

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 15th December 2023

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers,

That's it! The elves are packing up to return to the North Pole, decorations are coming down to be sent home and the local pharmacy is doing a roaring trade in cough medicine! It's been a truly packed but hugely enjoyable final week, starting with some amazing performances by the children at both the infant Nativity and the junior Christmas Celebration. The children behaved magnificently and sang their hearts out- well done to everyone!

The collection at church raised £268 which will be split between St John's Church and Crawley Open House. Meanwhile, the Christmas Jumper day on Wednesday raised £335 for Save the Children. Thank you so much for your generosity for these donations- and also, while on the subject of donations- for the many books we have received as part of this year's Christmas Appeal!

We've finished the week with an amazing Christmas Lunch prepared by Zoe (how she does it on her own we just don't know!) parties, a very rousing traditional 12 Days of Christmas this morning and our final sing-song still to come. We're ready for a break now but full of Christmas memories to take into the holiday.



Meanwhile, thank you to everyone who engaged with our academisation consultation, during which we received some very thoughtful questions and also lots of praise for our staff team for which we are very grateful.

Following this consultation, the regional board of the Department for Education met yesterday to discuss the academisation proposal and we are very pleased that we have been granted an academy order in principle for Felbridge Primary School to join Tandridge Learning Trust.

There is a very lengthy process to go through before this happens with a lot of legal and formal processes to pass, but this positive affirmation of our proposal by both our community, and now the DfE, is very pleasing. We will keep you updated over the coming year with any news about possible dates for conversion.

Thank you to all of you for your support this term and your wonderful children for their energy, dedication and ability to bring a smile every day. Thank you also to our fantastic staff team- they constantly go the extra mile to bring far more than just the curriculum to the children and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated, talented bunch to work with. A particular, heartfelt thank you to Mrs Oliver, who leaves us today after ten years at Felbridge. Many children have been lucky enough to be taught by her or to be impacted by her dedication to improving the chances of children with Special Educational Needs. We will miss her hugely, but hope her exciting new job gives even more children the chance of success thanks to her talents.

Whatever you are doing and however you are celebrating the season, have a wonderful Christmas holiday and we will see you all on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024!

Mr Hogan-Fleming, Mrs Sims and the Felbridge Staff Team

### Term Dates

#### Tuesday, 2nd January

Back to School

#### 5th January

Pandas (3) Fairy-tale, Myths and Legends Day - Come dressed as a character

#### 19th January

Macaws (5) Racing to School at Lingfield Racecourse

### Christmas Wishlist Appeal 2023

There is still time to donate a book for this year's Christmas Appeal, aiming to buy a set of all the 'Literacy Tree' books which form our exciting new English Curriculum.

**Please visit the link below or scan the QR code to buy anything from the list and have it sent to school:**

<https://amzn.eu/5fLB4Ma>



Any books ordered over Christmas will come to us in January – Santamazon knows our opening times! Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.





**The Spring Term begins on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024 at 8.40am.**

**See you then and Happy New Year!**

*Happy New Year*

**Reading Raffle Winners  
December 2023**

The Girl Who Saved Christmas - Alisha (5)

The Miracle on Ebenezer Street - Seb (4)

The Boy who Slept through Christmas - Jackson (5)

Mince Spies - Henry (4)

Grandpa Christmas - Jessica (2)

Father Christmas's Fake Bears - Alex J (3)

What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas - Lily (R)

**PTA Squirrel Club**

Congratulations to the following winners:

**December**

1st Prize Mrs Murrell £30;

2nd Prize Mrs Sims £20

3rd Prize Mrs Winter £10

Winnings will be sent home via your child.

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



Thanks to Nick Hobbs at SEFAB for supplying us with 2 custom made shelves for our anniversary artwork.





# Values Champion

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

- Rosie for Compassion - Geckos
- All of Monkeys class for courage & Challenge - Monkeys
- Stephanie for Compassion - Leopards
- Freddie for Challenge - Pandas
- Autumn for All Values - Toucans
- Darcie for Challenge - Macaws
- Florence for Compassion & Nancy for Courage - Jaguars



Well done!

## Mathletics

Bronze	Silver		Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
<b>Monkeys</b> Seb M V Mudaseer V	<b>Monkeys</b> Iris I Timos V Spencer II	<b>Macaws</b> Amelie IV	<b>Monkeys</b> Fionn I Imogen II Holly II	<b>Toucans</b> Bella I Florence IV				
<b>Pandas</b> Alex D II Frank V Joshua I Gabriella III Alex J IV Poppy IV Jared V Harbor I	<b>Leopards</b> Martha V Oliver V Elsie III	<b>Jaguars</b> Florence I Joshua V	<b>Leopards</b> Audrey II Florence II Jasmine III Jack II Leila I Billy IV Naya II Oscar I Freya II	<b>Macaws</b> Alisha III Jenson II Mia I				
<b>Jaguars</b> David V Poppy IV Freddie IV Ethan III Alex V	<b>Pandas</b> Lily I Husna II Josie II Eloise V		<b>Jaguars</b> Jack II Leila I Billy IV Naya II Oscar I Freya II	<b>Jaguars</b> Tegan IV				
	<b>Toucans</b> Mickey IV Maddie II		<b>Pandas</b> Alina III Freddie II Darcie V Rohan II					
				<b>Leopards</b> William I				
				<b>Toucans</b> Evan I				
				<b>Jaguars</b> Ayla I				

Mathletics: Monday, 4th December - Sunday, 10th December

### Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos:	Monkeys:	Leopards:	Pandas:	Toucans:	Macaws:	Jaguars:	Whole School:
	90%	88%	96%	93%	98%	98%	96%	94%





**Christmas  
Activities**



**At East Surrey Museum**  
**1, Stafford Road, Caterham CR3 6JG**

For primary-aged children with accompanying adults  
This December, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st 10.30 - 12 noon and 2.00 - 3.30 pm



We'll be making some robin Christmas decorations to hang on the tree!  
All materials supplied!



We'll also have our popular Museum trails to do.

All welcome, please come and join us if you can.  
*All activities are free of charge, but donations to the Museum are very much appreciated!!*

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