



NEWSLETTER

Spring 1

12th January 2018

Letters & Emails sent home this week;

Letters;

Owls Staffing Update
Cross Country Race sign-up
Mrs Vincent letter

Emails;

Flu Catch up clinic.
Choir Start date & Energize reminders
Clubs Contact/collection sheet
Revision Club info—Yr 6
French Trip payment reminder—Yr 5 & 6

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	5th Sept	19th Oct
	29th Oct	19th Dec
Spring	3rd Jan	15th Feb
	25th Feb	5th April
Summer	23rd April	24th May
	3rd June	24th July

Message from Mrs Reid

Happy New Year everyone!

It has certainly been an eventful start to the year for us at school. We arrived back to fresh paint and beautiful classrooms following the ongoing programme of decoration works. Unfortunately we also came back to a problem with the boiler and heating system for Buzzards class. Thanks to the very quick response from County and the diocese premises teams, we were able to keep the children in their own classroom and we have had temporary radiators fitted to make sure the children are warm enough to learn. We will have the normal radiators and pipe work fixed over the February half term to avoid any more disruption this term.

On a lighter note, following the postponement of the planned pantomime before Christmas, we were very



excited to welcome 'Panto in a Day' into school last Friday, just in time to be still in the 12 days of Christmas! They performed 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which brilliantly tied in with some of the fairy tale work that KS1 had produced just before the Christmas break.

All the school had a fantastic morning and joined in with gusto—a great way to come back to school after Christmas. Thank you to the PTA for supporting this theatre opportunity.

This week some of our children have also had the opportunity to participate in another theatre workshop based on the story of 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens.' I

spoke to some of the children who took part and they described the workshop as 'inspiring', 'encouraging', 'helping my confidence' and 'a good experience of dance, rap and singing'. Most importantly 'it was really fun!'

I'd like to finish by saying 'THANK YOU' for all the presents, cards and good wishes the staff and I received before Christmas from children and parents. We really don't expect presents, but it is lovely to feel appreciated, especially after such a busy end to the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reid



Welcome To Frieth School & The PTA!

Happy New Year to you all! We raised a fabulous amount in 2017, let's see if we can match it this year! Thank you to you all for your generous donations and time last year, we couldn't do any of it without your support.

Please come along next Tuesday 16th, night 7.30-9pm at school for the PTA meeting.

We will be planning all the class events for the year as well as discussing where monies need be spent and raised for. If you could please send a representative from each class we can plan the dates and confirm each class event as well as Disco's and film nights.

See you then and thanks

Emma, Laura, Lisa, Leah and Sarah





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Reminders

PE Working Party On Saturday 27th January Mrs Reid would love some sporting volunteers to help her sort out the PE shed and equipment. Lashings of tea/coffee and snacks will be provided to keep the work force going! It will involve some lifting and carrying, but also some reorganisation and stock taking. The aim is to have all the resources clearly labelled and a space at the back of the sheds to move the staging, tables and chairs from the hall so that we can create more storage for the new lunch tables we will be investing in. If any parents can help with this please let the office know.

Recruitment: We are currently advertising for more Learning Support Assistants to support additional needs we currently have in school. The advert is live on the school website http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/school_vacancies/272626 If you are interested in this position or would like more information, please contact Mrs Reid.

Curriculum Letters: The class curriculum letters are now available on the class pages of the school website. These letters provide information about the learning and activities that will take place during the Spring term to enable parents to support their child's learning at home.

Reminders from the Office;

Census Day; If your child is in Reception to Year 2 we would ask you to encourage your child to take up their **free hot meal** on Thursday 18th January. This is Census day and determines how much future funding we receive to pay for the hot meals so we need as many children as possible in those years to have a meal that day. Thanks for your cooperation.

As we continue the season of coughs and colds donations of **tissues and handwash** are gratefully received!

A quick 'beginning of term' refresher on a few procedures;

- Please send all changes to collection arrangements via a note in your child's Bookbag—any changes after 12pm please telephone into the office and leave a message if no answer.
- Dolce lunches—please order by 9am on the day. As of this month Dolce will charge for all pre-orders not eaten so be sure to cancel your order if your child is not eating hot lunch that day.
- If your child is unwell please call through and leave a message on the answer-phone before 10am please.
- Please send any cash payments/cheques into school in a sealed envelope—this ensures that money doesn't become separated from a form preventing your child missing out on a place in a club or event.
- Please try not to park too close to the turning into the school drive (where the red cones are) to enable to bus drivers to turn in and out safely.
- And lastly—please remember that PE Kit, packed lunches, water bottles and spectacles need to be bought in every day!



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Music Lessons;

May I take this opportunity to remind you that via our partnership with local music teachers we can offer various musical instrument lessons at school. Currently we have pupils learning the Piano, Flute, Violin, Clarinet, Oboe, Guitar and the Recorder. If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument please do get in touch with the school office for more information.

Arrival and Collection from School

The beginning of the new academic year is a good time to remind all parents of the safety rules we currently have in place.

- Please abide by our school opening times and drop your children off between 8:45 and 8:55. A member of staff will be on the front gate to greet the arrivals and keep an eye on the turning circle in the morning and Mrs Ansell will be on duty to look after the pupils on the back playground until the whistle blows at 8:55.
- **Please do not get out of your car in the drop off zone.** If you need to pop into the office, or your child is unable to let themselves out of the car, please park further away and walk in with your child.
- Please do not park in the car park after 3pm

Please only park in designated parking spaces, as parking in the entrance way to the village hall and the car park limits the space, blocks the emergency access to the school and is hazardous for the pupils walking past.

There is detailed information about pick up and drop off on the school information pages on the website. We ask all parents to read the information.

Church Services

We have a number of Church services throughout the school year, including our Welcome service, Harvest service, Christmas service, Easter service and Leaver's service. As with all our services, parents are more than welcome to attend, but are asked to sit at the back of the church so the children can sit in the pews. This term's services are:

Thursday 29th March 2018

Easter service

DIARY DATES

Dates and events happening 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>

More information is available on our school website

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