



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 5th January 2024

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We were very excited to welcome your children back for a new term of learning this week, albeit not so excited to see the rain which seems to have slipped its way in with them. Despite the weather, the buzz of new topics has been echoing around the school and we've had a fab week together.

This week, Mrs North, Mrs Lomax and Miss Warland have joined the team in various roles across the school- all have been given excited welcomes by the children and/or classes and it's been great to add to our little school family!

At the end of last term, we all enjoyed our Christmas parties. Chet from Felbridge Village Stores very kindly drinks for all the children and then offered to fund them as well- a huge thank you to Chet for his generosity and support.

Have a great weekend whatever you're up to,  
Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

### Term Dates

<b>19th January</b> Macaws (5) Racing to School at Lingfield Racecourse
<b>29th January</b> Toucans (4) Roman Themed Day
<b>21st February</b> Geckos (R) Heights, Weights & Hearing Check
<b>23rd February</b> Pandas Class Assembly - 9 am
<b>28th February - 1st March</b> Toucans (4) Hindleap Warren Residential
<b>15th March</b> Macaws (5) Class Assembly - 9 am
<b>20th March</b> Macaws (5) Star Gazing Evening
<b>22nd March</b> Monkeys (1) Class Assembly - 9 am
<b>27th March</b> Toucans (4) Class Assembly - 9 am
<b>28th March</b> Last day of term - Closure from 1.15 pm

### Raspberry Pi devices available

As part of a clearout and re-organisation of our resources, we have found a box of old (circa. 2014-15 we think) 'Raspberry Pi' devices which we don't have the additional kit to make full use of. If you are into tinkering, or know a good use for them, please let us know and we will be able to give one/some/all of them to you!



### Greene King Pubs with Macmillan Cancer Support – 'Tub2Pub!'

Greene King is running 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics. From 1 January - 11 February 2024, their pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty:

- Confectionery tubs
- Biscuit tubs
- Cracker tubs

If you have any empty (yes, including the mini Bounties that no-one wants) plastic tubs from Christmas indulgence, we are collecting them and will then take them to the Star to donate to the campaign- just hand them in at the gate and we'll do the rest!



### Appointments during the school day

Please remember that the school day is for school!

You should only take children out of school for emergencies or medical appointments which cannot be booked out of school hours. Please also be mindful of timings for the end of the school day when booking extra-curricular after school clubs outside of school for your children.

Pulling children out of school early or during the day for non-urgent reasons can be very disruptive to lessons or if a child was working as part of a group so we are grateful for your support



### Pandas Class - Fairy-tale, Myths and Legends

Pandas Class have enjoyed a fun day dressing up as fairy-tale, myths and legend characters. We used "hot seating" (an interviewing technique) to ask each other questions and wrote about how we might feel as their character. There has been lots of giggles along with a lot of hard work.



### Wilder Schools

#### Action for Nature – Peck of the Bunch

With natural nesting sites in decline, [adding a nestbox to your garden](#) can make all the difference to your local birds. The total area of all gardens in the UK exceeds that of our nature reserves, and as development destroys trees, hedges and old buildings, natural nesting sites are in decline. Nestboxes placed in gardens can make a real difference to the success or failure of a breeding species in an area, especially when accompanied by the regular supply of suitable food and water.

Taking place between 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the [Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' Big Garden Birdwatch](#) is the world's largest wildlife survey. Spending just one hour counting the wild visitors outside your window or in your local park helps give the charity a snapshot of how our wildlife is faring. [Sign up today](#) for your free Big Garden Birdwatch guide."



## How to make a nest box

**What you need:**

- rough cut timber
- some old rubber or a hinge
- 20mm nails

**tools:**

- saw
- hammer
- hand brace or drill
- pencil, ruler and scissors

*always get an adult to help with tools!*

cut along dotted line for open fronted robin box

**1 Mark out and saw panels**  
Use diagram above, and write the name of each panel onto the marked out wood.

**2 Choose your box type**

	hole fronted box: blue tits (25mm) great tits (28mm) sparrows (38mm) starlings (45mm)		open fronted box for robins
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**3 Assemble the box**  
Nail the panels together:

Fix on the roof panel with a hinge or strip of old rubber.

**Where to put it:**  
2-5 metres above the ground, somewhere sheltered.

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# Values Champion

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

- Bethany for Challenge & Compassion - Geckos
- Ben for Challenge - Monkeys
- Martha for Challenge - Leopards
- Lily for Challenge - Pandas
- Miles for Challenge - Toucans
- Oliver for Curiosity - Macaws
- Nathaniel for Challenge - Jaguars

*Well done!*

Mathletics								
Bronze	Silver		Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
<b>Monkeys</b> Ollie IV	<b>Monkeys</b> Iris II Seb M III	<b>Macaws</b> Amelie V	<b>Monkeys</b> Fionn III Imogen V	<b>Toucans</b> Jack IV Bella IV				
<b>Pandas</b> Noah K IV Poppy V Harbor II	<b>Mudaseer I</b> Spencer V	<b>Jaguars</b> David II Alex II	<b>Holly V</b> Seb W V	<b>Florence V</b> <b>Macaws</b> Alisha V				
<b>Macaws</b> Tyler IV Lena III	<b>Leopards</b> Elsie V		<b>Leopards</b> Oliver III Jack III Leila III	<b>Jenson III</b> <b>Jaguars</b> Tegan V				
<b>Jaguars</b> Freddie V Ethan IV	<b>Pandas</b> Frank II Poppy I Jared II Husna III Josie IV		<b>Naya V</b> Oscar IV <b>Pandas</b> Alina V Finlay V	<b>William IV</b> <b>Pandas</b> Darcie III				
				<b>Toucans</b> Evan IV Florence II				
				<b>Jaguars</b> Ayla IV Tegan I				

Mathletics: Monday, 11th December - Sunday, 31st December



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