



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear parents and carers

What a great start to the academic year we have had! The children have settled into their new classes extremely well and all of our topics have got off to a great start.

Monkeys enjoyed an art activity, inspired by the artist Judith Riley. Leopards have been searching for Goldilocks, with the help of 'wanted' posters around the school. Pandas were totally immersed in their circus workshop. Toucans had fun exploring states of matter in science using raisins and lemonade. Macaws headed off to Lingfield racecourse for a fun-filled day of maths and Jaguars have kick-started their World War II topic with enthusiasm, starting to hear about experiences of evacuees.

Our new Geckos class have now all had their first day at school and we look forward to welcoming the whole class in together on Monday- a special welcome to any new families who have recently joined Felbridge. I would also like to welcome Dr Clark, who joins the teaching team. Dr Clark is teaching in Year 6, Jaguars.

Thank you to those of you who have attended the 'meet the teacher' meetings. A reminder that the Year 4 Toucans meeting will be held today and the Year 5 Macaws meeting will be held on Monday, both at 3.30 pm.

On a personal level, I would like to thank the Felbridge community of staff, parents and children for the warm welcome that I have received. I can tell that I am going to be very happy working as a part of such a great team.

With very best wishes

Emma Thorp

Term Dates

16th/17th September

Individual and Sibling Photos

20th September

Feet First Walking Training

w/c 23rd September

Jaguars (6) Residential

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

28th November

Whole School flu Nasal Spray

Timings of the School Day

In the morning the school gate is open from 8.40 am - 8.50 am. The gate closes at 8.50 am - please ensure that your child is in school by this time.

A reminder of end of day timings:

R/1 - 3.10 pm

2/3 - 3.15 pm

4/5/6 - 3.20 pm

Your co-operation with keeping to timings is appreciated.

Early Warning Roadworks Warning

The Copthorne Road junction to the Antler development at 11a will be closed from 28th October until 14th November. There will still be access from the other direction. Between 28th October and 1st November there will also be two-way lights at the junction of Crawley Down Road and the Copthorne Road. The lights will be manually operated between 0700-0930 and 1530-1830 to manage traffic from the Star Junction.

Parking

Please remember to park considerately around the school grounds. A reminder that it is illegal to park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school.

This includes early and late drop-offs for clubs.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter.



We are thrilled to unveil our new outdoor classroom.

With donations received from Probitas and our Friends of Felbridge we were fortunate to be able to purchase the timber frame.

Manpower was provided by Dandara, courtesy of David Garrett to create the groundworks and a team from Structural Design Studio, courtesy of Sarah Wadley, erected the classroom frame.

Thank you to everyone involved. Without your help we could not have created such a versatile space for the children of Felbridge to use, come rain or shine.

Wilder Schools 2023 – 2024

As many of you will know, last year Macaws class worked very closely with Harriet, from the Surrey Wildlife Trust.



It was the first year of a three-year project to enhance and begin to fully utilise our fantastic school grounds. They all worked incredibly hard and my goodness, the progress that they made was incredible. They raised awareness of the importance of supporting and encouraging our local wildlife, fund raised, made bird feeders, created a wildflower meadow and a bee bank, encouraged 'actions for nature' in our wider community, led school assemblies and much more.

Harriet also ran workshops with a number of other classes: taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, pond dipping and creating natural art. The year ended with Felbridge School winning the Wilder Schools 2024 competition (and £500 to spend on our school grounds!) with the most 'actions for nature' in the local community – a very well-deserved win. Well done Year 5!

The full story and lots of photos are available via the link below: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/0d9f768afe20474a94e06561b099c214?item=3>

Macaws - Racing to School at Lingfield Racecourse

On Thursday, Macaws Class had a fabulous day at Lingfield Racecourse. We went behind the scenes to the weighing room and saw the horses being unloaded from the horseboxes. We learnt about how the horses are cared for, a little bit about the history of racing and did a lot of maths! We investigated imperial and metric measurements, looked at the weight of the clothing and equipment that jockeys use, learnt about the lengths of different races and the different types of races, looked at the jumps (which were huge!), estimated and measured the perimeter of the parade ring and calculated how many horses could fit in this area, ran a race on the track, had juice and biscuits (very important!) and much more besides. The sun shone throughout and our day ended with us all watching a real life horse race. We had a great day and learnt loads!



