



# NEWSLETTER

## Emails and Letters sent home this week:

LETTER: CREATIVE WRITING DAY WYCOMBE HIGH SCHOOL  
 LETTER: GARSINGTON OPERA YEAR 6  
 LEAFLET: TRY TENNIS FOR FREE  
 FLYER: MARLOW MUSEUM PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION  
 LETTER: PTA AGM  
 E-MAIL: LUNCHTIME HELPERS  
 E-MAIL: OUTSTANDING CHATEAU DU BROUETEL PAYMENTS.

### 2016-2017

#### 2016 -2017 INSET days

Wed 4th January 2017  
 Tues 18th April 2017  
 Friday 26th May 2017

**School will be closed May Bank Hol  
 1st May 2017**

	Open	Close
Autumn	5th Sep	21st Oct
	31st Oct	20th Dec
Spring	5th Jan	10th Feb
	20th Feb	31st Mar
Summer	19th Apr	25th May
	5th June	21st Jul

### 2017-2018

#### 2016 -2017 INSET days

Mon 4th September 2017  
 Tues 5th September 2017  
 Wed 3rd Jan 2018  
 Tues 16th April 2018  
 Fri 25th May 2018

**School will be closed May Bank Hol  
 7th May 2018**

	Open	Close
Autumn	6th Sept	20th Oct
	30th Oct	19th Dec
Spring	4th Jan	9th Feb
	19th Feb	29th March
Summer	17th April	24th May
	4th June	24th July

## Summer 4

12th May 2017

### Message from Mrs Reid

After a couple of weeks of waiting, we can now publish the final letter from Ofsted following our inspection on Wednesday 26th April 2017.

The letter from the lead inspector states that '**This school continues to be good**' and highlights the strong team of staff and governors who are 'passionate to improve the quality of provision at Frieth'.

It also highlights:

- the drive, vision and inspirational leadership
- the fantastic nurturing environment and community atmosphere
- the conscientious and confident pupils
- the excellent attitudes to learning
- the high levels of supervision at lunchtime and the culture of vigilance for safeguarding children

In addition the inspector found that:

- the creative curriculum is well-planned

- that standards are improving for all groups of pupils, including the most vulnerable
- that 'more sharply focused lessons and improved teaching have led to better outcomes for all groups of pupils across the school, particularly in reading and writing'
- that 'mathematics is improving rapidly'

We will now work continuously to improve our already good practice to address the areas for development identified to ensure that:

- the learning environment for the early years is further improved with a wider range of stimuli for mathematics and literacy development
- progress in mathematics continues to improve in key stages 1 and 2
- the quality of pupil's work and their depth of learning in science and the wider curriculum are improved

The full letter can be found on our school website on both the newsletters feed and at the following link:

[http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/ofsted\\_april\\_2017/204673](http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/ofsted_april_2017/204673)

I am amazingly proud of the pupils whose excellent attitudes were so deservedly recognized in the report and have sent a letter to them so they know they have been recognized. I am also amazingly proud of all the staff for their incredible dedication to learning and to nurturing our pupils, above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you all.

I would also like to say thank you to the governors and parents for all their support and kind words during the inspection and their continued support as we continue our dedicated work to '*developing potential without limitations*'

Thank you everyone and have a wonderful weekend!

*Mrs Jo Reid*



## Welcome To Frieth School & The PTA!

**Don't miss out on your vote! Please return your AGM forms to Emma Wharfe by Friday 19th May for the AGM on June 8th.**



**Have a great weekend.**



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## **School Meals**

As noted in a previous newsletter the Premises, Health & Safety committee of the Governing Body have been undertaking spot checks of the school dinners due to the concerns raised by parents on quality and portion size. When undertaking these checks we took into consideration that the school meals funding is £2.30 per meal for KS1, within that cost Dolce need to be able to meet the required School Food Standards set out by the Government. These Standards were set out because it was proven that well-nourished children fare better at school and it was noted that it is far easier to get the necessary nutrients into a cooked meal. The funding provided however is not solely for the actual food it is also for all other associated costs which Dolce requires, such as staffing, premises costs, transportation.

