



Frieth CEC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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We made it to half-term! 😊
 My congratulations and thanks to you all for the hard work you have put in to support your children's learning this term. Thank you also for your valuable and positive contributions to the parent/teacher discussions held over the last couple of weeks. We know this hasn't been an easy time for our families and we are all looking forward to getting back to normality as soon as possible. The government have promised to give schools two weeks' notice of our return, so we should be able to let you know during our first week back what their plans are.

Artists Required!

A huge thank you to Will Hunt, who has kindly donated MDF to us and also to Mrs Ansell for additional resources and paints. We are still keen to get any further **acrylic paints** donated and also if anybody has any **spray varnish** suitable to weather proof our creations that would be great.

We have had the letters L E A R N cut out and would like to fill these with designs by the children on the theme of 'Learning'. We are asking all the children to submit a drawing of their favourite learning activity. It might be somebody working on a page of Maths, or somebody doing a Science experiment. It could be outdoor learning, or P.E. or reading a book. Pictures can be symbolic or real, of people or of objects. I have set this task as a piece of half-term homework for the children and an instruction sheet is available on their TEAMS pages.



We are also planning some large shapes for the early years area and are looking for parent volunteers to paint these up for us.



Pictures will be provided to support this project, such as those shown here. If you have the talent and the time, please do get in touch! Thank you! 😊



Students Aboard

Parents of Kestrels Class will know that we were joined this half term by a student teacher, Miss Wells. I am delighted to say that Miss Wells will be continuing her training with us next half term by joining the Buzzards class until the end of March. In addition, the school is pleased to welcome Miss Butler, who will join the Kestrels class for the remainder of this term. It is a difficult time, obviously, for those engaged in training to be teachers, so we hope to be able to offer them a more realistic experience soon.



Email Update

Please note that our email details changed during the summer holidays and are now: office@friethschool.co.uk

Until now, emails have been forwarded, but this is now less reliable, so please do update your contact details for us! Thank you.



We've had clapping, we've had rainbows, now we are showing our love! Please see the attached documents for the 'Show Some Love' campaign, which you may have seen in the news. It is a lovely way to thank the Key Workers in the local community. Children can colour or decorate their hearts in creative ways and then display them in their windows at home for all to see! With Valentine's Day looming too, it is a great time to *#ShowSomeLove*

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Mr Djillali for taking a look at our broken laptops to see if they can be revived!



Honour Book

The following children have been 'honoured' this week:

- *Lily-Mae Hill-Cooper for creating a brilliant fact file on the 'Big Five'
- *Alora Gibbins and Tabby Boyden for super writing in English
- *Kitty Bernard and Gilbert Bernard for their Big Bad Wolf script
- *Georgie Paton Ker for his fantastic phonics work
- *Tilly Milner for her science/computing task to show her understanding of how we see different colours
- *Alfie Evans for his picture of a lion
- *Henry Charlesworth for his donkey picture
- *George Piercy, Hermione Rooke Minnie Owen, Maisie Marshall, Alice Farrow, Evie Crowther-Birch and Emily Forder for working hard and participating well. They always show effort and consistently submit high-quality work.

Well done to them all!

Communication Week

Buckinghamshire Council's Early Years Service is launching a new campaign to highlight the importance of speech, language and communication on the development of children in their youngest years.

The recent Ofsted research into the effects of the COVID pandemic, highlighted the importance of parents when it comes to early childhood development. Inspectors found children's experiences were not necessarily determined by privilege or deprivation. Rather, parents who were able to spend more time talking to and reading with their children had had a positive impact on children's communication and language skills and these children had benefited from quality time spent with families and carers over the lockdown period.

'Communication Week', is taking place from 1st to 5th March (see flyer). The Early Years Service will be engaging with families and practitioners by sharing ideas, tips and resources on how to support a child's development through day-to-day interactions and communication. Below is a link to their latest home learning cards for you to share with parents:

https://earlyyears.buckscc.gov.uk/media/53848/2102_03-spring-1-learning-at-home-together.pdf

Childcare Vouchers

For months now, I have been battling to get the school registered to accept Childcare Vouchers for our Falcons club. I have been passed from Ofsted to Childcare Services and back again and finally wrote a formal letter of complaint to HMRC to try and get action. When I eventually did receive the code, I needed to set us up from the complaints department, it turned out to be the wrong code and didn't work! However, after another few calls, I have finally set us up! My thanks to Mrs Taylor for her patience and help in getting this sorted and for trialling it for us – it works! Yay! She has kindly provided information below for other parents who wish to use this service.

How to set up the school as a childcare provider from your childcare account.

1. Log in to your account
2. Go to 'Your Tax-Free Childcare account'
3. Go to 'manage account' against relevant child
4. Scroll down to the green banner saying 'add a childcare provider'
5. Put in the school name - I just put 'Frieth'
6. The school comes up - select the box to tick next to the name of the school
7. Press 'Continue'
8. It says 'Do you want to add this childcare provider for another child - select yes for multiple children at the school.'

The school's name then appears on the account under the selected child, which means you can now pay the school via this account! When you pay money into this account, it gets topped up 20% by the government and then you can use that new total to pay the school.



Wishing you all a fantastic half term break! Enjoy yourselves, have fun with your children, stay safe and rest! 😊

Happy Holiday!