Class Wishlists

As you know, budgets in schools to buy the non-essentials is always a little tight so we have created Amazon wishlists. Your class teachers will be adding their 'wishes' to their lists on a rolling basis in the hope that their lovely parents may be able to purchase an item for your child's class. Please follow the link for your class to see your teachers wishes. These links will be on the newsletter every week.

[R Geckos](#)

[1 Monkeys](#)

[2 Leopards](#)

[3 Pandas](#)

[4 Toucans](#)

[5 Macaws](#)

[6 Jaguars](#)



Values Champion

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

Jackson for Challenge - Monkeys
 Mikey for Challenge - Leopards
 Rory for Compassion - Pandas
 Beau for Curiosity & Challenge - Toucans
 Ellie for Curiosity - Macaws
 Brandon - Compassion & Challenge - Jaguars



Well done!

Mathletics							
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
Monkeys Ollie IV Seb W I Leopards Fionn I Holly I Spencer I Florence I Pandas Jasmine I William I Leila I Naya I Freya I Joel I	Toucans Darcie I Josie I Charlie I Jaguars Tyler I Zack I	Leopards Lexi I Toucans Jared I Macaws Evan I					



Mathletics: Saturday, 31st August - Sunday, 8th September 2024

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

The team at Friends of Felbridge Primary School hope you had a lovely Summer. We are back to planning our events for Autumn term and are excited to share two dates to put in your diaries:

Friday October 25th is the date for our much loved Fireworks night

Saturday December 7th afternoon for our Christmas Fair

We will announce ticket prices for the Fireworks in due course so please watch this space.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of either of these events, we have a WhatsApp community with separate groups for each event. Please come and join us – we would love to have your help! <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LvYELIMdvFn4kPla2U3LPJ>

We are also looking for someone to help us to manage our pre-loved uniform. We are very grateful for all donations but need someone to help us manage it and our team has very little time to do this on top of everything else. Our ideal aim is to list it online but this is a big job. If you or a group of you are willing to help us, we'd be very grateful. Please email us at friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk for more information.



See our needs in real-time
with **Bank the Food** app



Harvest Appeal

No fresh foods please



Use by dates must be 2025 or longer



Tinned tomatoes, Christmas biscuits
Christmas chocolates, Pringles, Tinned meat,
Tinned Custard, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit,
Tubs of chocolates

TO DONATE £5 TO EAST GRINSTEAD FOODBANK
TEXT FOODBANKFIVE TO 70450

THANK YOU for all your support

Harvest Collection 2024

We are collecting donations again this year for
the East Grinstead foodbank.

If you are able to support us, please bring in an
item listed by Friday, 4th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September at The Star

Please pop into The Star if you would like to purchase any raffle
tickets

Macmillan Coffee Morning Raffle Prize list

£1 a ticket or £5 a strip

- Star Inn = Gift voucher worth £50
Two bottles of wine
- Rebel Inc Tattoo = £80 gift voucher
- Ashdown flowers = A gift box of flowers
- Kings 18 = Mini golf for up to 6 people
- Chequer Mead = x2 tickets for the Christmas panto,
Beauty & the Beast
- Volume 1 = x2 vouchers for their boulder fun climbing
sessions
- Fishers Farm = x2 Kids go free admission ticket worth £35.50
- Chantal = A wreath plus a
wreath making workshop

More to be added



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (1043945), Scotland (SC016114) and the Isle of Man (1043945). Also operating in Northern Ireland (MACMILLAN, Goodwill)



CHARITY SPEED QUIZ

Join us for a fun night out to raise money for Children's
Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) and Momentum
Children's Charity.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- A fun night of speed quizzing
with Speed Quiz Rob
- Fish and Chips donated by
Harbour Fish and Chips
- Bring your own drinks

Saturday 21st
September 2024
7pm
Felbridge Village Hall

Tickets £16
(proceeds to CCLG)
Max 6 people per team

HOW TO BOOK:

Email:
charityspeedquiz@gmail.com

OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



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event for more
information - Charity
Speed Quiz





Drama Classes at Felbridge school

For Reception up to year 13!

Older year groups on a Thursday

Tuesdays in Felbridge

5:30 - 6:30 (Years R -4)

6:30 - 7:30 (Years 5 -7)

SPECIAL OFFER for children who attend Felbridge Primary school - **HALF A TERM FREE** if you sign up to the drama school.

Please quote 'FelbridgeSchool' when enquiring to claim the offer!

Email

actonebeginners@yahoo.co.uk to sign up for your free trial!



www.actonebeginners.co.uk

Fridays in Copthorne

6:30 - 7:30 (Year 3 -7)

