

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers

Michael Bubl  has been spotted on TV and there's glitter all over the carpet (sorry Mr Keetley!) – it must mean Christmas is coming! Rehearsals are starting to ramp up in the infant and junior parts of the school and some rather special decorations are starting to take shape as we get ready for performances in a few weeks time and the fair next week.

If you have Facebook, please do follow the PTA to keep up to date with fair requests – this event can only happen with your support, particularly when it comes to helping on the day. Please have a think about whether you could offer half an hour on a rota to make sure the event is as successful and enjoyable as we hope it will be.

The big news this week is a really big squirrel! Not content with turning the corridor into Narnia, Mrs Nicholas dreamt up an even bigger project, which has now been turned into reality by the phenomenal local street artist Julian Johnson from <https://www.jayspaintshop.co.uk/> as a sort of '240th birthday present' for the children!

The green sheds in the playground have been showing their age for some time now, but Julian has totally transformed them into something really wonderful with this huge mural, featuring our beloved squirrel



alongside our values and aims for the children hidden amongst the leaves. We can't thank Julian enough for all his hard work, not to mention Jess Nicholas for coming up with the original idea and giving up lots of her time to help too. We hope to enjoy it for many years to come!

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

Term Dates
30th November PTA Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Sweets for the Christmas Fair
1st December Jaguars Class Assembly - 9 am
2nd December Christmas Fair
7th December Whole School Pantomime - £3.50 per child
11th December Infant Nativity - 5 pm
12th December Infant Nativity - 9.15 am
12th December Junior Christmas Celebration - 2 pm
12th December Infant Christmas Parties
12th December Junior Christmas Celebration 6 pm
13th December Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children - Suggested minimum donation £2
14th December Junior Christmas Parties
15th December Last Day of Term - 1.20 pm
2nd January Back to School

PTA Update

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a bottle on Thursday, we are going to have a great bottle tombola! We are very excited about the Christmas Fair, we've got a lovely selection of external stalls, plus some PTA made items to sell. We've planned some festive fun games for everyone too.

At the moment, we are very low on volunteers. We CANNOT run these games without volunteers to run them, which would mean less money raised for the school. If we don't have enough volunteers by mid week we will have to start making the hard decision to remove some of the games that we've planned. We've put a lot of time and effort in behind the scenes and this would be very disappointing for all. Please, if you can spare an hour or two, we would really appreciate your support. Sign up using this link <https://signup.com/go/eiZZMQB>

We've sold half of our Grotto tickets, so if you want your children to meet Santa at our fair we advise you to get in quick. Tickets are available at www.pta-events.co.uk/felbridgeprimarypta

Thanks very much! Your PTA team

Try Something New at Imberhorne

On Monday, ten children from Years 3, 4 & 5 had a fantastic morning at Imberhorne exploring two new sports. We split into two teams and tried out new age Kurling and Boccia. Both sports need lots of patience, accuracy and sometimes tactical thinking to get as close to a target as possible. Once we'd had a go, supported by the brilliant Sports Leaders from Imberhorne, we played against lots of other schools. Although the point was to try and sports and have fun with other schools, we did also play very well and there was some great skill on show! Everyone was a fantastic ambassador for the school, cheering each other on and acknowledging the other teams too when they made a great shot. Well done team!



Netball

What amazing progress for our netball team this week! They played brilliantly against Copthorne and although they lost, a final score of 2-1 is impressive with a fantastic goal from Evie! Miss Pringle thoroughly enjoyed taking them and cheering them on!

School Fund Annual Donations

We wrote to parents in September asking for a voluntary donation of £20 for each child to the school fund. The original letter is attached and outlines the types of enrichment activities that we are able to provide for your children through these donations. School visits and the voluntary payments requested for these are entirely separate from this request for a donation.

So far, we have had a donation from 55% of the school- thank you very much to everyone who has made a donation as they are all incredibly valuable to us.

Sometimes we get asked what they are (and aren't!) used for- including a few common rumours which we'd like to reassure you about:

- These donations do not pay for any normal day to day running of the school costs (staffing, repairs/ maintenance, day to day resources)
- They do not pay for school outings or visiting workshops
- They do pay for extras which we cannot fund from the main budget, including improvements to the playground, extra classroom resources and new reading books for children to name a few recent examples.
- We are not unusual in making this request – some schools ask for a termly contribution and many ask for significantly more than £20.

If you are not able to donate, we do understand in these tough times, but if you can spare a few pounds, we are grateful for everything we receive of whatever amount.

Please remember to complete a gift aid form (also attached) to allow us to claim the additional £5 for every £20 donated. If you have previously made a donation and not filled out a gift aid form, could you please complete and return one. Please let us know if you are unable to print and would like one sending home.





Values Champion

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

- Ruby for Challenge - Geckos
- Florence for Challenge & Courage - Monkeys
- Ella for Courage & Challenge - Leopards
- Joshua for Creativity - Pandas
- Freddie for Challenge - Toucans
- Mia for Courage - Macaws
- Amira for Challenge & Curiosity and
Ava for Challenge & Courage - Jaguars



Well done!

Mathletics

Bronze		Silver		Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
Monkeys Ollie I Frankie II Iris III Seb M II Spencer IV Florence II Pandas Frank IV Noah III Jared II Josie IV	Toucans Charlotte IV Maddie V Poppy IV Sophia I Jaguars David II Florence III Poppy III Freddie I Alex II	Monkeys Fionn III Imogen IV Eloise I Leopards Audrey IV Florence IV Martha II Oliver II Jasmine V Jack IV Leila MS III Naya V Oscar III Elsie II Freya IV	Pandas Everly I Alina V Hattie III Freddie IV Rohan V Eloise II Toucans Mickey I Jack V Bella III Macaws Jackson II Alisha V Amelie DS I Jenson IV Seb F III Mia III Joshua II	Monkeys Seb W I Leopards Jasmine I William III Billy I Darcie II Finlay II Toucans Evan III Florence I Jaguars Ayla III Tegan I					

Mathletics: Monday, 13th November - Sunday, 19th November

Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos:	Monkeys:	Leopards:	Pandas:	Toucans:	Macaws:	Jaguars:	Whole School:
	94%	92%	94%	95%	99%	100%	98%	96%





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Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering"

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GROOVELINE
WEEKLY PODCAST
HEARD IT...
THROUGH THE GROOVELINE
PODCAST
IN ASSOCIATION WITH GROOVELINE MUSIC EDUCATION

Grooveline Music Education have released a new podcast series which is aimed at parents to help them best support their child's music education (even if they're not musical themselves). Titled "Heard It Through The Grooveline", there is a new episode every Monday and it is available on Spotify, Amazon and Apple. This will be really useful for any parents of children who are studying music!

Come and See Christmas
Experience the Nativity
Saturday 16th December
2-4pm
@ Felbridge Village Hall

Featuring...
DONKEY RIDES
INTERACTIVE NATIVITY
FELBRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR
CRAFTS
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