

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers,



We are firmly into Christmas mode now! Although lessons continue to fit in across the day, there's definitely a snowy feel to activities in classes, whether it's Year 3's 'Polar Express' English unit, Christmas songs with boomwhackers in music, or art tasks being set for the children by the class elves (or, in Mr Hogan's case, for the squirrels. They're very talented as you can see!)

Last Saturday saw the return of the Christmas Fair. At the time of writing, we don't have a final figure for money raised after costs have been taken into account, but we believe it's around the £2000 mark. What we do know is that our small PTA committee, supported by many volunteers across the community, put on an absolutely amazing event considering none of us have really done this before! The core team particularly deserve huge thanks for the late nights and early mornings spent getting everything ready. It looked like everyone was having a great time on the day and we hope you enjoyed their efforts- thank you to everyone who was able to come and support us on the day too!

Yesterday afternoon, the whole school enjoyed a brilliant version of 'Beauty and the Beast', performed by Lottie and Joe from West End in Schools. How they managed to fill every role is beyond us, but the children had an absolute blast (oh yes they did)!



Finally, please take note of all the arrangements for next week below – it's going to be a busy one but, as always, a lovely end to term.

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

Term Dates

11th December
Junior Rehearsals at Church
• Your child will need a coat

11th December
Infant Nativity - 5 pm
Collection time 5.45 pm

12th December
Infant Nativity - 9.15 am

12th December
Junior Christmas Celebration - 2 pm
• Your child will need a coat
• If you are collecting your child from church and they have a packed lunch, please provide their lunch in a disposable bag so that the children do not need to carry an empty packed lunch box to the church

12th December
Infant Christmas Parties - Bring party clothes to change into

12th December
Junior Christmas Celebration 6 pm
• If you are not attending the evening event, please could you collect your child from the CHURCH HALL at 7 pm.
• If you are able to walk to the church, could you please do so to avoid congestion.
• Please ensure that your child is wearing school uniform, including blue sweatshirt and school shoes (not trainers).

13th December
Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children - Suggested minimum donation £2
School uniform/PE kit (as appropriate) should be worn with their Christmas jumper.

14th December
Junior Christmas Parties - bring party clothes to change into

15th December
Last Day of Term

Tuesday, 2nd January
Back to School



We will have Christmas Jumper Day next Wednesday on the same day as Christmas Lunch.

As with the national jumper day held this week, we will donate proceeds from the day to Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or

something suitably festively shiny/glittery/tinselly alongside their school uniform on Wednesday in exchange for £2 donation to charity.

Final Week Arrangements and Timings

- Infant (R,1,2) Nativity** – Monday at 5pm and Tuesday at 9.15am
- Junior Christmas Celebration** at St John's Church – Tuesday at 2pm and 6pm
- Infant party day** – Tuesday (bring party clothes in a bag!)
- Junior party day** – Thursday (bring party clothes in a bag!)
- Christmas Jumper Day** – Wednesday (over uniform)
- End of Term** – Friday at 1.30pm

Please note change of timings – **all children will now be singing from 1.10pm** before being **dismissed at 1.30pm** into the playground. Entrance via the car park, hot drinks and mince pies of sale from the PTA.

Christmas Wishlist Appeal 2023

This time last year, we tried out holding a 'Christmas Wishlist' for much-needed up-to-date library books, and your support was phenomenal. We are still enjoying discovering the amazing authors and titles bought as a result. This year is a little bit different and is inspired by our new English curriculum - called 'The Literacy Tree' - which brings another range of new, exciting titles into our writing work. Children are loving discovering books about the ship's cat on the Titanic; what happens to Leon when he goes inside a magician's magic trick; and the adventures of the Naughty Bus to name but three. Year 5's latest inspirational text at the moment (The High-Rise mystery by Sharna Jackson) even resulted in Mr Hogan, Mrs Letchford and Miss Riggs being accused of kidnapping a squirrel! (clearly all of us are far too well-behaved to be involved in such crimes...)

The new curriculum has a huge range of books to choose from, and we would love to have a collection of each book in school, both to make choosing the next unit easier, and to allow children to keep enjoying the books after they've finished the English units in lessons. We have therefore created a wishlist which features every text available to use in the Literacy Tree planning outlines. If you would like to purchase a book for your child's class, or just a title you like the look of, please do have a look as soon as possible so that orders arrive by the end of term. The wishlist will however stay open into January so don't worry if you need more time to have a look.

As with last year's appeal, every little purchase adds up to an amazing, exciting whole which benefits our work with the children, so we are very grateful for any support you can give and thank you in advance. **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>**

We have already had a some lovely parcels of books delivered this week- thank you so much for your continued support!



THANK YOU

Felbridge Primary School

for raising a fantastic

£483.75

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children in Need has not verified the above fundraising. This is not a receipt.
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We raised an amazing
£373.18 from our poppy
appeal collections.

Thank you!

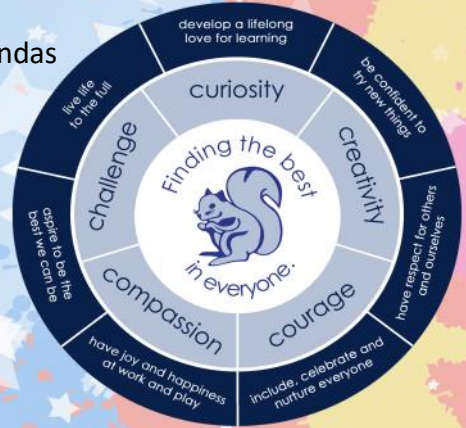




Values Champion

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

- Scarlett - compassion and challenge - Geckos
- Deron for Challenge & Courage - Monkeys
- Joel for Challenge - Leopards
- Alex J for Challenge & Curiosity and Aiden for Challenge - Pandas
- Florence for Curiosity - Toucans
- Olivia for Challenge & Curiosity - Macaws
- Tegan for Challenge & Creativity - Jaguars



Well done!

Mathletics

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
Monkeys Ollie III Iris V Seb M IV Pandas Jared IV Macaws Oliver IV Tyler II Jaguars David IV Florence V Freddie III Alex IV Greta III	Monkeys Fionn V Timos IV Spencer I Leopards Martha IV Oliver IV Leila MS V Macaws Amelie III Seb F IV Mia V Jaguars Joshua IV	Pandas Hattie V Husna I Josie I Eloise IV Toucans Mickey III Maddie I Bella V Macaws Alina II Freddie I Darcie IV Rohan I Jaguars Evan V Jack II Florence III	Monkeys Imogen I Seb W III Leopards Audrey I Florence I William V Jack I Billy III Naya I Freya I Pandas Alina II Freddie I Darcie IV Rohan I Toucans Evan V Jack II Florence III	Macaws Alisha II Jenson I Jaguars Ayla V Tegan III			

Mathletics: Monday, 27th November - Sunday, 3rd December

Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos: 98%	Monkeys: 86%	Leopards: 99%	Pandas: 94%	Toucans: 99%	Macaws: 95%	Jaguars: 93%	Whole School: 94%
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