

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 28th June 2024

Dear parents and carers

Thank you so much to everyone who supported last weekend's FoFPS Summer Festival. There were crowds of people enjoying the stalls and activities the whole way through and it was brilliant to see everyone having so much fun! A special thank you to Kate, Kelly, Sarah and Rebecca – the FoFPS Committee - who have worked non-stop to put on such a fantastic event for everyone. They are busy totting up the final total- watch this space to see how much our efforts have generated for the children from the fair, and overall this year!



Some of this year's funds will be taken into next year for Mrs Thorp to allocate to projects she has identified but, before then, we are looking to replace the playground benches and umbrellas which have definitely served their time; we also hope to purchase either tablets or cameras to support both computing and SEND work in classes. Meanwhile, in the hall, Mr Keetley helped us install new lights this week funded by FoFPS – we look forward to seeing the children's faces literally light up at evening performances soon!

Finally this week, we are sorry that we won't be able to reveal the final staffing for next year for a little while longer as we are still waiting for some recruitment formalities to complete. This isn't unusual – we were fortunate in the last two years to know the staffing situation a little earlier, but it is often common for us, and other schools, to only confirm teachers for the following year in the final few weeks of term. If you do see the staff out and about, please don't pressure them as they can't tell you either!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

### Term Dates

<b>11th July</b> Year 5/6 Production
<b>12th July</b> Year 5/6 Production
<b>16th July</b> Sports Day
<b>17th July</b> Sports Day - Provisional Reserve Date
<b>17th July</b> Year 6 Leavers Party 5 - 7 pm
<b>19th July</b> Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9 am
<b>19th July</b> End of Term - Early finish from 1.20 pm

Year 5 have been working with the lovely Harriet and her team, from Surrey Wildlife Trust for the Wilder Schools programme. Come rain or shine they have been dedicated to caring for the wildlife within the school grounds and have won first prize of £500 for the school with the most action for nature, as part of their Wilder Schools Program.

Thank you to everyone who has made bird feeders, bug hotels, planted flowers etc. and entered these into the draw. Your support is very much appreciated.



\*Please send SWT an invoice from the school for this amount including your SACS details by 28 Feb 2025

### News from Felbridge Parish Council

**Felbridge Playground Upgrade:** Works start at the end of July to upgrade the playground. Works will take three weeks. This will include a new base (on top of the old base to avoid it going to landfill); new swings (including a basket swing and 'you and me' swing); seesaw; somersault bars ring; sway alley with steppers; a climbing cone; accessible roundabout and toddler equipment. The existing large climbing frame, toddler slide, spinner and springer will be refurbished and retained. New spica balance equipment for both toddlers and older children will be installed. Completion is expected mid-August. Regular updates will be provided during the works period. The works are being funded from Community Infrastructure Levy payments (required from building and development works). FPC were successful in an application for CIL funding from TDC who are supporting the project and will take over responsibility for the playground on completion. The balance of funds will come from FPC's CIL reserves. All funding came from developments in the Tandridge District.

### Year 5 Wilder Schools

Yesterday, Year 5 had their last Wilder Schools' session, for this year, with Harriet from Surrey Wildlife Trust. We did a blindfolded walk through the woods using only a rope to guide us. We had to use our hands and feet to feel for dangers! We also played Bird Call, where we were each given a bird call and we had to walk around making the sound and try and find someone else with the same call. Mini beasts were hunted for in the woods and field. We found a stag beetle, which Harriet said were becoming a rare species due to loss of their habitat. She logged its location with Surrey Wildlife, so that their numbers can be monitored.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us, buying bird feeders and seed bombs for us to be able to buy a camera or supplying us with materials for our bug hotels. We really have improved our grounds to encourage more wildlife to live here. Macaws Year 5.



### Area Sports

Miss Pringle and Mrs Lavington had a brilliant time in the sun on Tuesday afternoon with a brilliant bunch of Key Stage 2 children! They were really impressed by the determination and positive attitudes of all of the children. The activities that we competed in were: sprints, relays, obstacle races, long jump, broad jump and vortex. Felbridge came a fantastic 3rd, demonstrating how team effort can make a great impact, especially in those relays! Whist our success was nice, the important thing is that all of the children had fun and tried their best, despite the difficult temperature!