The findings of the spot checks and quality checks were as follows:

Overall the food (noting the constraints above) was of good quality

Portion size was sufficient and children have the opportunity for second portions if required

As part of the checks we also helped out with serving at lunch time and I would note that a number of children are keen to finish so that they can go out and play. Staff encouraged children to eat enough food before leaving the table and to take the additional options of salad with their lunch. Mrs Reid also regularly eats the meals and Governors have also done the same to test the quality. I'm sure that there are occasional instances where the children do not like the meals and therefore they may come home hungrier than on other days. I would therefore encourage you to continue discussing school lunches with your children noting the points below as these will support the message that the children are given at school:

If they are still hungry they can ask for more food

If they do not like a particular meal then ask them to tell you so that you can amend the selection

Sit down and order meals together so that can assist them in selecting a meal which would be more to their liking

Please report any specific concerns about the quality or portion size for a particular meal direct to Dolce at support@live-kitchen.co.uk or email the school office. Dolce welcome the feedback and want to provide a good quality product as it encourages further take up. Meanwhile the Premises, Health & Safety committee will continue to undertake further spot checks to monitor quality and encourage you to give feedback through the above forums

## **LUNCH TIME HELP**

If anybody is available to help with lunches next Wednesday or Friday between 12—1.45pm we would be very grateful, please contact the school office.

## **FIDGET SPINNERS**

There has been a recent craze for Fidget Spinners in all schools in the area. Fidget Spinners are designed for specific children who need to have constant sensory feedback in order to aid their levels of concentration. Should a child need this additional sensory feedback, we are happy to support this in school and the class teachers or the SENDco, Mrs Goodchild, will contact parents directly to organise this. For all other children they are unfortunately becoming a distraction from learning rather than an aid to concentration and we are therefore asking children to leave them at home from next week. Thank you for your understanding in this.



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### **UNIFORM CHECK**

Please could we ask that you check your child/s uniform and make sure they haven't accidentally brought someone else's items home. We have a number of missing items of uniform which are not in our lost property boxes. If you do find any items we would be grateful if you would send them in to the school office. Many thanks.

### **FIT BITS**

We have noticed a number of pupils coming to school wearing 'Fit Bits'. We understand the health benefits of being able to track step counts and how they help to promote a healthy and active lifestyle, however we are concerned about such expensive equipment being in school. We would hate to find some pupils being upset because they have not got, or cannot have a 'Fit Bit' that they see their friends wearing and we would also hate to see them get damaged or lost. For these reasons, we ask that 'Fit Bits be left at home, and that the most pupils wear on their wrist is an inexpensive watch to help them tell the time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### **SUNNY WEATHER**

Now the weather is becoming sunny please remember to apply sun cream before your child arrives in school. Should they need to reapply, each child should have their own clearly named cream which they should be able to apply themselves. For safety reasons, children are not allowed to use another child's cream. Please also ensure your child has a named sun hat and brings a bottle of water into school with them. Sunglasses are not permitted without a note from a medical professional as the visor on a sun hat will provide enough eye protection.

Please also ensure they have a named water bottle in school every day.

### **FROM THE OFFICE...**

#### **MEDICINES IN SCHOOL**

If your child needs lip salve in school for medical reasons you will need to complete a medical form which is available from the school office.

#### **TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOS**

Tempest will be in school on Wednesday 14th June to take the class photos.

#### **DIARY DATES NEXT WEEK**

#### **KS1 ASSESSMENT WEEK**

#### **NSPCC FUND RAISING WEEK**

**TUESDAY 16TH MAY**

**GARSINGTON**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY**

**GARSINGTON WORKSHOP YEAR 6**

Other dates and events happening in the school diary can all be accessed in the Calen-

More information is available on our school website

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