

Frieth Governors' News

Developing potential without limitations

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End of the Summer term...

As another exciting term draws to a close we reflect on all our amazing achievements. We had OFSTED visit us in April and were delighted with the feedback and comments that the inspector made about our school.

You provide drive, vision and inspirational leadership which is recognised and highly valued by staff, pupils and parents.

Together, you, your staff and governors form a strong team who are passionate to improve the quality of provision at Frieth and ambitious for the pupils in your care. Pupils and their parents were effusive in their praise for the school and are rightly proud of all that it achieves.

This term the children have enjoyed the Masterchef creative curriculum topic. We have had guest chefs, lots of cooking in school and some fantastic tastings of homework cooking.

There have been many sporting endeavours with interschool competitions running in netball, cricket and KS1 multiskills, as well as sports day of course. KS1 had a lovely day out at Collings Hangar Farm while KS2 enjoyed a Saxon Day with Lord Uhtred, funded by the PTA.

Some of the children in Y5 and 6 have had the honour of being selected to be part of the Garsington Opera Primary Company and have been involved in several performances.

The Governing Body wish you all a lovely summer.

Thank you, thank you

To all of you who have given your time, help and your financial support to the PTA, we are hugely grateful. With your generosity we are able to make the school, and its facilities, the best that they can be. We would particularly like to thank the chair Emma Wharfe, Vice Chair Laura Webb, Secretary Sarah Tedder and Treasurer Ellie Bowett

Thank you to the staff....

The Governors would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Reid, and the entire teaching staff at Frieth, for their continued dedication and hard work.

We say a very sad goodbye to Mrs Robinson, who has been at Frieth for over 11 years. We would like to especially thank her for leading the Challenge programme (previously Gifted and Talented) and PE in school. We have had fun days such as 'Thinking outside of the Box' and a Careers day. The children have been part of the Growth Mindset Project and now use Learning Pits to share their learning journey with their teachers. She has also ensured that the school, and children, have effectively benefited from the Sports Premium Funding that we receive.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Green, who will be a great addition to our team here at Frieth and will be particularly supporting the Maths and Science curriculum. We also extend a heartfelt thanks to Mrs Houghton. Her calm and organised presence in the office has made both staff and parents life much easier on many occasion!

A hello and goodbye from the governing body

We are delighted to welcome Michael Cox to our governing body- *I have two children, the eldest of which is just about to finish his first year in Owls Reception, and a little girl who is 21 months old. Our family have lived in the Marlow area for a number of years, and we moved into Frieth last summer. One of the main reasons we moved to the village was because of the school, which we felt offered exactly the sort of environment that we wanted our children to learn and grow up in.*

I am a Chartered Accountant by trade and have worked in finance for a number of years in both accountancy practice, and various software companies. I hope to be able to use some of my experience in this area as a governor at Frieth and I look forward to working with the governors, teachers and parents to help the school continue to be successful over the coming years.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Rachel Bernard, but would like to thank her for all her help and support over the past 5 years. She has been a parent at school for over 12 years and is herself a school teacher, so the experience and wisdom she brought to our governing body has been highly appreciated. During her time serving Rachel worked alongside Miss Gibbens as EYFS governor and helped support Mrs Goodchild in the role of SEN governor. She has also held the role of Chair of the Curriculum committee for the last few years.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL DONATION FUND

- ❖ **How much are we raising at present?** @£5500 per year, only 6% of families currently contribute.
- ❖ **How much would you like each family to donate per month?** £10 per month per family in school raises £12000 per year (based on approx. 100 families) That's just 30p per day –the form is available on Governor page of the school website.
- ❖ **How is the money being spent?** Decisions on spending are taken after consultation between staff and governors. This year we have used just over £6000 to purchase equipment off teacher wish lists to support the English and maths curriculum. The Maths list includes additional practical learning aids so that each class can use the equipment simultaneously (following on from the Maths advisor visit and recommendations) and the English list will enable us to complete the Reading Scheme we are using. We are also holding £6000 in reserve to support the school budget for the next academic year and keep a balance of @£2000 in the account for emergencies or unforeseen items.



