

NEWSLETTER



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Highlights

Head, Deputy and new teachers.

Last Friday we welcomed new staff into the school and they took their roles very seriously. They made some changes to the running order, including pudding before dinner back by popular demand! They also carried out learning walks, pupil interviews, answering the office phones, playground duty, led celebration assembly and had lunch in the staff room. The whole school were brilliant and treated them as if they had always been leaders of the school.

The day finished with staff team obstacle races. There were three teams, however two were disqualified leaving a clear winner! A huge well done to Robin and Brianna, who did a fantastic job and gave us all such a memorable day.

Open School

It was really lovely to see so many of you at Open School. The children spent the morning in their new classes and I can honestly say they were so excited. It was lovely to see so many smiles. In the evening the children enjoyed showing grownups around and looking through their learning.



Year 2

The leaver's assembly was so lovely and I would like to thank the year two team for all of their hard work putting it together.

Now the time has come for us to say goodbye. The year 2 children are amazing and every step they have taken through the school has been a joy to be part of.

Although saying goodbye is always tinged with a little sadness, we are so immensely proud of them all and wish them great success throughout their education and the wonderful future that lies ahead of them.



Goodbye to Mrs Shuman from the Chair of Governors.

As you know Mrs Shuman will be starting her retirement after 26 years working in education – 23 of those years were spent at FVIS. As a Teacher, Deputy and Head teacher she has worked tirelessly to support Fetcham Village Infant school and all her pupils, staff, and parents, guiding us through the many changes introduced by the Department for Education, keeping us safe through a global pandemic, and challenging us all to be the best we can be.

On Tuesday there was a special assembly for Mrs Shuman where the children sang the songs they had practiced, laughed out loud at the photographs displayed of Mrs Shuman in the many costumes worn for World Book day and other events (Where's Wally, a Pirate and many more) and rushed to hug her once the gathering was over. It was the perfect way to wish her well in her next adventures and to thank her for her many years of service. As Chair of Governors I spent many hours with Mrs Shuman and one of the things I will remember the most was her open door policy for the children, her staff and even us governors 😊. I have lost count of the number of times while we were in her office that a child would knock or burst in to share an achievement (and get a HT's sticker), ask for the birthday bear or just to check-in and say hello. She always made time for us all!

Thank you Mrs Shuman – enjoy your well-earned retirement.

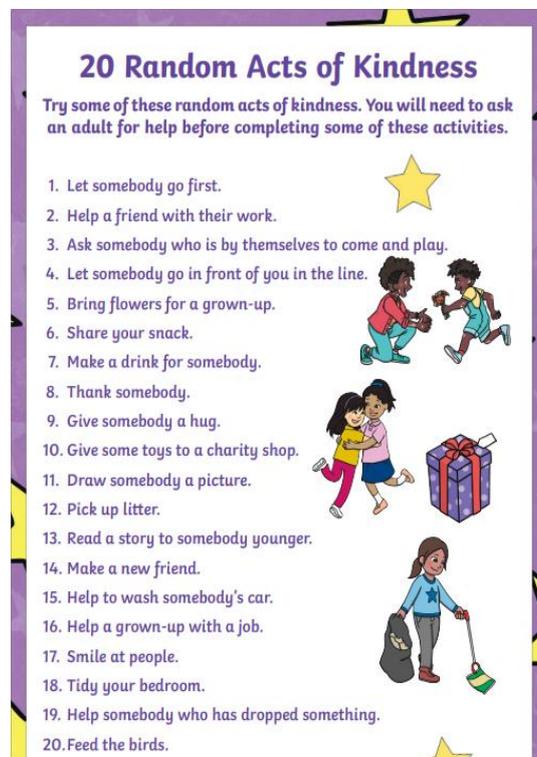


Mental Health and Wellbeing

The mental health pillar this term has been great giving. I've seen huge amounts of great kindness being given in school.

Acts of kindness can make the world a happier place for everyone. They can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive community.

