

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 25th October 2024

Dear parents and carers

We have reached the end of the first half term of the academic year and today, in the assembly, we reflected on all of the interesting and fun learning that has taken place during the last eight weeks. As well as all of the activities planned by the teachers, there have been many extra-curricular experiences for the children, both in and out of school. We have had a big focus on the school values: challenge, compassion, creativity, courage and curiosity. It has been great to see the children showing these values in action.

This week, we have celebrated local history week; it has been fascinating to hear all of the facts and information that the children have learnt. A big thank you to any adults who have supported during the week, particularly Jeremy and Stephonie Clarke for imparting all of their amazing local knowledge.

On a personal level, I would like to thank the Felbridge community for being so welcoming. I have very much enjoyed starting to get to know the children, staff and families and I am looking forward to continuing to do so during the next half term.

I look forward to seeing you at the FoFPS fireworks display this evening and I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break.

With very best wishes  
Emma Thorp  
Headteacher

### Term Dates

#### **w/c 28th October**

Half Term

#### **6th November**

- Year 3 Postponed River Trip
- Year 5 Residential Trip Meeting - 3.30 pm

#### **7th November**

Year 5 Broadfield Mosque

#### **13th & 14th November**

Parent Consultations  
Please book an appointment via Arbor

#### **15th November**

Own Clothes Day - Children in Need  
Suggested donation £2

#### **20th November**

Toucans (4) Fishbourne Roman Palace

#### **25th November**

Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Training

#### **28th November**

Whole School flu Nasal Spray

#### **28th November**

Own clothes day - donation of bottled drink for Christmas fair

#### **7th December**

FoFPS Christmas Fair

#### **9th (5pm) & 10th (9.15 am) December**

Infant Christmas play

#### **10th December**

Junior Christmas Services at St John's Church 2 pm and 6 pm

#### **12th December**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Suggested donation £2

#### **18th December**

Whole School Christmas Lunch

#### **20th December**

Last Day of Term - Early Finish from 1.20 pm

### PTA Squirrel Club

#### **October**

This month's balls were drawn by Macaws class.

1st Prize Mrs Flint £30

2nd Prize Mrs Hiller £20

3rd Prize Mrs Kallmann £10

Winnings will be sent home via your child.

Please return the signed receipt to the office to confirm you have received your winnings.



### **Reading Raffle Winners**

#### **October 2024**

Jude Bellingham - Ronnie (2)

Greenwild: The World Behind the Door - Joshua (4)

You're Called What? - Ethan (R)

The Rainbow Bear - Scarlett (1)

The Pandas Who Promised - Quinn (3)

Uncle Gob and the Dread Shed - Astrid (5)

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Lottie (1)

### Class Wishlists

[R Geckos](#) [1 Monkeys](#) [2 Leopards](#)

[3 Pandas](#) [4 Toucans](#)

[5 Macaws](#) [6 Jaguars](#)

### Crew Trainers

We would like to introduce our new Sports Crew for 2024/25 from Jaguars class - Amelia, Brandon, Ben, Benji, Darcie, Evie, Jackson, Mia, Olivia, Sam, Seb, Tom & Zack.

Last Friday, these children attended a Sports Crew Training event hosted by Active Surrey at Horley Leisure Centre. This was a dynamic 3-hour session designed to build resilience, character and confidence through physical activity and leadership. During the morning the children took part in various PhysiFUN games like Head, Shoulders, Knees and Cones, Pipeline and Traffic Jam. They learnt about the qualities required to be a Sports Crew member, the importance of teamwork, and how to effectively deliver sporting activities and PhysiFUN games to others using the "Mr NEDD" principle (Name the game, Explain, Demonstrate & Deliver). These skills will now be put to good use by the Sports Crew during lunchbreak and at other planned times throughout the school year.



### Year 6 - Bluebell Railway

Last Friday, Year 6 took a trip into the past and spent the day as evacuees. We had an amazing time on the Bluebell Railway, travelling as evacuees would have done during World War 2. We learnt about 'Digging for Victory', sending postcards home, the games children played, how they were processed at the stations and singing songs to help keep up morale when the air raid siren went off and we had to head for the air raid shelter! We were lucky enough to go on the footplate of the steam engine - which was very hot and we all had a goody bag at the end of the day. We had a fantastic time and would like to thank The Bluebell Railway for a great experience.





