

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear parents and carers

As we move into spring, we could almost feel a little bit of heat in the sun at times this week! This came in handy yesterday when Year 5 had an 'Action Day' as part of their Wilder Schools Project. Harriet and Pam from the Surrey Wildlife Trust supported the children to dig up a huge patch of field to create a wildlife meadow, backed by a 'bee bank' created from the spoil. As the seeds take effect, this is going to look amazing and will hopefully also attract all kinds of wildlife for us to enjoy.

If anyone has a packet of wildflower seeds- or would like to buy some- we would love it if children bring them in to scatter in the bed/on the bank and create an even more colourful display later in the year – all they need to do is ask someone at breaktime if they can go over and scatter away!

This morning, we finished the week on another high with Monkeys Class giving us a brilliant assembly all about everything they have learnt this term. Bookended by a fab rendition of 'Hey Hey We're the Monkeys' and including a re-telling of 'Iggy Peck, Architect,' it was a truly uplifting way to lead us into the weekend- well done Monkeys!



If you are coming to the disco later, please check out the Friends' info email to help the evening run smoothly and we'll see you later with our dancing shoes on.

Whatever you're up to, enjoy the weekend!

Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

Term Dates

27th March	Toucans (4) Class Assembly - 9 am
27th March	Macaws (5) Star Gazing Evening
28th March	Last day of term - Closure from 1.15 pm
16th April	Geckos and Leopards to Ashdown Forest
25th April	Pandas (3) Visit to British Museum
26th April	Leopards (2) Butser Farm
6th May	Bank Holiday
10th May	Geckos (R) Class Assembly - 9 am
w/c 20th May	Jaguars (6) Bikeability
23rd May	Leopards (2) Class Assembly - 9 am
24th May	INSET Day
27th May	Half Term

Maths Workshops- feedback on best times

Following parent requests, we are planning a maths information presentation and workshop for the summer term which will support you to work with your children, especially with teaching techniques and vocab differing even from just a few years ago.

We want this session to offer the possibility for as many parents as possible, including those who may have work or evening club commitments, to attend, as success in maths is such an important building block for our children. **Could you therefore please indicate the time you would prefer to attend such a meeting using this link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/fp1FdCYy2i>. We are working on a way to offer limited child supervision whatever time we hold the sessions at.

Mrs Sims and Miss Richardson
Maths Co-ordinators



Pandas cCass had the opportunity to visit Brambletye school this week to see their performance of Around the World in 80 days. We were blown away by the level of words, dancing and performances that were required.

Everyone helped us to feel welcome and we are excited to see if we get another invite.



Toucans Class visited Lingfield College on Tuesday to solve an art heist! Van Gogh's starry night painting had been stolen! We used science skills to narrow down the suspect, technology and engineering skills to solve puzzles to gain clues and art skills to recreate the missing painting. We had so much fun and the children represent the school superbly with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm.

Well done Toucans!



Year 5's Wilder Schools Action Day!



Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading?

Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple.

Please visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.



If you found this helpful, please share it with as many other parents as possible.

Attendance Update from Surrey County Council

This week, Mrs Sims and I attended a Headteacher briefing at which the Inclusion & Attendance Lead for Surrey gave a presentation. In line with the government's [updated attendance guidance](#) and recent news articles about plans to increase fines, we were advised that the Inclusion Service will be required to make changes to their approach from September. In school, this will reflect in changes to the way we record some absences and a big increase in the pressure we face to introduce fines for poor attendance or extended breaks in term time.



As a leadership team, we have always tried to be sensitive to families' needs as we believe that working with you is more productive than sanctions, unless attendance is slipping to the point where there is no alternative. We do of course continue to believe that the best place for a child in term time is always in school, as that is why we do the job we do – to work with your children in school!

Please bear in mind this increased pressure when making decisions around attendance, particularly breaks in term time. New attendance guidance specifically for Surrey schools is being produced at county-level and we will advise you if we see any major changes.

Mr Hogan-Fleming

Enter the Team GB GetSet 'Design a Sustainable School' Competition

Calling all children aged 5-11! Team GB want to see how the next generation of learners would design a sustainable school that would fit into a cleaner, greener, healthier future.



