



# NEWSLETTER

**Summer 4**

**11th May 2018**

Letters & Emails sent home this week;

Letters:

Emails:

- Netball Tournament cancellation
- Cricket tournament reminder
- School power failure emails
- Cricket tournament cancellation

## TERM DATES 2017-2018

	Open	Close
Autumn	6th Sep	20th Oct
	30th Oct	19th Dec
Spring	4th Jan	9th Feb
	19th Feb	29th Mar
Summer	17th Apr	24th May
	4th June	24th Jul

## 2017 -2018 INSET days

Mon 4th September 2017

Tues 5th September 2017

Wed 3rd Jan 2018

Mon 16th April 2018

**Fri 25th May 2018**

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

2018 2019

Open Close

Autumn 6th Sept 18th Oct

29th Oct 19th Dec

Spring 3rd Jan 15th Feb

25th Feb 5th April

Summer 24th April 23rd May

3rd June 24th July

### Message from Mrs Reid

This week has really kept us on our toes with lots of unexpected events throwing the staff, pupils and parents lots of challenges on the way! Most challenging was the sudden loss of power to the school this week. Unfortunately because this meant the fire alarm and emergency systems were also without power, we were unable to open for pupils until power was fully restored. I would like to say thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents who were so understanding and accommodating under trying circumstances.

Next week is the week of the KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests for our year 6 pupils. The pupils have all been working extremely hard towards their final primary exams and I know they will be resilient and use their growth mind sets to approach the week positively and calmly, continuing to do their best! To help them to do so, we recommend the

following Top Tips for keeping calm and focussed which were given out by the Oxfordshire school nursing team but are completely relevant to our pupils as well:

- Encourage a good night's sleep
- Turn off all screens before bed, approx. 45 mins prior to going to sleep. Lights from screens create alertness, as the eyes confuse this for day light!
- Avoid caffeinated and sugared drinks, and high sugar food before bed (these can keep you awake and act as a stimulant)
- Encourage regular exercise daily, exercise induces endorphins (feel good hormone), and can help alleviate tension and anxiety
- Understand and listen to your child's concerns. Being

available even for five minutes to listen to your child's worries about school can really help them feel supported and manage their emotions

Actually, these top tips are equally relevant for all our pupils on a normal school day as well to ensure they always have the best opportunities for learning.



Year 6 welcomed Hannah Hughes from SAFE Project to take part in a workshop on personal safety today. This is part of the 'Cop Cards' project work in which they are trying to collect stamps for specific actions or taking part in training and community schemes. Next week, year 6 will do a newsletter take over to tell us about this exciting project.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Reid*



## PTA NEWS

Next PTA meeting is Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm at the school.



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## Summer Information Evening

The governors would like to invite all parents to join the staff and governors for our 'Summer Information Evening' on Wednesday June 6th at 7:30pm in the school hall. A flyer was sent home last week with more information. We will be thinking about our school values; how we have been developing the provision for phonics and spelling across the school; thinking about the successes of the past years and what we want for the future of Frieth School. Please book your place using the online booking service at:

<https://friethcec.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

## REMINDERS

**Parking:** We have had a number of complaints from our neighbours about cars blocking the driveways to their houses at the end of the school day. As well as being extremely inconvenient, this is potentially extremely dangerous as it blocks emergency access vehicles should they be required. Please can we remind all parents to park only in assigned parking spaces in front of the village hall or by the roadside; and not to block access to houses or the school. The only assigned parking spaces in front of the village hall are the marked bays in front of the hedge. If these are full, please park further along the road and walk, even if this means removing younger children from your vehicle to bring them with you. The car park is not to be used after 3pm until all the children have been sent home by the school and any vehicles parked in the car park will be asked to remain there until all the children are clear of the area.

**Turning Circle:** The Junior Road Safety Officers have reported that a number of parents are stopping in the turning circle and getting out of their cars to let children out and in some cases, to talk to other parents. This disrupts the flow of the turning circle and can cause further congestion on the hill and the entrance to the car park. If your child cannot exit the vehicle independently, please park further away from the school and walk them to the gate. From next week, the JRSO pupils on duty will be politely asking any parents who get out of their vehicle to return to their vehicle immediately and move on from the turning circle.

**Guitar lessons:** If you have a child who is interested in taking up the guitar, Mr Cannings has places available for pupils from year 4 onwards on Friday afternoon. Lessons can be done as a group or individually and can be arranged through the Buckinghamshire Music Trust <https://www.bucksmusic.org>

**Weather:** The weather is being as unpredictable as ever. This week we have a number of pupils without water bottles and sun hats for the hotter days, and additionally a number of pupils who were quite cold by the end of lunchtime today as they had no jumper or coat. Please ensure your child has suitable sun protection, a water bottle and a jumper in school every day to ensure they are comfortable and ready for whatever the weather throws at us!

**School Census Day:** If your child accesses Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2—please make sure you book them a meal on National Census day on Thursday 17th May. The number of meals taken that day determines how much funding we receive to pay for those meals.



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### School website

During the Parent Rep meeting it was brought to our attention that the school website is showing a glitch on the class pages when being viewed on mobile phones. Instead of directing to the current pages, it still shows as the archived pages from last year. Mrs Reid is in contact with our website provider e-schools to rectify this problem. In the meantime, when checking the class pages, please log on through a laptop or computer to ensure you are looking at the most recent information.

### Choir club

We are looking for an additional volunteer to help Mrs Cheung run our choir club this term. Mrs Reid will also be supporting the club, but it would be fantastic to have another musician who may be able to provide an extra pair of hands. This does not necessarily need to be a parent, so if you know of any musicians in the community who may like to help out, please let us know.

### UPCOMING DATES

**Summer Information Evening:** Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm

**Owls Class Assembly:** Owls class assembly will be held on Friday 8th June 2018 at 2:45.

**Yr 5 & 6 French Trip:** Monday 11th June—Friday 15th June

**PTA Meeting:** Tuesday 12th June 7.30pm

**Secondary School Transition Days:** Tuesday 3rd July/Wednesday 4th July—TBC

**Reception 2018 Induction Afternoon:** Tuesday 3rd July at 1.30pm

**Sports Day:** Friday 13th July. Time TBC

**Summer Queen:** Friday 20th July. Time TBC

**Leaver's Service:** This term's Leaver's Service will take place in the church on Tuesday 24th July at 1pm.

### DIARY DATES

**Dates and events listed above in the school diary can all be accessed in the Calendar section of the School Website at the following link:**

<http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/calendar/186376>