### Local History Week

This week, we have all enjoyed a fabulous local history week. All children have been out and about, both in Felbridge and in East Grinstead, and have learnt more about the history of our local area. Geckos Class have learnt about the Evelyn Chestnuts and Row Plait (Rowplatt) Lane; they even had a go at traditional rope making! Monkeys Class learnt all about the Felbridge village sign - the relevance of each element - and have designed their own village signs. Leopards Class enjoyed a trip to St John's Church where they learnt all about the history of the church. They have also learnt about 'famous Felbridge folk'. Did you know that James Spong, who invented the Spong meat mincing machine, is buried in the graveyard at St John's church?! Pandas Class have learnt all about how our house team names are connected to the local area; they have walked along the 'Gullege', visited 'Whittington' college and 'Hedgecourt' Lake and have learnt about 'Hophurst' farm and the 'Evelyn' family. Macaws Class have been to East Grinstead and have learnt about the history of the old Tudor High Street and, back at school, about Felbridge Tudor Iron. Finally, Jaguars Class also visited East Grinstead. They learnt about the history of the church and the bombing of Martells, during WWII, in connection with their current history studies. They also learnt all about how our school was affected during WWII.

Phew! What a fabulous week!

A huge thank you to Stephonie and Jeremy, from the Felbridge and District History Group, for all of their help and support in helping to make the week so successful. They have delivered talks to the children, prepared resources for the teachers and sourced artefacts to help bring the learning alive for the children. Thank you!







# Values Champion

**Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:**

Christopher for Challenge - Geckos  
 All of Monkeys class for Courage - Monkeys  
 Deron for Challenge - Leopards  
 Arthur for Curiosity - Pandas  
 Lilly for Curiosity - Toucans  
 Joshua for Compassion - Macaws  
 Arthur for Courage - Jaguars

Well done!



Mathletics: Monday, 14th to Sunday, 20th October

Mathletics

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| <b><u>Monkeys</u></b><br>Tommy III<br>Joshua III<br>Lewis V<br>Luka I<br>Ruby II<br>Iyla V<br>Ella I<br>Rosie IV<br><br><b><u>Leopards</u></b><br>Finley I<br>Ben II<br>Frankie II<br>Sid III<br>Alexander IV<br>Timos I<br><br><b><u>Pandas</u></b><br>Arthur IV<br>Oliver IV<br>Zenia IV<br>Jessica I<br>Billy V<br>Elsie IV | <b><u>Toucans</u></b><br>Frank I<br>Rohan I<br><br><b><u>Macaws</u></b><br>Pavel V<br>Astrid II<br>Mickey III<br>Jack V<br>Maddie V<br>Poppy II<br>Henry I<br>Casper I<br>Lottie I<br>Autumn III<br>Florence V<br><br><b><u>Jaguars</u></b><br>Tom I<br>Alisha IV<br>Amelie III<br>Nathaniel V<br>Olivia II<br>Lena III | <b><u>Monkeys</u></b><br>Emilia I<br>Orson I<br>Adaline I<br>Iyla I<br><br><b><u>Leopards</u></b><br>Ollie V<br>Fionn II<br>Holly II<br>Seb M I<br>Spencer II<br>Florence I<br>Seb W II<br><br><b><u>Pandas</u></b><br>Sylvie I<br>Martha I<br>Jasmine II<br>William II<br>Marietta I<br>Jack I<br>Leila II<br>Naya II | <b><u>Pandas</u></b><br>Oscar I<br>Freya II<br>Joel II<br>Quinn I<br><br><b><u>Toucans</u></b><br>Alina I<br>Freddie I<br>Darcie II<br>Josie II<br><br><b><u>Macaws</u></b><br>Charlotte I<br>Bella I | <b><u>Leopards</u></b><br>Lexi II<br><br><b><u>Toucans</u></b><br>Jared II<br><br><b><u>Macaws</u></b><br>Evan II |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |

#### Attendance

| Attendance this week: | Geckos: | Monkeys: | Leopards: | Pandas: | Toucans: | Macaws: | Jaguars: | Whole School: |
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|                       | 92%     | 97%      | 95%       | 96%     | 95%      | 94%     | 99%      | 95%           |



St John's  
FELBRIDGE

Starts after half  
term - 7th Nov

# Baby & Toddler JAM

Jesus And Me

Thursdays 9:30-11:00  
term time @St Johns Church  
Felbridge

Join us for fun toys, crafts, Bible stories  
and songs

please bring a reusable cup  
if you are able



scan here to fill in our registration form





## NHS SOUTH EAST ENGLAND NURSING INSIGHT EVENT

Thursday 14th Nov | 18:00 - 19:00



VIRTUAL

Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher interested in finding out more about a career in Nursing? Join this event to hear from NHS South East Nursing representatives about the wide range opportunities available within Nursing in the South East.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick off with Pathway CTM, providing an overview of what to expect!
- Explore Nursing:
  - You will learn about the different environments Nurses work within.
- Panel Discussion 🗣️:
  - Hear from a diverse panel of professionals about their insights and experiences!
- ? Engage in a live Q&A session:
  - Have the opportunity to ask your questions.



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