



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 11th October 2024

Dear parents and carers

Yesterday we celebrated Harvest at St John's church. Each class from Years 1 - 6 contributed a song, poem or prayer and we raised the roof as a whole school with our rendition of 'Harvest Samba'. It was wonderful to all be together for this occasion and thank you to Nick Wooldridge and his team for welcoming us with open arms. The children were a credit to the school and were very respectful whilst in the church. Please look out for the recording of the service on our private YouTube channel. Geckos didn't join us at the church but in assembly, we heard their song, 'Big red combine harvester' - a lovely treat!

Today is 'Feel Good Friday' at Felbridge. We have been recognising the importance of giving time to focus on well-being and mental health. Miss Sowerby and Mrs Reed led an interactive assembly on Wednesday, talking to the children about different ways we can look after our own well-being.

During the Autumn and Winter months, we are keen to make the most of our school grounds. Therefore, if the children would like to, they may bring wellies to school from Monday so that they can play in our woodland area. Please put the wellies in a bag and ensure they are named.

As the weather gets colder and the rain is a little unpredictable, please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day. We do like to go outside at break times to get fresh air whatever the weather...within reason!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Emma Thorp  
Headteacher

### Term Dates

#### **15th October**

Jaguars (6) Junior Citizen at Lingfield Racecourse

#### **16th October**

Pandas (3) River Outing

#### **18th October**

Jaguars (6) Bluebell Railway

#### **w/c 21st October**

Local History Week

#### **25th October**

FoFPS - Fireworks Event

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

Half Term

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

Parent Consultations  
Details to follow

#### **15th November**

Own Clothes Day - Children in Need  
Suggested donation £2

#### **20th November**

Toucans (4) Fishbourne Roman Palace

#### **28th November**

Whole School flu Nasal Spray

#### **28th November**

Own clothes day - donation of bottled drink for Christmas fair

#### **7th December**

FoFPS Christmas Fair

#### **12th December**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day -  
Suggested donation £2

### **Foodbank Donations**

#### **All Boxed Up and Ready to Go!**

Thank you for your generous donations to the East Grinstead foodbank collection. Your donations will make a huge difference to those in need.



### Governors

Marie Clowes has stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors after three years. On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to thank Marie for all of her hard work and dedication over the years. She always made decisions with the best interest of the pupils in mind. Thank you Marie!

I am delighted to say that Matt Barcraft-Barnes has been elected as the new Chair of Governors. Matt has been a governor at Felbridge for 18 months and has kindly agreed to take on the chair's role. I am grateful to Matt for taking on this responsibility and I am looking forward to working with him and the rest of the Governing Body during this academic year and in future years.

### Class Wishlists

**R Geckos**

**1 Monkeys**

**2 Leopards**

**3 Pandas**

**4 Toucans**

**5 Macaws**

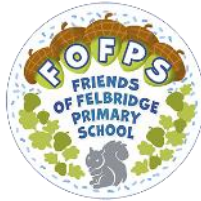
**6 Jaguars**



### Monkeys and Leopards Class - Animal Visit

Monkeys and Leopards Class loved Miss Warland visiting on Tuesday with her animals. We have been learning about the different animal groups and the features that mean that animal is in a group. We met rats (a mammal because they have fur), a bearded dragon (a reptile because they are cold blooded and have scales) and snakes (another reptile). We loved having the chance to hold or just stroke a snake or a bearded dragon. Thank you, Miss Warland!





### FoFPS Update

Thank you for all the sweet donations this morning!

#### AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM last night (10th October), we are delighted to be reappointed as your team for this coming year. We will share the minutes in due course. We now have a firm final total for our fundraising last year - a whopping £11.3k! Thank you to everyone for your support!

#### Fireworks

Fireworks tickets are selling nicely, please purchase as far in advance as you can so we can plan catering. The link to buy tickets is here: [www.pta-events.co.uk/felbridgeprimarypta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/felbridgeprimarypta)

We still have a number of volunteer spaces and can offer free entry in return - please choose this option if you are able to!

- We have some sponsorship opportunities for this event - if you are interested please email us to find out more - [friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk)

#### Squirrel Draw

- Thank you to everyone who has signed up for this year's Squirrel Draw
- There is still time to join - **we will close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

#### Elfridges

- We are delighted to announce that Elfridges will be returning to our Christmas Fair this year as we received a lot of positive feedback last year. For those who do not know the concept, Elfridges is a private Christmas gift store that is staffed by school staff and volunteers. Your child can choose gifts for their loved ones without your presence and they are wrapped by our elves.
- We received some lovely donated gifts last year and would like to reopen our appeal for unwanted gifts for adults and Christmas wrapping items (bags, paper, tags etc). Please bring any donations to the school office and we will do the rest!





# Values Champion

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

Rosie for Creativity and Challenge - Geckos  
 Orson for Curiosity - Monkeys  
 Lexi for Challenge - Leopards  
 Sylvie for Curiosity, Challenge and Courage - Pandas  
 Vinnie for Creativity - Toucans  
 Lochie for Challenge - Macaws  
 Brooke for Courage - Jaguars

Well done!



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| BRONZE                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SILVER                                                                                                 | GOLD                                                                                | PLATINUM                                                                            | EMERALD                                                                              | DIAMOND                                                                               | EPIC                                                                                  | LEGEND                                                                                |
| <b>Monkeys</b><br>Bethany III<br>Tommy II<br>Joshua II<br>Emilia IV<br>Lewis III<br>Orson IV<br>Adaline IV<br>Iyla IV<br>Rosie II<br>Henry IV | <b>Pandas</b><br>Sylvie IV<br>Martha IV<br>Jasmine V<br>William V<br>Marietta IV<br>Zenia II<br>Jack IV<br>Leila V<br>Billy III<br>Naya V<br>Oscar IV<br>Elsie II<br>Freya V<br>Joel V<br>Quinn IV<br><b>Toucans</b><br>Shane I<br>Alina IV<br>Lily IV<br>Freddie IV<br>Darcie V<br>Finlay IV<br>Josie V<br>Eloise III<br>Alfie I | <b>Macaws</b><br>Pavel IV<br>Astrid I<br>Mickey II<br>Maddie III<br>Poppy I<br>Autumn I<br>Bella IV<br>Florence III<br><br><b>Jaguars</b><br>Jackson II<br>Alisha II<br>Jenson I<br>Nathaniel III<br>Tyler III<br>Zack IV<br>Lena I | <b>Leopards</b><br>Ollie III<br>Lexi V<br><br><b>Toucans</b><br>Jared V<br><br><b>Macaws</b><br>Evan V |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |

#### Attendance

| Attendance this week: | Geckos: | Monkeys: | Leopards: | Pandas: | Toucans: | Macaws: | Jaguars: | Whole School: |
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|                       | 98%     | 98%      | 95%       | 96%     | 88%      | 93%     | 92%      | 94%           |



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Friends of Felbridge Primary School are looking for sponsors for our 2024 Fireworks event, which takes place on 25th October.

Every year we delight 500 guests with an impressive, professional display, together with a bar, food and other stalls. It is a very popular event in the school calendar.

**Would you like your business name on our posters,  
together with promotion both before, during and  
after our event?**

Please contact us at [friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk) to find out more

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