



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

September 2020

We have been making the most of the lovely weather over the past couple of weeks to utilise our wonderful outdoor areas. I have seen children enjoying all manner of activities outside, including whole-class painting and Maths lessons.



We are going to be looking, this year, at how we can further extend our outdoor learning opportunities.

On Monday, we enjoyed a visit from Rev Scott Pash, who brought a bear to meet us and told us a story about being brave - very apt for our start to a new school year.



If you haven't already, please do check out the Powerpoint presentations and curriculum letters on the class pages on our website, as they contain useful information.



I met with the P.T.A. committee last week to discuss the possibility of various functions going ahead in the current situation. We have decided to plan as though we **are** able to go ahead, with an awareness that we may have to cancel or postpone events if the situation is not improved. For example, the disco cannot go ahead if the rule of six is still in place. If events do go ahead, we will put additional measures in place, so they may be different to usual. Our priority is to keep everybody safe. The P.T.A. are holding a coffee morning next Friday to plan the Christmas Fair. All are welcome to attend if you are able to help, even in some small way, with the preparations. We will be socially distanced around the hall and are currently planning a staggered fair, open to Frieth families only.

Office Update

Thank you all for your patience as we manage our office situation. Mrs Upsher has been visiting us some afternoons, but is due to start full time on 28th September, which we are looking forward to as you can imagine! Please do state your **child's full name and class** in any correspondence while she gets to know them all. For a quicker response to your queries, don't forget that you can always speak to the teachers directly at the gate in the afternoons.

Coronavirus Update

The Senior Leadership Team have reviewed our risk assessment as we introduce more resources and lessons to our children in line with government guidance. The Eagles class will be joining the Key Stage 2 bubble from Monday, which we hope will ease the congestion in the mornings. Please remember to wait to the side of the car park rather than in the middle of it, in case people are driving in. The updated risk assessment can be found on our website.

Christmas is Coming!

Yes, it's not a misprint! Our children have started to think about the designs for their Christmas cards! Parents will be able to buy packs of cards designed by their child, so watch out for more details!

Your Name

Please could I appeal to you to **name** your child's jumpers? Yesterday alone I found six abandoned jumpers, all unnamed. We don't mind if it is sewn in, ironed in, or written in, but please help us out so we can return lost items to their owners. Thank you.

RECEPTION WELCOME SERVICE



Sadly, parents were not able to attend the welcome service this year due to Covid restrictions. We hope to be able to have a picnic for them later in the year when the gathering restrictions are lifted.



However, the Owls class enjoyed a visit to the church, where Mrs Tebbot presented them with a Children's Bible to welcome them to the school.



Language of Growth Mindset



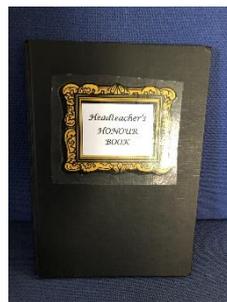
Staff have been thinking about the language we use with children and what messages it is giving them. You can do this at home too to reinforce the message. For example, if we say, "You did that so quickly, clever you!" The child thinks, "If I don't do things quickly, I'm not clever!" If we say, "You're brilliant! You got them all right without even trying." The child thinks, "I can only be brilliant if I don't have to try." We are therefore trying to praise wisely - to praise effort and progress - to help our children develop strong growth mindsets.

"Your skills have really improved..."

"You can use this mistake and learn from it..."

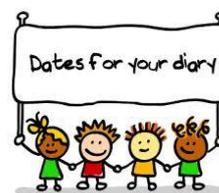
"You kept trying when it was difficult, well done..."

Honour Book Launch



Today has seen the launch of our new 'Honour Book'. Children will be placed into the Headteacher's Honour Book for great achievements, which could be in progress, effort, attitude or a range of other things.

Today I saw Francisco from Buzzards, who has made amazing progress in his reading. Well done Francisco!



New dates are given in bold

Friday 25th Sept: PTA fair planning meeting in hall.
Friday 9th Oct: Year 3 making Harvest Loaf
Friday 9th Oct: Children to bring Harvest donations
 Monday 12th Oct: Harvest event (details to follow)
Friday 16th Oct: Discos (details to follow)
 Tues 20th Oct: Parents' Evening (details to follow)
 Wed 21st Oct: Parents' Evening (details to follow)
 Friday 23rd Oct: Children break up for half term
 Monday 2nd Nov: Children return to school
 Tuesday 3rd Nov: Year 6 11+ practice test
 Thursday 5th Nov: Year 6 11+ test
 Wed 11th Nov: Remembrance Event (details to follow)
 Sat 28th Nov: PTA Christmas Fair
 Mon 30th Nov: 11+ results out
Wed 9th Dec: Rehearsal for KS1 Xmas Production
Wed 9th Dec: 1.45pm KS1 Matinee performance
Thurs 10th Dec: 5pm KS1 Evening Performance
Thurs 17th Dec: Christmas Service
 Thurs 17th Dec: Children break up for Christmas holiday
 Friday 18th Dec: INSET DAY (moved from 23rd October)
 Mon 4th January: INSET DAY
 Tues 5th January: Children return to school
 Wed 10th Feb: Parents' Evening
 Thurs 11th Feb: Parents' Evening
 Fri 12th Feb: Children break up for half term
 Mon 22nd Feb: Children return to school
 Thurs 1st April: Children break up for Easter Holiday
 Mon 19th April: Children back to school
 Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday
w/b 10th May: Y6 SATs Week - correction
 w/b 24th May: Bikeability
 Fri 28th May: Break up for half term
 Mon 7th June: INSET DAY
 w/b 12th July: French trip
 Wed 21st July: Leavers' Service
 Wed 21st July: Break up for summer holidays

Please note that all events are subject to current guidance and restrictions. They may be cancelled or altered accordingly in order to keep our community safe.