

# NEWSLETTER



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## JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**"If I had my way, I would remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." —Roald Dahl**

I am sure that lots of you feel this way as January always seems to bring with it extra challenges. We are accustomed to long dark nights and unpredictable weather. We know how to cope with them because we know what is ahead. This year has begun with so much uncertainty it is tough to write a newsletter, as it is usually full of upcoming news and events.

However, we can look to all of the positive things that are happening in our community.

- We continue to be safe and well. This is the most important thing of all. We need to keep reminding ourselves that this is why we are all in lockdown.
- Children at home are engaging with the learning. The amount of quality learning and feedback teachers are receiving is incredible.
- Parents and carers are supportive both of the children and the school. For this, we thank you so much. We know how hard it is for you, we applaud you, and all that you have done to ensure your children are engaged.
- The children coming into school are happy and enjoying the learning. This will be a great comfort to those parents whose work is vital to the fight against Coronavirus.

I hope you will all agree with me when I say, on reflection, January is actually not too bad, albeit very long!

### **More good news**

By the end of January all school staff will be using twice-weekly lateral flow devices to detect Covid-19 in asymptomatic people. They will administer these themselves at home. The staff are very relieved that this is happening. It will give them some peace of mind and keep us better informed as to the spread of Covid-19 in our community. We are hopeful that this is the beginning of our journey into opening the school for all children.

### **Some sad news for us but good news for Mrs Seager**

Mrs Seager, who has taught at Fetcham Village Infant School for over twelve years, is leaving us at half term. We are sorry to be saying goodbye however, she is entering a new chapter in her life and we know that you will all want to join us in wishing her lots of happiness for the future. Here is a message from Mrs Seager to you all:

*I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all the children I have had the privilege of teaching during my time at Fetcham Village Infant School.*

*It has been lovely to get to know their families and being able to work together to support your children.*

*I know how hard all the staff work, no matter what their role is within school and I greatly appreciate their generous friendship and caring professionalism.*

*Wishing you all every happiness and good health as we move forward from the current climate.*

*I will miss you all, but I am looking forward to my next adventure!*

*With much love,*

*Mrs Seager*

*xx*

### **Parent Consultation Evenings**

At this present time, we are unable to hold face-to-face parent consultations. In place of this your class teacher will be ringing you to discuss your child. It is very difficult to set up a time for this so your class teacher will work through her class list. If you miss the call please do not worry she will call back. If the class teacher is still unable to contact you, they will email you the information. If you are a keyworker and your shift work prevents you from being available please contact your class teacher who will be happy to accommodate you at a mutually agreeable time. These calls will take place during the week 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. More information will be available soon but in the meantime please ensure that the school office has your most up to date phone details.

We are hoping that we will be able to invite you in for meetings at the start of the summer term. Let us all keep our fingers crossed.

### **Topics for the term**

Year R    Fantasy and Reality  
            Traditional Tales

Year 1    Toys  
            Animals

Year 2    Space  
            Animals including Humans

### **Values**

Our Values this half term are Courage and Cooperation. At no time has this been more relevant for families at home and at school. When thinking about courage we would ask children to be brave and have a go. To do the very best they can and to be the very best they can be is all we ask. When things get tough remember tomorrow is a new day.

**A few reminders:**

**Covid-19 Guidelines**

We have a duty to remind parents of the key Covid-19 guidelines so we apologise for repeating ourselves. We know that you know all of this and are very good at following the measures we have in place:

- Please use the one way systems.
- Please wear a facemask (unless you are exempt).
- Please ensure that your children stand with you before and after school.
- Please try and arrive at your allocated time.
- Please socially distance when dropping off or collecting children.
- Please do not gather in groups in the outside areas.
- Please send all messages by email to the school office.

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation.

**Digital interaction**

Each day it is a statutory requirement for class teachers to register children who are learning at home. This would be helped a great deal if your child’s first name was displayed. Due to GDPR class teachers do not use your child’s surnames on any lists.

**Nuts**

Please remember that we are a “nut and sesame free” school, therefore no nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products may be brought to school.

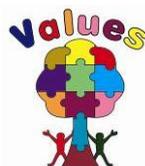
Please remember important dates can always be found on our School website.

<b>February</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Consultation week
Week beg 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb    HALF TERM	

Kind regards

*C Shuman*

Mrs C. Shuman  
Head teacher



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