

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers

We've had so much going on this week- even without the sudden surprise downpours- that we're not sure how to fit it all into one short introduction!

In this newsletter you can read all about World War 2 day and Junior Citizen trips in Year 6, more information on our 240th celebrations and some brilliant art in Year 3. We've also collected chestnuts, got a little bit muddy and generally had a lovely week leading into half-term.



The highlight of the week is the different ways that our children have gained some new and potentially life-saving knowledge from three separate first-aid sessions. On Monday, Key Stage 2 all learned how to become potential life-savers by taking part in the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) Restart a Heart Day with KSS CPR Awareness Sessions. The day after, Year 6 also received further training, including where to find a defibrillator and how to use them if needed.

Then, on Thursday, Years R, 1 & 2 all received an in-house visit from our own Dr Leaman, who approached the same learning and first-aid knowledge in ways accessible to our younger learners. Thank you so much to her for giving up a morning to spread what could one day be life-saving knowledge.

Although survival rates for cardiac arrests can be very low without intervention, bystander CPR can make a critical difference. Did you know- we now have our own defibrillator, available to use whenever the building is open. There is also a public defibrillator mounted outside the village hall.

Have a fantastic half-term. If you haven't signed up for the PTA fireworks yet, don't forget to get those ticket orders in! We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 30th October.

Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

Term Dates

3rd November

240th Birthday Celebrations

3rd November

Fireworks Night - 5.30 - 7.30 pm

10th November

Bag 2 School Collection - 9am

17th November

Children in Need - Pyjama Day - Minimum suggested donation £2

1st December

Jaguars Class Assembly - 9 am

2nd December

Christmas Fair

7th December

Whole School Pantomime

Coats!

Please remember that there is no rhyme or reason to the weather at the moment and certainly very little point in trusting the weather forecast! Children **MUST** have a waterproof coat in school every day so that we can go outside even if it is lightly raining. We try to only retreat inside if the rain turns heavy but when there are so many children with no coat, it makes it much harder.

PTA Update

Fireworks

- Tickets are selling well for the Fireworks, thank you to everyone who has bought so far. If you want to go, we advise purchasing asap to avoid disappointment.
- We are looking for volunteers at our Fireworks event. We need people to help run the bar, BBQ and a couple of stalls. Would you be willing to offer 45 minutes to help us? Please volunteer using this link <https://signup.com/go/yJrsioi> You must have fireworks tickets in order to volunteer.
- We are also looking for someone who can help provide gas for our BBQ. We have one BBQ but we cannot store gas on the school site. Does anyone have a gas canister who can help us?
- We are also looking for another gas BBQ to cook our vegetarian options on, again please get in touch if you can help. Pta@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk

Christmas

- Christmas cards are being ordered shortly so please get your orders in by Monday, 30th October (first day back after half term)
- We are thinking ahead to our Christmas Fair and we will be in touch with ways you can help us, but please put any unwanted gifts to one side for us plus any Christmas wrapping paper or gift bags that you no longer want.

Bag2school

- Don't forget Bag2school is on Friday 10th November.



Teddy Bear Resus

Geckos, Monkeys and Leopards were really lucky to have a visit from Dr Hannah Leaman who volunteered to come and teach the children all about first aid and resuscitation, with the help of teddy bears! They practised CPR and talked about the best way to help with broken bones, burns and bleeding whilst waiting for further help. Well done to all of the children for taking part and thank you to Hannah for giving up her morning and sharing her expertise!



Natural Art in Year 3

In art this term, Year 3 have been learning about cave paintings and thinking about how people might have created them without any of the tools we might use today. They went into the woods to collect leaves, berries, bark and other natural objects to create their own pigments. We shared our work together at each table and talked about what had worked well and what was harder. We made a lot of mess but had a lot of fun!



Feeling Good Week

Last week all the classes took part in 'Feeling good week'. On Friday the whole school took part in a run which helped make us feel fresher and part of a team. It was lots of fun and I think everyone was feeling good by the end of it. Perhaps in the holidays you could take extra time to move and get some fresh air to help you feel good now the nights are getting darker.



There's lots going on to celebrate and commemorate the 240th anniversary of the founding of the school on 4th November, not least our celebration day on Friday 3rd November. **We are still finalising exact details but we expect the element of the day to**

which parents are invited to be from around 2.30pm, either from the 'usual' performance area outside Year 1/2 or squeezed into the hall if the weather is too bad. At the same time, a display of our recent local history work and photos of the school throughout the last hundred years will be open for all to enjoy and we are working on a way for this to be safely available during part of the fireworks evening too.

If you haven't seen it yet, please refer back to last week's email for details of the dressing up part of the day ready for a whole-school photo and some Edwardian-style lessons!

Daffodil Planting

As part of the celebration, we are planning for every child to plant a daffodil bulb in the old trim trail area to create a beautiful display in the spring. If you have a bulb planter we could borrow on Friday 3rd November, please let us know. (one or two DBS-checked parents to help create 200+ holes from about 11-12 on the day might also be helpful!)



Jaguars Class - What a Busy Week!!

On Tuesday morning, Jaguars class visited Lingfield Racecourse for the 'Junior Citizen' event. The children had a great morning learning all about how to be a safe and responsible citizen. They heard from the charity 'Hope' about how to keep their lungs healthy, what to do if they ever saw a forest fire, how to stay safe if home alone, the importance of rail safety, how much sugar is the recommended amount for each day and how to give life saving CPR. The children particularly enjoyed this as they got to practise on special mannequins and remind themselves of their training from 'Restart a Heart' day on Monday!



Yesterday, they went back in time to 1943. They enjoyed their WW2 themed day dressed as evacuees and soldiers and had great fun doing a range of activities. They cooked a typical WW2 broth with leeks, potatoes and carrots, and baked carrot biscuits with their weekly rations of sugar and margarine! They also brushed up on their sewing skills to 'make do and mend' and took cuttings from herbs to grow at home to 'dig for victory'! Unfortunately, the day was interrupted several times by the air raid siren and local ARP Warden (aka Mr Hogan) ensuring we all got into the air raid shelter (hall cupboard) safely! We rounded the day off with a visit to the 'sweet shop' where the children received their weekly sweet rations but only if they'd managed to keep track of their ration book all day!



CHRISTMAS Bauble WORKSHOP



Mince Pies and treats available to buy all funds to the PTA



Hot Chocolate & drinks provided by the PTA, raising money for the school



Sunday 19th November 3:30 - 5:30pm
Felbridge Village Hall

All materials and tuition included to create 6 hand-decorated and marbled baubles

£40 per 6 baubles with velvet ribbon
 Suitable for those aged 7+ with adult help
 (come and create Christmas Hand-Decorated Baubles as a family)

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FELBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA FIREWORKS NIGHT 2023



**FRIDAY
3RD
NOVEMBER**

5:30-7:30PM
 FIREWORKS START AT 7PM

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FAMILY OF
5
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Food and fun to celebrate Jesus' light on Tuesday October 31st

LIGHT PARTY

time

YRS R - 5 5:00PM - 6:20PM
 YRS 6 - 13 6:30PM - 8:00PM
 ST JOHN'S FELBRIDGE HALL

