

NEWSLETTER



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Dear FVIS Community,

What an end to 2023 we have had! Six Christmas Performances, lots of school trips and visitors and a lovely Nativity Service at St Mary's Church. I have also had the privilege of seeing your children progress so much: a particular highlight has been receiving Reception children in my office and seeing some of their very first pieces of writing. It has been an extremely busy and memorable term!

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to respond to our Parent Survey, you can find the survey [here](#). We really do value your feedback so the five minutes of your time it takes to complete the survey would be really appreciated.

Thank you as always for the support you give to our school and to our children. May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you in 2024!

Best wishes,
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Reception Christmas Performance



For Reception's Christmas Show, the children performed a special collection of Christmas songs. This featured some traditional songs, including the carol *Away in a Manger* and the classic song *Jingle Bells*; some playtime rhymes, such as *Here We Go Up to Bethlehem*; and even a pop music special: *Christmas Shark*! All the children in our Reception classes sang every song - with great enthusiasm - for the performances. Each child also got their own chance to shine, as we had small groups of children dancing on the stage for each song. We had some Santas, Elves, Nativity Characters, Party People and, of course, our Christmas Sharks! We were incredibly proud of the independence and courage that our School's youngest children showed during their performances. Every single child got up on the stage happily and performed with a smile! We thought this was a wonderful achievement and a lovely milestone with which to finish their first term in School.



Year 1 Christmas Performance

Year 1 showed off their singing and acting prowess by successfully performing 'Christmas counts' to packed audiences in the school hall. The performance followed the traditional Nativity story with the addition of our own census-takers that could not stop counting everything around them! Children were challenged with singing a range of songs and performing a play as a year group for the first time.



All the children worked very hard putting the play together and gained a lot out of it. We are all very proud of the achievement.



Year 2 Christmas Performance



Year 2 impressed us all this year by learning their lines and performing *The Innspectors* to a very engaged and supportive audience. Our performance told the story of the Nativity with lots of added extras. The children were encouraged to innovate parts of the script and added lots of humour!!

The Innspectors carried out a health and safety inspection of the stable in which a special baby was due to be born in. They weren't very impressed with the lack of health and safety - they certainly let their thoughts be known!

However, as Mary, Joseph and the donkey told their story and the special visitors explained the good news, the inn-spectors realised that this was no ordinary baby and they declare that the stable is fit for a King!

In addition to many speaking parts, the children learnt and performed the range of accompanying songs with great star quality. Some children bravely performed solo acts and wowed us all with some musical magic.

A special thanks to all of the parents for their support in helping the children learn their lines and providing lots of different costumes - we hope you enjoyed our performance!



School Nativity Service at St Mary's



On Tuesday 5 December, the whole school walked up to St Mary's Church for a festive Nativity show. We learnt about the story of Jesus' birth and sang songs from our Christmas Performances. For some of our children it was their first trip out of school and they behaved **MAGNIFICENTLY!**



Badgers Class Assembly

The children in Badgers class were very proud to tell everyone what they have been learning about since they started in year 2. They read out their diary writing, poems and stories written in English, explained how they can solve challenging addition problems in maths, showed off the puppets they made in DT and artwork inspired by Monet.



They also demonstrated their gymnastics and dance moves as well as educating the audience about a water village in Brunei. Year 2 have worked very hard this half term and we are delighted to see them being so proud of themselves.



Year 2 Natural History Museum Trip



In November, the children in year 2 made a trip to London to the Natural History Museum to further their knowledge of living things and their habitats. They also explored various exhibitions in the museum such as the dinosaurs, earthquake room and volcanoes but the highlight was an interactive show. The children travelled through the ocean and learnt about the various sea creatures that live at each depth as well as their predators and prey. We can't wait to learn more about this exciting topic next term!



Reception's outdoor learning area

Reception staff set up the Reception outdoor area for the day's learning prior to the school day. Parents are therefore asked not to allow their children to play on the apparatus prior to school. Please also do not allow your child to get out and use equipment.



2024 Dates:

Tuesday 2 January
Monday 15 January

Tuesday 16 January
Wednesday 17 January

Friday 2 February
Monday 5 February
Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February
Tuesday 27 February
Thursday 29 February
Monday 4 March
Tuesday 5 March

Thursday 7 March
Wednesday 13 March
Thursday 14 March
Wednesday 20 March
Sunday 24 March
Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 March

Wednesday 27 March
Thursday 28 March
Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April
Monday 15 April
Wednesday 24 April

Monday 29 April
Friday 3 May

Tuesday 7 May
Tuesday 14 May
Saturday 18 May
Thursday 23 May
Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
Monday 3 June
Friday 7 June

Tuesday 11 June
Friday 21 June

First Day of Spring Term

Blue Monday - Wear your own clothes (Fetcham PTA)

9.15 am - Heads Coffee Morning

Year 1 - Chertsey Museum 'Toys from the Past' workshop

9.15 am - Hedgehogs Assembly

Sponsored Bounce (Fetcham PTA)

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

Children return from half term

Parents Evening - 5.00 to 8.00 pm

Parents Evening - 3.30 to 6.00 pm

SCHOOL CLOSED Staff INSET

Mothering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)

World Book Day

6.30 pm - Head's Coffee Evening

9.15 am - Foxes Assembly

Year 1 - Gatton Park

Easter Egg Hunt (Fetcham PTA)

Year 2 - Walk Through Easter (St Mary's Church)

9.15 am & 2.30 pm - Easter Assembly

End of term - school finishes at 1.30 pm

SCHOOL CLOSED: Spring Holidays

First Day of Summer Term

Year 2 - Music Festival (Howard of Effingham School)

6.30 pm - Heads Coffee Evening

Wear your own clothes day for May Fair donations (Fetcham PTA)

Class Photos

Reception - Godstone Farm

May Fair - 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

9.15 am - Squirrels Assembly

SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term

SCHOOL CLOSED: Staff INSET

Fathering Sunday Market (Fetcham PTA)

9.15 am - Heads Coffee Morning

Sports Day

Tuesday 25 June

Wednesday 3 July

Friday 5 July

Wednesday 10 July

Friday 12 July

Monday 22 July

Tuesday 23 July

9.15 am - Rabbits Assembly

Reception - Leatherhead Miniature
Railway

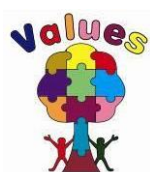
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Headteacher Day (Fetcham PTA)

6.00 - 7.00 pm - Year 2 Leavers Party

End of term- school finishes at 1.30 pm



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