



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers

This week has been a week of making exciting plans for the future. Harriet, our new Engagement Lead from the Surrey Wildlife Trust, popped in on Monday to meet us to have a look at the grounds and talk about the ideas she'll be supporting Year 5 to develop across the next two terms. She'll be spending Tuesday with Key Stage 2- linking in with the upcoming RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch to teach the children all about what they might find in their gardens and how to have a successful birdwatching session. Find out more below if you'd like to take part the following weekend; we have also attached a pack with the newsletter to help you have a go at home.

We have also met with the PTA team to talk about their exciting ideas for this term, including the potential for a disco, the return of the grown-ups' quiz night and, next Saturday, (in between bird-watching!) the start of what will hopefully be a regular opportunity to come together and have some informal fun playing a variety of board games for all ages in the hall. Thank you for all the support you give to them. We also talked about funding for resources in the short and longer term. This term, they have kindly agreed to fund additional lights for the hall to allow us to light the whole stage; new basketball posts to allow for the proper teaching of basketball lessons in small groups; a set of Bee-Bot programmable robots for computing lessons in infant classes; and additional reading books to ensure there is always a variety for children on the most-used book bands. In the long term, we are looking at setting a bigger target for a larger-scale project... watch this space!

One final bit of advance notice: Friday 9th February (the last day before half-term) will now be a 'Wear Red in Feb' non-uniform day in support of the KSS Air Ambulance, a vital charity which also has, or has had, links to a few school families so one we are very happy to support.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

| Term Dates |
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| 27th January PTA Family Games Afternoon |
| 29th January Toucans (4) Roman Themed Day |
| 9th February Wear Red in Feb - non-uniform day |
| 21st February Geckos (R) Heights, Weights & Hearing Check |
| 23rd February Pandas Class Assembly - 9 am |
| 28th February - 1st March Toucans (4) Hindleap Warren Residential |
| 15th March PTA Quiz Night |
| 15th March Macaws (5) Class Assembly - 9 am |
| 20th March Macaws (5) Star Gazing Evening |
| 22nd March Monkeys (1) Class Assembly - 9 am |
| 27th March Toucans (4) Class Assembly - 9 am |
| 28th March Last day of term - Closure from 1.15 pm |

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch- join in!

Across the UK, over half a million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2023, counting a whopping 9.1 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 57% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give the RSPB a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring.

Following the Key Stage 2 children's birdwatching session on Tuesday, we hope they'll be ready for more, armed with new knowledge and skills. To have a go at home, simply register to get a downloadable guide and to be able to submit your results. Visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/register> to register.



Volunteers in School

Would you like to see school 'from the inside' while also supporting children to make progress in their learning? We'd love to add to our bank of regular volunteers, who mainly visit to read with children but also often help with other jobs in classes and around the school too. Our volunteer information and registration forms are available from the office - pop in for a chat if you'd like to know more. All volunteers will need a DBS check organised by the school and will also need to complete online safeguarding training before commencing regular visits to school.



Basketball Tournament

Yesterday, a small group of children went to Sackville School to take part in a Mid Sussex Basketball competition. This involved each half of the team playing 7 mini games against local schools and they were brilliant! Each team came 3rd overall after winning most of their games, one of which was 10-3 to Felbridge! They demonstrated some brilliant techniques and fantastic teamwork as well as representing the school successfully with their excellent behaviour!

Could you build one of these?!

Many of our children love mud! So much so that, at one point, we had to fence off the old trim-trail area because it was just too tempting! However, we'd love to be able to shrug off the weather and use all of the grounds all of the time, and some more welly racks would help us make this easier.

Before we look at working with the PTA to purchase some, we wondered if any of our parents had the skills to make something similar to this one which lives in Geckos Class. A 'roof' is a benefit but isn't essential – just the ability to hang 32 pairs of wellies per rack. If you're good with a saw, we're happy to provide the raw materials. Please contact Mrs Sims, our most ardent muddy boot fan, if you think you could have a go!



Staff Vacancies

Do you know anyone that might be interested in joining our expanding after school club team? We're looking for someone for 2 hours per evening, Monday through Thursday.

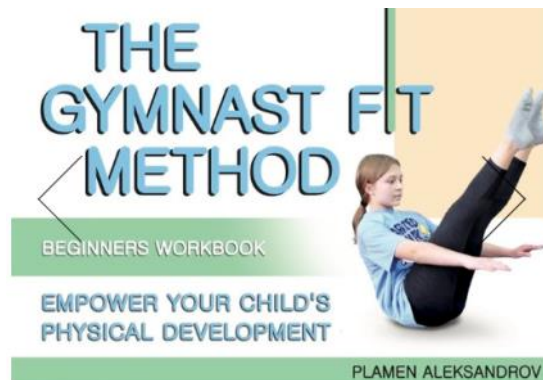
<https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-playworker-1396806>

Written by our very own gym instructor, Plamen Aleksandrov, you can be one of the very first people to get hold of **THE GYMNAST FIT METHOD** Version One work book at a promotional price.