Below are some ideas for encouraging acts of kindness to support mental health at home during the summer holidays and at school.



Also see...

The attached information sheet from Mindworks 'Little things can make a difference' covers a range of topics and is definitely worth a read.



Safeguarding

The summer holidays are fast approaching and your children may be attending holiday clubs, days out and perhaps spending more time online playing games with friends.

The NSPCC has a wealth of information and advice on Keeping Children Safe. Their website is easy to navigate and will tell you everything you need to know from checks you can make about clubs to advice on parental control settings on devices.

You will also find lots of useful information about Internet Safety on our website. You will find this in the News box on the home page.

Values

This year the children have been exceptional at following the values of the school. Their attitude and behaviour is exemplary and we could not be more proud of them. These values, taught in depth at school, would not be as effective were it not for the examples set by you at home. Thank you so much for supporting this.

September 2023

Just a reminder, doors open at 8.50 am and the day finishes at 3.10 pm. Year 2 will enter and leave the school through the double doors into the hall. Year 1 Hedgehogs will come into school via the first aid door next to the steps down into the lower playground. Foxes will go directly into the hut. Reception enter the school through the double doors into the library.

For all new parents please do not worry, as there will be plenty of adults around to show you where to go.



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs from 7.50 am to 8.50 am. The cost is £6.30 per session including breakfast. It is available every school day and you can book just the days that you need. Please contact the school office for more details.



Website

Our school website is updated regularly. Don't forget to visit www.fetcham.surrey.sch.uk



A message from The Fetcham PTA (formally Friends of FVIS and Pre-school)

Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates and reminders about our events:

Facebook: [Fetcham PTA | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [@fetcham_pta](#)

Thank you for your continued support
Fetcham PTA

Reminders:

Toys

Children are not to bring toys and other personal items into school. Much learning time is lost and there is often upset as we sort out ownership issues, look for lost items and try to repair breakages.

Watches

If your child is learning to tell the time, they may wear a small, inexpensive analogue watch. No large digital watches please.

Keeping everyone safe

Please may I remind you not to let your children ride cycles or scooters on the school site. There are cycle and scooter parks at both entrances.

Nuts

Please remember that we are a “nut and sesame free” school. Please **do not** bring nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products into school.

Healthy School

We are very proud of our ‘Healthy Schools’ status which is why we do not encourage children to give out treats on birthdays. We do celebrate with your child, playing our birthday cake shaped music box, singing happy birthday and giving out birthday stickers. The children love it and it makes them feel very special.

Dates:

September 2023	
Friday 1 September 2023	Inset Day
Monday 4 September 2023	Children return to school
Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 September 2023	Home Visits - Reception children
Thursday 7 September 2023	Reception children start part time
Monday 11 September 2023	After school clubs commence (Year 1 and Year 2)
Monday 18 September 2023	Reception children attend full time
Thursday 28 September 2023	Nasal Flu Immunisation – further details to follow

Inset Days for 2023/2024:

Friday 1 September 2023
Friday 20 October 2023
Wednesday 15 November 2023
Monday 4 March 2024
Monday 3 June 2024



And finally...a huge thank you to all of you for very generous gifts, cards and good wishes. Change is always difficult and this is a huge one for me which I am looking forward to, excited about, emotional and just a little bit scared all at the same time.

I would like to thank each and every member of staff for being amazing, supportive and such lovely people. Their dedication to your children's health, safety and education is beyond compare and working with them has been a privilege.

I would also like to thank Katy and the PTA for their hard work and so generously giving their time culminating in a record amount of money raised this year. I am sad that I will not see the new playground but I know that the children will love it and perhaps I will visit when it is done.

Lastly I would like to thank all of you for entrusting your children to my care.

I wish you all a lovely summer break.

Kind regards.

Mrs Shuman

Proud to be Retired Head teacher

Fetcham Village Infant School



Our values based education empowers individuals to be the best that they can be.