



# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 15th September 2023

Dear parents and carers

It's been really lovely to have a full school this week, with all of our new Geckos now in school and exploring their new surroundings. Jaguars Class are thoroughly enjoying their new responsibility as buddies to our youngest learners, sitting with them for lunch, looking after them in the playground and being every inch the role models around school.

On Monday, we met with the PTA to talk about what we might be able to do this year. A further email about their AGM will be coming early next week and it would be great to see anyone who can make it to school on **10<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm** for this important annual meeting. There are some fantastic ideas in the pipeline, including for the return of a traditional Christmas Fair, and we can't wait to put them into action.

We also had a look at last year's successes, including everything we were able to purchase for the children with the PTA's, and in turn your, amazing support. The year started with an £8000 donation for the long-awaited Chromebooks, and was followed with:

Projector and screen for hall: £2000	Picnic benches: £1300	£200 per class to offset the cost of coaches for trips	Book raffle and Christmas library wishlist: £1000	Playground toys and quiet area resources: £250
Sports equipment: £610	Curriculum resources: £600	Headphones and webcams: £450	Plants for the garden: £230	Standing desks: £110

Ideas so far for this year include continuing to improve our playground, particularly imaginative play and potentially a way of providing shade on the top playground so that KS2 children can use the area outside their classrooms for learning on warm days. We would also love to bring the total of Chromebooks up to the 40 available slots in the trolley (another 7 devices) so that we can use them for group or intervention work even when classes are using them for computing lessons.

All this will need your support, so keep an eye out for PTA emails, whether it is for your help, expertise, or to book an event!

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

### Term Dates

<b>18th September</b> Wilder Schools Day (Macaws)
<b>20th September</b> Pandas - Surrey Walking Training/Road Safety
<b>21st September</b> Individual and Sibling Photos
<b>25th September - 29th September</b> Jaguars Residential Week
<b>6th October</b> INSET Day
<b>10th October</b> Whole School Flu Vaccines
<b>10th October</b> PTA AGM 4.30 pm
<b>17th October</b> Jaguars Junior Citizen

### SAVE THE DATE!

- Fireworks Night: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Christmas Fair: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

If you have a business (or a contact) which would be interested in running an external stall at the Christmas Fair, the PTA would be happy to talk to you about whether your stall can be accommodated (depending on the type and number of stalls booked). Please email [pta@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk) to find out more

**Felbridge Primary School**  
1783 - 2023  
**240<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Also attached with the newsletter today is a reminder of the optional homework project which was sent out before the summer.

We will be having a celebration of the 240th anniversary of the founding of our school in November and, to help us get ready for the party, we asked if children might like to get creative over summer with one of the tasks on the sheet.

Completed tasks can now be handed to class teachers up until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to seeing what you've been up to!



**Communication with Teachers**

A reminder that, if you need to pass a message to teachers via email, all communications are sent via the office. Please use [info@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk) for any written communication and Mrs Warland will pass it on. This is to ensure that the right people are aware of messages and also to keep the times that emails are received to daytime hours. This includes Year R – Tapestry should only be used for communication about learning as opposed to general queries to ensure that Miss Pringle has a home life too! Thank you as always for your support.

**Bank the Food for East Grinstead Food Bank**

We will be having our traditional autumn collection for the food bank in a few weeks but, in the meantime, they are building up to their Christmas Bag distributions and have sent through a list of the most needed items to make up bags for families in need of support...and a treat... this Christmas. If you are in the supermarket and are able to do so, please consider the following items which can usually be dropped off at collection points in larger supermarkets:

Spaghetti hoops, tinned meat and fish, Pringles, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, chocolate

You can also download the 'Bank the Food' app to see in real time what our local food banks are most in need of: <https://>

See our needs in real-time with **Bank the Food** app



**Bank the Food**

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

- Mikey for Challenge - Monkeys
- Dylan for Challenge & Courage - Leopards
- All of Pandas for everything!
- Sophia for Challenge & Katie for Courage - Toucans
- Benji for Challenge- Macaws
- Sophie C for everything! - Jaguars

**Well done!**

**Attendance**

Attendance this week:	Geckos: 100%	Monkeys: 94%	Leopards: 98%	Pandas: 96%	Toucans: 98%	Macaws: 99%	Jaguars: 96%	Whole School: 97%
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# Talking Teens

A guide to understanding teenagers!



A 4-week course suitable for parents and carers of children in school year 5 and upwards!

## What is covered?

- Being a parent of a teenager
- The role of parents
- Responding to difficult feelings
- Understanding teenage development
- Parenting styles
- Praise and criticism
- Communicating, talking and listening
- Communicating clearly
- Handling difficult issues
- Managing conflict
- Rules and boundaries
- Choosing how to respond
- Problem solving.

## What are the benefits of this programme?

- Increase your understanding of teenage development.
- Learn and improve practical strategies in areas such as setting boundaries.
- A great opportunity to meet other parents going through the same problems and share your wealth of experiences.
- Promotes healthy physical and mental development in both parent and teen.
- Improve communication skills which can help build stronger bonds with your teen which can improve your home life environment.

Talking Teens  
Your Guide to  
Understanding  
Teenagers



### Where:

The Red Oak Family Centre, Radstock Way,  
Merstham, Redhill, Surrey RH1 3NH

### When:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

At: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: £15.00

(payable on booking, CASH or BACS only)

To book your place on the course, please contact  
The Red Oak Family Centre on 01737 645908 or  
email [info@theredoak.org.uk](mailto:info@theredoak.org.uk)





## Looking for a Netball Club?

Limited spaces available for ages  
9, 10 & 11 starting September 2023  
Book now for a taster session on Tuesday 19th Sept  
6.30-8pm at East Grinstead Sports Club



Southdown Netball Club is a friendly club making netball accessible to all.

We aim to help develop confidence and the ability to work as a team,  
teaching ball handling skills and movement whilst having lots of fun.

For more details please email [secretarysdnc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysdnc@gmail.com)

EG Sports Club, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, RH19 4JU  
Training Tuesday Term Time 6.30 - 8pm

**DIWALI**

*Dinner and Dance*  
3 course hot Indian meal  
Live DJ  
Dance with Bollysteps  
Where: Felbridge Village Hall  
When: 6.00pm to 11.00pm on  
11th November 2023

*Tickets: Adults (13+ years) £35  
Kids 5-12yrs - £10  
Dress code: Bright and colourful*

*Cash Bar, All money raised goes to Felbridge Primary School  
Bindis on sale for £1  
Individual Tickets or by table: Felbridge Village Store  
Anni Black (07875307263) or online at  
[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/felbridgeprimarypta/index.cfm?  
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