This beginner's handbook is part of The Gymnast Fit Method - Skill Development series. The method focuses on the fundamental moves of gymnastics, but with an engaging and accessible approach. The goal is to help your child develop strength, flexibility, balance, and coordination in a safe and enjoyable way, suitable for different abilities and ages.

For further details follow this link

Gymnast Fit Method



PTA Squirrel Club

Congratulations to the following winners:

January 2024

1st Prize Mrs Mehew £30;

2nd Prize Mr Flint £20

3rd Prize Mrs Bodey £10

Winnings will be sent home via your child.

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





Values Champion

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

- Joshua D for Challenge - Geckos
- Frankie for Challenge - Monkeys
- Sophia for Courage - Leopards
- Josie for Courage & Creativity - Pandas
- Delphine for All Values - Toucans
- Greta for Compassion & Challenge - Jaguars



Well done!

Mathletics

| Bronze | Silver | Gold | Platinum | Emerald | Diamond | Epic | Legend |
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| Monkeys Florence III Pandas Shane III Alex D IV Toucans Ellie III Poppy V Macaws Lena IV | Monkeys Ollie I Iris IV Seb M V Eloise II Pandas Frank IV Noah I Poppy III Jared IV Husna IV Toucans Charlotte I Maddie III | Macaws Seb F V Jaguars Florence III Freddie II Alex IV Leopards Audrey IV Florence IV Oliver V Jasmine V Jack IV Leila V Freya IV Pandas Hattie II Josie I | Toucans Mickey I Macaws Jenson V Mia III Leopards Billy I Naya II Oscar I Pandas Alina II Darcie V Finlay II Toucans Jack I Bella I Florence IV Alisha II Jaguars Tegan III | Leopards William I Toucans Evan I Jaguars Ayla I | | | |

Mathletics: Monday, 8th January - Sunday, 14th January

Attendance

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| Attendance this week: | Geckos: 95% | Monkeys: 91% | Leopards: 98% | Pandas: 88% | Toucans: 93% | Macaws: 97% | Jaguars: 93% | Whole School: 94% |
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The PTA has been busy planning for the Spring Term, here are some dates for your diary:

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| 27 th Jan | Family board games afternoon |
| 9 th Feb | Doughnuts after school |
| 21 st Feb | Bag2School |
| 15 th March | Quiz night |
| 22 nd March | School Disco |

First up is the **Family board games afternoon**. Have you ever been to a board games cafe, or wondered what they are like? We are bringing one to Felbridge Primary School to keep you entertained on a dull January afternoon. We will have some games to play, but you're welcome to bring any favourites of your own and use our space to play with friends. The event is free to attend, we will have a selection of hot/cold drinks and yummy snacks to purchase during play. This is a drop-in event so come along and leave whenever you like. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult. We really hope to see you there!

Our ever-popular **Quiz night** returns on the 15th March. More details will be coming soon but for now, save the date and gather your teammates!

In other exciting news, we are in the process of rebranding to become 'Friends of Felbridge Primary School'. We will be holding a competition for children to design our new logo with a £10 Martell's gift voucher for the winner!

We look forward to an exciting Spring Term!

Felbridge PTA



FOSTERING GET THE FACTS

MYTH

I'm too old to be a foster carer



FACT

There is no upper age limit for foster carers. The minimum age is 21.

MYTH

I can't foster because I'm not a parent



FACT

Foster carers don't need to have their own children. However, if you have some experience with children this can be beneficial.

MYTH

I must be in a relationship to foster



FACT

Foster carers can be single, married, in a civil partnership, divorced or widowed.

MYTH

I can't be a foster carer because I work full-time



FACT

Foster carers can work full-time, part-time, be retired or unemployed.

MYTH

I need to own my home to be a foster carer



FACT

Foster carers can rent or own their home. This can be a flat or a house.

MYTH

Fostering is voluntary



FACT

Foster carers receive weekly allowances for the child and a weekly fee payment for their skills.

Now you know the facts, could you foster?

Call our friendly team for an informal chat: 0800 096 9626

Visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering Email: fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk



EAST GRINSTEAD STORM BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS
SCHOOL YEARS 3-11

UNDER 10 MIXED (YEAR 3-5) MONDAY - 5.00PM-6.00PM @ SACKVILLE

UNDER 12 MIXED (YEAR 6-7) MONDAY - 6.00PM-7.00PM @ SACKVILLE

UNDER 14 MIXED (YEAR 8-9) TUESDAY - 5.00PM-6.15PM @ IMBERHORNE UPPER

UNDER 15-18 BOYS (YEAR 10-13) MONDAY - 7.00PM-8.00PM @ SACKVILLE



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TUESDAY IS WINTER NETS

STARTING TUES 6TH BRAUARY
U6-U10 6-7PM U11-U16 7-8PM SENIORS 8-9
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