The winning pupils will secure funding through the **British Gas Positive Energy Grants** to help their school become more sustainable and accessible!

In addition to **1 x school receiving £15,000 and 4 x schools receiving £2,500**, they will also receive expert advice from British Gas on how to make their school more energy efficient, as well as advice from ParalympicsGB on how to make it more accessible to everyone.

Submit your entries by March 28th to be in with a chance of winning!

Find out more in the [FAQs](#) on the [GetSet website](#).

(A competition entry sheet is attached alongside the newsletter this week)





Values Champion

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

Joshua P for Challenge - Geckos
 Sid for Challenge & Courage - Monkeys
 and Monkeys class for their assembly
 Jack for Challenge - Leopards
 Shane for Creative & Challenge - Pandas
 Seb for Creativity - Toucans
 Amelie De Souza for all the Values - Macaws
 Sonny and Rafferty for Compassion - Jaguars



Well done!

Mathletics

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
Monkeys Esme II	Monkeys Lexi I	Pandas Lily I Noah IV Poppy III	Monkeys Iris II Seb M IV	Macaws Mia IV	Monkeys Fionn IV Spencer I	Monkeys Imogen I Holly I Seb W III	Jaguars Ayla V Tegan II
Leopards Arthur IV Joel III	Pandas Everly V Alex II	Toucans Charlotte II Maddie III	Leopards Martha II Elsie II	Jaguars Alex III	Leopards Audrey II Florence II Jasmine IV Jack III Leila M-S IV Billy V Oscar V Freya I	Leopards William V Naya I	
Macaws Evie I	Toucans Seb I	Jaguars Freddie IV	Pandas Frank III Freddie V Jared II Rohan IV Josie IV	Pandas Finlay II	Pandas Alina I Darcie IV	Toucans Evan V Florence I	
Jaguars Greta	Macaws Oliver V		Toucans Mickey III	Toucans Jack IV Bella V	Macaws Alisha I		

Mathletics: Monday, 11th March - Sunday, 17th March 2024

Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos: 93%	Monkeys: 93%	Leopards: 96%	Pandas: 90%	Toucans: 95%	Macaws: 98%	Jaguars: 86%	Whole School: 93%
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PTA News

Disco

Infants 5-6pm

Juniors 6.15-7.15pm

We are looking forward to tonight's disco! Many thanks to all who have booked tickets, sales are now closed and we cannot accept any more entrants on the door. We have emailed all those who have booked with information about the event so please read that email before you arrive if you can.

For the first time ever (we think!) we are offering a space for parents and siblings to wait. This will have a fully stocked bar with alcoholic and soft drinks, plus some snacks too. We hope to see some of you there!

Quiz

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our quiz night last week - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with set up and clear up, together with our excellent Quizmaster Mr Hogan. The food was supplied by Harbour Fish & Chips who provided a fantastic and prompt service. Thanks also to Chetan from Felbridge Village Store who generously provided some ice for us to chill the drinks with. We are very grateful for everyone's support, it really is appreciated.

Final profit numbers aren't quite ready yet, but we will announce as soon as possible.



Logo competition

You should all be extremely proud of your children - we have received SO many beautiful entries for our logo competition. Thank you to everyone who took part, we will announce the winner next week so watch this space 😊





The kitchen at school is recruiting for a Catering assistant on a 12.5 hrs contract a week. If you would like to apply, please follow the link below or call Lisa on 07779 451317.

[School Kitchen Assistants \(Term Time\) - Surreywide - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) – when applying please note your interest in Felbridge Primary School.

Twelve15

The canteen at Felbridge primary school is recruiting for a TERM TIME ONLY CATERING ASSISTANT on 12.5 hrs a week on an hourly pay of £11.04

Looking for a secure, term time only role with great work/life balance and benefits? We offer different hours and roles which often suit parents, grandparents, and carers. "Twelve15" has been delivering healthy, well-balanced, and nutritious school meals for over 70 years.

We are currently recruiting for:

- **Catering Assistant**

Please click here or scan the share code to find out about our current vacancies and apply. *Catering Assistants please apply to the Surreywide advert and note down on the application that your interest is Felbridge Primary school. For more information, please call Lisa on 07779 451317.*

