

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 7th June 2024

Dear parents and carers

Happy National Volunteers' Week!  
We are so lucky to enjoy the help of our weekly- and sometimes almost daily- volunteers, from our readers, to the swimming chauffeurs, to anyone who's helped on a trip- you are all superstars and we couldn't do so much without you!



With volunteering in mind, please do take note of anything coming home from FoFPS at the moment. The Summer Festival (22<sup>nd</sup> June if it isn't already burned into your memories) can only be a success with your support. This year, each class has been allocated a specific stall in addition to the 'general' stalls. Children and staff are helping with signs and equipment, but your children's (and your) help will be needed to run them on the day. Thank you for your support in advance.

Meanwhile in school, Monday saw the choir heading up to Leatherhead for their annual Surrey Music Festival concert. It was such a joy and privilege to listen to the results of their many weeks of rehearsals in front of a packed Leatherhead Theatre. Well done guys- have a look at them all scrubbed up and ready to go overleaf!

Some staffing news to finish with this week. We have not finalised the full staffing list for September yet, but will let you know when we are in a position to do so. However, we can now announce that Miss Riggs has secured a new position from September as a Year Leader in a much larger primary school. We are so delighted for her as she thoroughly deserves this exciting news, but we are also really sad to be losing such a valued teacher, colleague and friend. Miss Riggs has given so much to the school since she started here in 2016, not least some very memorable performances with the choir, Christmas events and Year 5/6 productions. We know that Miss Riggs is going to be hugely missed by the children but we will make the most of her last few weeks with us! A recruitment process is in place for a new teacher and we will let you know when we have more news.



*Baby-faced Miss Riggs in 2016 as a newly-qualified teacher!*

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

### Term Dates

<b>17th June</b> Macaws (5) Mayans Chocolate Workshop
<b>19th June</b> 5 pm - Maths Workshop
<b>22nd June</b> FoFPS Summer Festival 1 - 4 pm
<b>28th June</b> Geckos (R ) and Monkeys (1) Hever Castle
<b>Week Beginning 10th July</b> Year 5/6 Production (TBC Weds/Thurs)
<b>16th July</b> Sports Day - Provisional Date
<b>17th July</b> Sports Day - Provisional Reserve Date
<b>19th July</b> End of Term

### PTA Squirrel Club

Congratulations to the following winners:

#### June

- 1st Prize Mrs Kallmann £30;
- 2nd Prize Mrs Foster £20
- 3rd Prize Mrs De Souza £10

Winnings will be sent home via your child.

Please return the receipt to the office to confirm you have received your winnings.



### THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Laura- parent of Harris in Year R - who entered a competition at work to win money towards books at school, and won us a fabulous £150! The money will be put to good use expanding our library for the benefit of all to enjoy. If you see any kind of competitions to win money or resources for schools, please do take the time to enter as every win helps!

### Stoolball Festival

On a lovely sunny Wednesday this week, 10 children from Macaws class were invited to compete in the Annual Stoolball event hosted by Sussex Schools.

Although this is not a familiar sport taught within schools, we were lucky to have recently had a visit from *Stoolball England*, delivering a workshop to all classes. During the workshop they were taught the basic rules and skills for this traditional striking and fielding game, which really helped prepare us for this tournament. Some of the children may even have attended Mrs Warland's afterschool club too!

The children competed against 10 other schools, in a pool of 5; playing 4 games throughout the day with a final to decide on our overall place. Felbridge displayed some excellent teamwork, especially when fielding. The number of runs in each game were closely matched, however we did win two of our games resulting in us competing for 3rd or 4th place in the final against St Peters. The pressure was on, after some words of encouragement and another close score, Felbridge took the victory, claiming 3rd place - Well Done & Congratulations Felbridge!



A huge well done to Jackson and Olivia, as well as special guest rappers Tyler and Nathaniel, for writing and delivering an assembly all about trees and how they are vital to our lives. Both Jackson and Olivia spoke very confidently and passionately; the rap which followed, featuring all 4 of them, was not only very well written, but pretty funny too!



### Are Smartphones really smart?

The debate about smartphones and their impact on children has led to a big discussion in Year 5, and we wanted to share with you some of the resources they have found. This isn't about children not having 'a phone' as there is no denying that in a payphone-free world there isn't another way to keep tabs on older children who are out on their own. It is more about the access to a world of apps and websites which aren't always child-friendly, or even what they claim to really be, not to mention the fact we'd probably all like children to have less screen time.

