

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is difficult to find the words to express how delighted we are that you will all be returning to us on the 8th March.

I know that it has not been an easy time for anyone and platitudes do not always help but I feel this one is very apt. 'Patience is not just about waiting for something; it's about your attitude while you wait'. I really am so thankful to all of you who have supported your children so wonderfully over the last year. Your patience has been boundless and your attitude outstanding.

You will hear so much in the media about lost education and 'catch up' and of course, we have already put together a plan to cover this in line with the guidance from the Department of Education. However, your children will have really missed the social and emotional aspects of being at school. Playing with friends and being in the company of their peers is a vital part of their development and we intend to make this a priority in the coming weeks.

Guidance for reopening

The updated guidance (February 2021) is unchanged and all the protective measures remain in place. 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 **do not** allow your children to use the play equipment in the playground before or after school
- Please arrive at your allocated time
- Please socially distance when dropping off and collecting children
- Please do not gather in groups in the outside areas
- Please send all messages by email to the school office

You will find our Protective Measures Overview and full Covid-19 Risk Assessment (updated in line with government guidelines) on our school website. <https://www.fetcham.surrey.sch.uk/>

Thank you so much for your continued cooperation.

Staggered start and finish times.

These remain unchanged for key stage 1. There is a slight alteration for reception.

Year 2 Start 8:40 Finish 3:00

Year 1 Start 8:50 Finish 3:10

Year R Start 9:00 Finish 3:10 (Doors open 8:50)

Although Year R and Year 1 start and finish at the same time their drop off and pick up locations are separate so there should not be a social distancing problem.

All year groups including reception will enter the school grounds through the top gate which is opposite Gatesden Road. This gate will be open from 7:45 am for those using breakfast club.

Years 1 and 2 will continue to enter the school as before. Reception will enter and leave the school through the hall door, which you will see once you arrive on the upper playground. Do not worry there will be plenty of staff around on your first day back to guide you.

It is still important that we all socially distance. We can achieve this if everyone arrives at the allocated time and leaves the site immediately after drop off and pick up.

Bubbles

When inside the building the children will remain in their year group bubbles. We will not be holding whole school activities inside but as the weather improves, we may have whole school wake and shake, assemblies and other activities outside.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

These will resume on Monday 8th March. Should you wish your child to attend breakfast club please contact our school office by either phoning 01372 373502 or emailing info@fetcham.surrey.sch.uk. For information on how to register for after school club please ring 07519 827348.

Activity Clubs after school

These clubs can resume but only if they are held outside. This means that children attending these clubs will be outside regardless of the weather. With this in mind, we have decided these will start after the Easter holidays. As these are outdoor activities, they will be open to years 1 and 2. I hope that we will have more settled weather and it gives enough time for clubs to sort out registration. Details of clubs will follow shortly.

Welcome to Miss Evangelos

Miss Evangelos joined our teaching staff on Monday 22nd February. She is Rabbits class teacher sharing responsibility with Mrs Wingrave. We are so happy to welcome her into the Fetcham Village Infant School community.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

On Wednesday Mrs Magee, our English leader, sent out all of the information for World Book Day. We hope you will all join in, dress up, read lots and have fun! £1 book vouchers will be given to all children on Monday 8th March.

Health and Safety

The fence surrounding the designated cycle/scooter park at the top of the field is decorative but it is not strong and the wood is not smooth. Please do not allow your children to climb on this.

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 also be found on our School Website

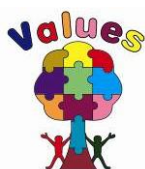
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March	
Thursday 4 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 31 st	Last day of term Year 2 finish at 1.30 pm Reception & Year 1 finish at 1.40 pm
April	
Thursday 1 st	In-service Training - School Closed
Mon 19 th	Children return to school

Kind regards.

C Shuman

Mrs C. Shuman
Head teacher



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