to seeing many of their families in the school hall tomorrow morning. Our Parent Teacher Association is holding their AGM tomorrow in the School Hall at 7pm tomorrow as well and I have my Head's Parent Forum on Wednesday 8 November at 6pm. I would love to see as many families there as possible.

Lastly, as the grandson and son of former soldiers, I am sure I am not alone in my support of the Royal British Legion. As we do every year, the school is selling poppies and a range of items on behalf of the Royal British Legion's Annual Poppy Appeal. If you would like to support this wonderful charity and contribute, please come to the school office.

Best wishes,
Mr Simon Sharp
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MacMillan Cake Sale

Thanks to Mrs Preston and Ms Buckley, our cake sale raised an amazing £170.52 for Macmillan Cancer Support. All the money raised will go towards MacMillan Cancer support, one of the largest charities in the UK providing care and services for those living with cancer.



Wellbeing Pillar

This half term's wellbeing pillar is Magic Movement ! Being active is not only great for your physical health and fitness but evidence shows it can also improve your mental well being by:

- Raising your self esteem
- Helping you set goals and challenges to achieve them and
- Causing chemical changes in your brain which can positively change your mood.

To support your children in Magic Movement is this link to BBC's BBeebies which has a great section on [Super Mood Movers](#) to explore.



Parking

Please can we remind everyone not to park on the yellow zigs zags at the front of school or across resident's driveways on School Lane. There have been a number of complaints from local residents regarding cars parked across driveways during school drop off and pickup. Can we ask you to park further away from the school gates and walk a short distance if you cannot find a parking space. Thank you for your cooperation.



Reminders

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child has their complete PE Kit in school at all times. Children should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday morning and keep it in school until Friday afternoon.

Children bringing in items from home

Please ensure that your child does not bring items from home to school, i.e. Pokemon cards/toys. As much as we love hearing about the children's exciting pastimes, we wouldn't want children to lose their special items in school.

Hair

If your child has long hair can you please make sure it is tied back each day. Hair needs to be kept out of children's eyes while learning in class.



Autumn Term Diary Dates:

November 2023

Thursday 2 November 2023

9.15 am - Otters Assembly
PTA Annual General Meeting
7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Monday 6 November 2023

Fire Crew to visit Reception

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Head's Parent Forum - 6.00 pm

Monday 13 November 2023

Fire Crew to Visit Reception

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

Tuesday 21 November 2023

9.15 am - Badgers Assembly

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 & Christmas
Jumper Day

Monday 11 December 2023

9.30 am - Festive Performance - Reception

2.15 pm - Festive Performance - Year 1

Tuesday 12 December 2023

9.30 am - Festive Performance - Year 2

2.15 pm - Festive Performance - Reception

Wednesday 13 December 2023

Children's Christmas Party - 2.00 to 3.00 pm

Thursday 14 December 2023

9.30 am - Festive Performance - Year 1

2.15 pm - Festive Performance - Year 2

Friday 15 December 2023

Doughies Pizza (Fetcham PTA)

End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm

Monday 18 December to Monday 1
January

SCHOOL CLOSED: Winter Holidays

2024 Key Dates:

Tuesday 2 January
Monday 15 January

Monday 5 February
Friday 2 February
Monday 12 February to Friday 16
February

Monday 19 February
Monday 4 March
Tuesday 5 March
Thursday 14 March
Thursday 28 March
Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April
Monday 15 April
Sunday 24 April
Friday 3 May

Saturday 18 May
Thursday 23 May
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Monday 3 June
Friday 7 June
Tuesday 25 June
Friday 12 July
Tuesday 23 July

First Day of Spring Term
Blue Monday - Wear your own clothes
(Fetcham PTA)

Sponsored Bounce (Fetcham PTA)
9.15 am - Hedgehogs Assembly
SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

Children return from half term
SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET
Mothering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)
9.15 am - Foxes Assembly

End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm
SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Holidays
First Day of Summer Term

Easter Egg Hunt (Fetcham PTA)
Wear our own clothes day for May Fair
donations (Fetcham PTA)

May Fair - 11 am to 2 pm
9.15 am - Squirrels Assembly

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term
SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Fathering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)
9.15 am - Rabbits Assembly

Headteacher Day (Fetcham PTA)
End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm



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