### Friends of Felbridge Primary School Update

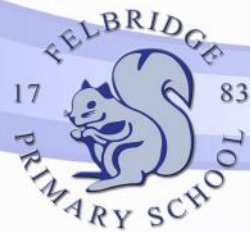
We wanted to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped us with the Summer Festival - there are many people who helped behind the scenes and we are very grateful to you all. Special thanks to the following:

- To all of our sponsors - those who sponsored the event (Houlihan, IDH Carpentry, Roe Brickwork and New Homes Carpeting Limited) and those who sponsored stalls (Felbridge Village Store and Cottier Contracting) and thank you to David Garrett for your help with this
- To our extremely generous raffle ticket prize donors
- To those who helped behind the scenes before the festival - labelling tombola items, putting up bunting, painting games that had gone mouldy in the shed over winter
- To Graham the caretaker who helped make the playground look beautiful for us
- To Hayley for coming to the rescue with her food van and saving us from having to run a barbeque!!
- To Rachelle at Thirsty Darlings for the loan of her beautiful bar
- To all of our stall holders, we hope you enjoyed browsing their beautiful produce
- To the children who made amazing signs and worked hard on the stalls on the day - you were all fantastic!
- To our choir, Fortitude and Roshe for their wonderful performances
- To all the other volunteers (staff, parents and friends) who gave up their precious time to help out on the day
- To our first aiders - you may not realise but we cannot operate without them
- And last but not least to Mr Hogan for all of his support - we will miss you!

We have not yet come to our final total but we can announce that we have raised **over £2,500** from this event - which means we have raised over £10,000 this year! We are absolutely thrilled with this and are extremely grateful for your support. We are investing this money in a number of things around the school and will update you on this shortly.

Thank you so much everyone!  
Kate, Kelly, Sarah and Rebecca





# Values Champion

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

- School Trip this Week - Geckos
- School Trip this Week - Monkeys
- Dylan for Challenge - Leopards
- Hunter for Challenge - Pandas
- Maddie for Creativity & Pavel for Challenge - Toucans
- Charlie for Challenge & Courage - Macaws
- Orlando for Challenge - Jaguars



Well done!

Monday, 17th June - Sunday 23rd June 2024

## Mathletics

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend	
<b>Pandas</b> Oliver III	<b>Leopards</b> Joel V  <b>Toucans</b> Casper I	<b>Leopards</b> Marietta II	<b>Monkeys</b> Ollie I Lexi V  <b>Pandas</b> Poppy IV  <b>Toucans</b> Maddie V  <b>Macaws</b> Tyler IV	<b>Toucans</b> Charlotte II	<b>Leopards</b> Martha II Freya V  <b>Pandas</b> Hattie II Freddie IV Jared IV  <b>Macaws</b> Mia III	<b>Monkeys</b> Fionn IV Seb II Spencer V  <b>Leopards</b> Audrey II Florence II Jack V Leila II Billy V  <b>Pandas</b> Josie III  <b>Toucans</b> Jack III  <b>Jaguars</b> Alex II	<b>Monkeys</b> Imogen IV Holly V  <b>Leopards</b> William VIII Naya V Oscar IV  <b>Pandas</b> Alina I Darcie VIII  <b>Toucans</b> Evan IX Bella IV Florence IV  <b>Macaws</b> Alisha III	<b>Jaguars</b> Ayla IX Tegan XI



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### Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos: 94%	Monkeys: 89%	Leopards: 91%	Pandas: 96%	Toucans: 94%	Macaws: 99%	Jaguars: 96%	Whole School: 94%
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On Monday, we had a visit from East Grinstead Library to explain this year's exciting [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Children can sign up for FREE at East Grinstead library or, in fact, any library across Surrey or West Sussex!

## What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

## Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

## How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

## When?

The Challenge will launch on **6 July** and will run to the middle of September.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!



# A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER FESTIVAL EVENT SPONSORS



# FELBRIDGES

Independent Village Store Since 1841

Proudly celebrating our 15th year serving the local community. The Felbridge village store is a family run business which was re-opened in 2009.

*'Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone who has supported our small local business and has helped us take the store from strength to strength.'*

The store offers fresh coffee, a wide range of fresh and frozen goods, cleaning products, newspapers, beer, wine & spirits. We are also a multiple parcel service partner.



Mon-Fri: 07:30-19:00  
 Sat: 08:00-19:00  
 Sun: 08:30-15:00

Fireworks (During Season)	Award Winning Pure Gusto Coffee
Lottery, News & Mags	Soft Drinks, Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate
Greetings Cards, Stamps & Stationery	Household Goods; Toiletries & Medicines
Alcohol & Tobacco	Pet Foods
Harveys, Longman, Hepworth & Missing Link Brewery	Photocopy, Print & Personalised Gift Service
Grocery; Fresh Bread - Fellows Bakery	Paypoint & Payzone Store
Organic Food - Infinity Wholefoods	UPS & DPD Parcel Access Point
Chilled Foods; Fruit & Veg	Royal Mail Drop Off Point
Milk, Bread & Eggs, Organic, Duck & Quail	Yodel & Collect+ Drop Off Point
Frozen Foods & Ice Cream	DHL & DHL Express Drop Off Point
Confectionary & Snacks	Dry Cleaning, Laundry & Alterations
Biscuits & Cakes	Shoes & Clothes Recycling Drop Point
Sandwiches & Pies	Free To Use ATM & Cash Back Facility