It's a very tricky debate, as we know that many secondary schools now rely on children using a phone for timetables, homework apps and organisation, but certainly one worth having and knowing more about the alternatives.

Free free to have a look at the following resources kindly suggested by Year 5 parents. There are resources for all sorts of ways to ditch the screens, as well as tips to manage privacy and security settings on devices. These sites and their content are not endorsed by us as a school, but we certainly approve of parents and children being aware, safe and confident to have time away from a screen, however they choose to do it.

<https://www.instagram.com/smartphonefreechildhood?igsh=MWV2ZDQ1cnN4MDIt>

<https://linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhoodlinks>

<https://www.instagram.com/defendyoungminds?igsh=cmdtajhvbWJneXVp>

<https://kidslox.com/>



A pre-show choir getting ready to sing their hearts out under some very hot lights at Leatherhead Theatre!



## Friends of Felbridge Primary School Update

We are extremely busy with Summer Festival planning and it is looking to be a great day out. Our planned attractions include:

- A train ride
- 2 inflatables
- Face Painting
- Hair braiding
- DJ (we're giving Mr Hogan a chance to relax and enjoy himself!)
- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
- Ice cream van
- Performances from our wonderful pupils
- Licensed bar selling Pimms amongst others
- External stalls selling lovely gifts and cakes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform
- Class games and stalls

We are **desperately seeking a food vendor** for the day! We've tried many vendors over recent weeks but they are unavailable. Can you help us? If you know anyone who is available between 1 and 4pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we offer competitive pitch fees. Please, please get in touch asap! [friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk)

**Volunteers:** We have sent out our request for volunteers for the main FoFPS stalls - if you can spare an hour to help us, it means we can make the day as fun as possible. We welcome grandparents and other family members to volunteer too, and your children are welcome to assist as well (however please don't mark them as a spot taken on the signup sheet).



Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/vLRpeDm> - thank you to everyone who has already volunteered!

**Class stalls:** We have asked each class to run a stall or game on the day, and separate volunteer lists will come through next week for those. We would love to see the children running the games that they've worked to prepare (under supervision) and each slot is only 30 minutes long. We hope this is ok and that the children enjoy being part of the day.

**Raffle:** We are running a raffle which will be drawn on the day of the festival. The raffle theme is "Summer Activities" and we have a lovely selection of generous prizes. Tickets will be sent home with your children next week.

Kate, Kelly, Sarah and Rebecca  
Friends of Felbridge Primary School  
[friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk)





# Values Champion

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

- Lewis for Courage & Challenge - Geckos
- Alexander for Curiosity & Challenge - Monkeys
- Jack for Courage - Leopards
- Alex D for Creativity and Challenge - Pandas
- Astrid for Courage - Toucans
- Jackson, Nathaniel, Tyler and Olivia for Creativity, Courage and Challenge- Macaws
- Oliver for Compassion - Jaguars



Well done!

## Mathletics

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
<b>Monkeys</b> Thea V Alexander II	<b>Leopards</b> Joel II  <b>Macaws</b> Thomas I	<b>Monkeys</b> Ollie III  <b>Pandas</b> Lily V	<b>Monkeys</b> Lexi II  <b>Pandas</b> Lily I  <b>Toucans</b> Charlotte V  <b>Macaws</b> Amelie III	<b>Monkeys</b> Iris III  <b>Leopards</b> Martha IV  <b>Pandas</b> Hattie IV Frank V Noah I Jared V  <b>Toucans</b> Mickey IV	<b>Monkeys</b> Seb M IV  <b>Leopards</b> Audrey IV Florence IV Oliver V Freya III  <b>Pandas</b> Freddie I Jared I Finlay V Josie V  <b>Toucans</b> Jack V  <b>Jaguars</b> Alex IV	<b>Monkeys</b> Spencer II  <b>Leopards</b> Jasmine II Jack II Oscar V  <b>Pandas</b> Alina IV  <b>Toucans</b> Bella V Florence V  <b>Macaws</b> Alisha V	<b>Monkeys</b> Imogen I Holly II Seb W IV  <b>Leopards</b> William V Naya II Oscar I  <b>Pandas</b> Darcie V  <b>Toucans</b> Evan VI Bella I Florence I  <b>Jaguars</b> Ayla VI Tegan III



