

NEWSLETTER



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Dear FVIS Community,

We are FINALLY going to have a new playground! The plans have been agreed and contractors break ground at the beginning of March with completion due just before the Easter Break. You can see the plans for the playground above.

May I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our amazing PTA, led by Katy, who have raised over two thirds of the final cost: a total of £23,500. Thank you so much to all of our school community who have supported the school's fundraising efforts over the past couple of years. All of the hard work and effort is very soon going to be realised and we will finally have a playground that the school can be proud of. All thanks to YOU.

Have a great half term!

Best wishes,
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Our New Playground!



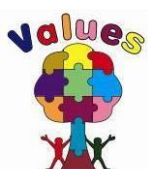
This is it! We're so excited! As I said in my message above, installation will begin at the start of March with completion due just before the Easter Holidays. It will mean some alterations when accessing the school site in the morning and at pick up but we will communicate those to parents in due course.



Year 1 Chertsey Museum Workshop



Back in January, Year 1 had a visit from Chertsey Museum who brought a selection of old toys for us to explore to support our History learning. We had the chance to play with old toys and explore how they all worked. We listened carefully and spotted the similarities and differences between old toys and present toys. It was lots of fun to get a real hands-on experience. We also did observational drawings of very old toys and made 'a bird in a cage', our favourite activity!

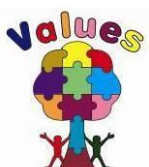




Reception Visit to St Mary's Church



The theme of Reception's RE learning this half-term has been Special Places. On 31st January, our Reception classes visited St. Mary's Church in the village. We learned that a church is a special building where some people go to feel calm and peaceful and to think about God. The children looked carefully around the church to find special artefacts and features, which they ticked off on a sheet prepared by Hannah Hossain, Children and Families Worker at St Mary's Church. Hannah explained how each artefact and feature of the church was special and why they are important to Christians. The children made us proud with their respectful behaviour during the visit, which demonstrated our School Values.



Hedgehogs Class Assembly



Hedgehogs class worked very hard to show everyone what they have been learning about since January in Year 1. They read out their stories written in English based on the book 'Emily Brown and the Elephant Emergency' and they explained how they have been consolidating their knowledge in numbers to 20 in Mathematics.

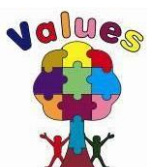
They described how Science and Geography have been learning how the weather affects us and all the seasonal changes over the four different seasons.

They also showed their impressive artwork based on the work of the French painter Claude Monet. Hedgehogs have worked very hard this half term and we are delighted to see them being so proud of themselves.



World Book Day

We are planning a range of activities in the week beginning 4th March to celebrate books and reading for World Book Day (7th March). On **Friday 8th March**, we will invite the children (and staff!) to come into school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. Perhaps you can spend some time over half term talking to your child about their favourite books and what they may like to make or choose to wear for their costume.



WANTED: LOGS!

We are looking to 'spruce' up our woodland area (pardon the pun!). Therefore we are looking for high quality logs to make into seating for the children. If you have any or know where the school can obtain some at 'cut' or no price please let Mrs Flashman know via the school office.

2024 Dates:

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February

Tuesday 27 February

Thursday 29 February

Monday 4 March

Tuesday 5 March

Wednesday 6 March

Thursday 7 March

Friday 8 March

Tuesday 12 March

Wednesday 13 March

Thursday 14 March

Friday 15 March

Wednesday 20 March

Sunday 24 March

Monday 25 March

Tuesday 26 March

Wednesday 27 March

Thursday 28 March

Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April

Saturday 6 April

Monday 15 April

Wednesday 24 April

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

Children return from half term

Parents Evening - 5.00 to 8.00 pm

Parents Evening - 3.20 to 6.00 pm

SCHOOL CLOSED Staff INSET

Mothering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)

Dragon Quest Adventure Day

World Book Day

Dress Up Day for World Book Day

Doughies Pizza (Fetcham PTA)

Reception - Oral Hygiene Education Talk

6.30 pm - Head's Coffee Evening

9.15 am - Foxes Assembly

Reception - NCMP

Comic Relief (Fetcham PTA)

Year 1 - Gatton Park

Easter Egg Hunt (Fetcham PTA)

Year 2 - Walk Through Easter (St Mary's Church)

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9.15 am & 2.30 pm - Easter Assembly

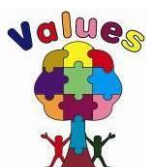
End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm

SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Holidays

St Mary's Church (Volunteers/working party to carry out maintenance of school grounds)

First Day of Summer Term

Year 2 - Music Festival (Howard of Effingham School)



Thursday 25 April

Monday 29 April

Friday 3 May

Monday 6 May

Tuesday 7 May

Monday 13 May

Tuesday 14 May

Saturday 18 May

Thursday 23 May

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June

Wednesday 5 June

Friday 7 June

Tuesday 11 June

Friday 21 June

Tuesday 25 June

Wednesday 3 July

Friday 5 July

Wednesday 10 July

Friday 12 July

Monday 22 July

Tuesday 23 July

Year 2 – Brooklands Museum

Reception - NCMP

6.30 pm - Heads Coffee Evening

Wear your own clothes day for May

Fair donations (Fetcham PTA)

SCHOOL CLOSED: Bank holiday

Class Photos

Year 1 – North West Surrey Synagogue

Reception - Godstone Farm

May Fair - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

9.15 am - Squirrels Assembly

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Fairytales and Fables workshop

Fathering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)

9.15 am - Heads Coffee Morning

Sports Day

9.15 am - Rabbits Assembly

Reception - Leatherhead Miniature Railway

Year 1 - Leatherhead Library & Museum

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Headteacher Day (Fetcham PTA)

6.00 - 7.00 pm - Year 2 Leavers Party

End of term- school finishes at 1.30 pm

