

# Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 1st March 2024

Dear parents and carers

As we have spent the last few days taking turns to visit Year 4 on the residential trip at Hindleap Warren, we thought the best way to open the newsletter would be to turn the page over to them. Here's what our muddy young adventurers had to say as they began their last day today:

*Seb: "We had lots of fun and the activities were awesome!"*

*Evan: "The puddles are very deep and muddy but really fun!"*

*Lexi: "The activities were really exciting. We persevered and if we struggled we helped each other."*

*Delphine: "On the first day we went through a lake and it went up to my waist!" We are all going to need a shower when we get home!"*

*Astrid: "My advice for next year's Year 4 is don't be scared to get muddy!"*

*Ellie: "Hindleap Warren is a place to face your fears!"*

*Mr Hogan: "So did you enjoy Hindleap Warren?" Year 4: "YES!"*

We think we can safely say they had fun! Thank you to parents for bringing them down, and to the inventors of washing machines for being there when we needed them! There also definitely needs to be a thank you to the children for being amazing and getting stuck in, even when the weather turned very wet on Thursday and even wetter today. Finally, a huge thank you to all the staff who supported the children in pushing themselves to try new challenges, looked after them without a break for a few days and, for those on site at night, giving up their comfy beds for the luxury of dorms and bunks!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims



### Term Dates

#### 7th March

Bloomin Arts Sponsored Dance-a-thon

#### 14th March

Felbridge World Book Day

#### 15th March

PTA Quiz Night

#### 15th March

Macaws (5) Class Assembly - 9 am

#### 20th March

Macaws (5) Star Gazing Evening

#### 22nd March

Monkeys (1) Class Assembly - 9 am

#### 27th March

Toucans (4) Class Assembly - 9 am

#### 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

#### 10th May

Geckos (R) Class Assembly - 9 am



As you know, we have video entry on the gate, but not at the front door to monitor entry and exit to/from the school. The design of the school and its offices has always made this more

difficult for office staff, but we have now kindly been donated a CCTV system with a screen to be able to see the front door from the office which was installed this week. As such, we are required to inform you that this system is in operation with, to start with, a camera monitoring the front doors. We hope to add an external camera as well to cover the route from the gate to the front door.

We are sure you will agree the benefits of this extra security in providing monitoring of this key entry/exit point.

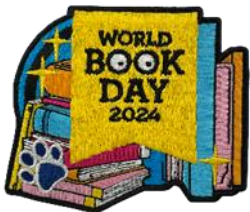




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ARTS

We hope you received the sponsorship form for the Bloomin' Arts Dance-A-Thon which will take place on Thursday. We'd love it if children could ask friends and family for a small donation to support their efforts in raising funds for this brilliant local charity who do amazing work with young people with a huge range of additional needs.

Forms can be returned (preferably in an envelope if returning cash) any time this coming week. Please return all forms by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



With World Book Day (don't forget ours is on the 14<sup>th</sup>!) in mind, it's a good time to remind you about the most important piece of 'homework' you can do with your children at primary school – reading! Apart from regular practice of mental maths facts and, later, times tables, reading regularly is vital to support children's success in laying the foundations for later life.

One of the ways we encourage and reward children's reading habits at home is through awarding raffle tickets when we look at their reading diaries. Usually a ticket is given for reading at least 4 times a week. However, a recent sample of two classes showed that only half the children were doing this! Please try to set aside time to both hear children read and to keep reading to them. Think of it as an investment in their future!

### Could YOU help us with reading?

One of the ways we support reading in the infant year groups is by hearing children read and working with them on tricky areas- whether once or twice a week for more confident readers, up to daily for those who need more time, patience and support to become more confident. We would love more volunteers to help hear readers in Year R and 1 particularly. If you would be interested in giving an hour or two a week, please have a look at the volunteer pack: <https://www.felbridgeprimary.com/getting-involved-volunteering-in-school/> or speak to one of the Leadership Team.



On Wednesday our some of the girls from our Year 5 netball team played an incredibly tough match against a very strong (predominantly year 6) team from Crawley Down School. Even though Crawley Down proved themselves to be the better team, Felbridge never gave up or stopped smiling. Their perseverance was thoroughly appreciated. Well done to Poppy, Emmi, Alisha, Lena, Darcie, Olivia, Amelie & Lucinda.



