



Frieth CEC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Well, what a start to the new term! We were in a far better place than a lot of schools, having already decided we would move to remote learning and planned this on our INSET day. Some schools whose children went in on Monday had to then close unexpectedly on Tuesday to re-organise and re-plan their learning, whereas we hit the ground running for the new term. The feedback about our provision thus far has been overwhelmingly positive, so thank you for taking the time to do that and for your much-appreciated support. I know some of you have enjoyed gaining more of an insight into classroom life! The teachers are constantly researching and finding new ways and resources for teaching more effectively online and we are sharing these with each other, so I believe we will become increasingly effective as the term goes on. Following our initial reviews of the first week and an analysis of our siblings who may be sharing devices, we have made a few changes to the timings for some classes. With this newsletter is a new timetable, with **all** the class timings on. We hope this will help those families with more than one child trying to access the learning to organise their day more easily. We have left it as a WORD document so that you can, if you wish, personalise this for your own family.

I know this is not an ideal situation for anybody, but we will do our very best to support you as much as we can. Mrs Upsher and I are in school every day at the usual times, so please do contact us if there is anything we can do to help.



Our thanks to the PTA for agreeing to purchase some online reading resources for us. These will hopefully be made available to you soon and we look forward to listening to the children read again.

Free School Meals (FSM) Vouchers

We are currently looking into how to supply vouchers to any of our pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) and we will be in touch with the relevant families with how this will work later in the week. Please note this does not include children who receive the universal KS1 government funded school meals however if your child is in KS1 and attending school due to being a key worker or vulnerable child then they will still receive their free school lunch, which should be ordered in the usual way.

We are aware that this further lockdown may result in parents losing work and an increase in families needing to apply for FSM. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to this please complete the form sent with this newsletter and return it to Helen in the office.

Honour Book

The following children were 'honoured' at the end of last term for super spelling!

Oliver Pash, James Sheppard, William Taylor, Harry Bryant and Willow-May Jenkins-Smith

Well done to them all!

Obviously our planned events for this term will have to be postponed. We will carry out our parents' evenings online – details to follow.



Please stay safe at home rather than taking risks by meeting up with other families at this time. If we all follow the rules, this will all be over a lot quicker!

Thank you! 😊