Mathletics: Monday, 20th May - Sunday, 2nd June 2024

### Attendance

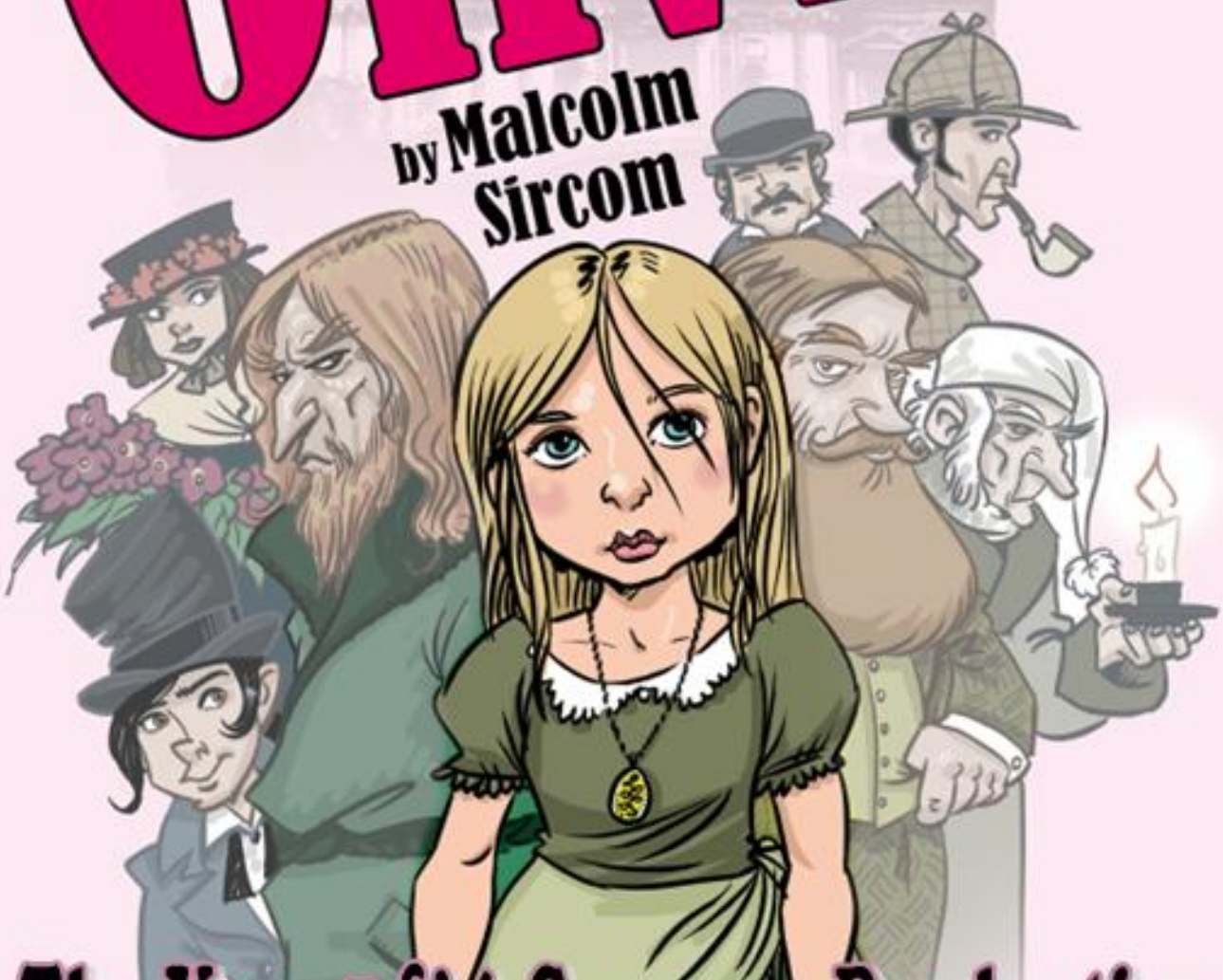
Attendance this week:	Geckos: 96%	Monkeys: 96.7%	Leopards: 95%	Pandas: 94%	Toucans: 88%	Macaws: 95%	Jaguars: 92%	Whole School: 94%
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# SAVE THE DATE!

# Olivia!

by Malcolm  
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The Year 5 & 6 Summer Production  
**Felbridge School Hall**  
Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July