### Bird Feeder and Seed Bomb Sale

On Tuesday, Year 5 held a sale of the Bird Feeders and Seed Bombs that we had made last week as part of our Wilder Schools Project.

We were really pleased at how enthusiastic the parents and children were to buy our produce! We made a fantastic £92, which will be put towards a Wildlife Camera for our woods. THANK YOU!!

Please remember to 'log your action' of buying our Bird Feeders and throwing your Seed Bombs, using the QR code, so that we increase our chances of winning the £500 prize. It only takes a minute and we would really appreciate all the 'actions' we get. Thank you again for your support.



Please use this QR code to log any actions you have taken to encourage wildlife in your garden and locality. This could include litter picking, recycling, hanging out bird feeders, seed bombs and much, much more.



### World Book Day Competition!

If you would like to, please design and create a wooden spoon book character. They will be displayed on 'Felbridge World Book Day' (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March) and there will be prizes for the most imaginative and creative ones from KS1/EY and KS2!

Here are some examples to help you get thinking:



They could be painted, collaged, coloured with simple felt tips or created in any way you choose.

Please bring your finished spoons in, labelled with your name and class, by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

We can't wait to see your creations!

### PTA (Friends of Felbridge Primary School) Update

#### **Logo design competition - closing date Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

1 week to go until we close our competition for the children to design our logo as we change to Friends of Felbridge Primary School. The winner will receive a £10 Martell's voucher and the satisfaction of seeing their logo design made into our official logo from here on!

Children have been sent home with a presentation to explain more and their competition sheet. A copy of the presentation was sent out by the school but if you'd like to receive it again, please email [pta@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pta@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk) and we will send out to you.

#### **Save the date - School Disco - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

We are busy planning a disco for the children on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. More details will be shared on Monday, when tickets will also go on sale. Watch this space!

#### **Quiz night - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

A few tables remain for our quiz night, please don't delay if you plan to join us. Ticket sales will close on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and we cannot offer tickets on the door.

Thanks for your continued support

All of us at Felbridge Primary School PTA





# Values Champion

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

- Elliott for Challenge - Geckos
- Freya for Creativity and Compassion - Monkeys
- Laila for Challenge and Compassion - Leopards
- Husna for Challenge - Pandas
- Tom for Challenge - Macaws
- Joshua for Curiosity and Challenge - Jaguars



**Well done!**

Monday, 19th February - Sunday, 25th February 2024

Mathletics								
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend	
<p><b>Leopards</b> Arthur II</p> <p><b>Toucans</b> Seb IV</p> <p><b>Jaguars</b> Ralphie IV Toby IV</p>	<p><b>Toucans</b> Charlotte V Maddie V</p> <p><b>Macaws</b> Oliver III Tyler V</p>	<p><b>Monkeys</b> Iris IV Timos III</p> <p><b>Leopards</b> Martha IV Elsie IV</p> <p><b>Pandas</b> Frank V Noah I Jared IV</p> <p><b>Toucans</b> Maddie I</p> <p><b>Jaguars</b> Freddie II Alex V</p>	<p><b>Monkeys</b> Seb M I Spencer III</p> <p><b>Leopards</b> Audrey IV Florence IV Jack V Freya III</p> <p><b>Pandas</b> Hattie II Freddie II Rohan II Finlay IV Josie I</p>	<p><b>Toucans</b> Mickey I</p> <p><b>Macaws</b> Mia III</p>	<p><b>Monkeys</b> Fionn I Imogen III Holly III Seb V</p> <p><b>Leopards</b> Oliver I Jasmine I Leila M-S I Billy II Naya III Oliver II</p> <p><b>Pandas</b> Alina III</p>	<p><b>Toucans</b> Jack I Bella II Florence III</p> <p><b>Macaws</b> Alisha III Jenson I</p> <p><b>Jaguars</b> Tegan IV</p>	<p><b>Leopards</b> William II</p> <p><b>Pandas</b> Darcie I</p> <p><b>Toucans</b> Evan II</p> <p><b>Jaguars</b> Ayla II</p>	

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Attendance								
Attendance this week:	Geckos: 98%	Monkeys: 95%	Leopards: 98%	Pandas: 90%	Toucans: 94%	Macaws: 97%	Jaguars: 88%	Whole School: 93%

