



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Let Your Light Shine!

Monday 12th September 2022

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and a particularly warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school. I am delighted to report that the first four days of term have gone well; the children have settled back into their routines and as I have walked around the school, I have been thrilled to see the pupils' attitude to learning. They certainly have been 'Letting Their Light Shine!'

Thank you, everyone, for your support this week in helping us to ensure a smooth transition back to the classroom for the children. Please note, the window for dropping children off in the morning is between 8:45am and 8:55am and make every effort to be here between these times.

As I am sure you were, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday.

The following day, Staff and Students met in the hall for an assembly to reflect upon her reign. Throughout the last 70 years, the Queen was a symbol of kindness, dedication and loyalty; a role model to all our young people. She was a monarch, but also a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and Frieth CEC Primary School extend our sympathies to the Royal Family at this difficult time of personal grief.



For those of you new to our school, I would like to introduce you to our school vision if you're not already aware of it, 'Let Your Light Shine'. It is rooted in the teachings of Jesus in the 'Sermon on the Mount' from the Gospel of Matthew.

Our vision encourages our children to show the world how wonderful they are, in both the good character and values they display and in their unique qualities and talents. It acknowledges that the strength in our school community is in understanding and nurturing what makes the children, staff and parents unique and in developing individual success.

Several projects were completed over the holiday, perhaps most notably the replacement of the kitchen next to the school hall. This was very kindly fitted voluntarily by Chris Stone, grandfather of Jamie and Henry, and was funded by the PTA. We are hugely appreciative.

Join the PTA!



This is just an example of how the PTA can support the school. Small village schools in particular rely heavily on having a thriving PTA and so I would strongly encourage you to attend the AGM which takes place on Tuesday 27th September at 7:30pm.

Please find below a message from the Vice-Chair of the PTA, Sophie Nicholson.

Volunteers Needed!

The PTA need your help, we're looking for volunteers to help with the following...

Gardening Club

Monday 3.15-4.15pm

Mondays - when required

No experience necessary!

Frozen Friday

Friday 3.15-3.30pm

Occasional Fridays

Second Hand Uniform

To run the sales of second-hand uniform on an ad-hoc basis.

Drive-By Father Christmas

Our long serving Father Christmas has now retired so we are currently looking for a new one who would be available to come to school on Monday 19th December to give the children their presents from the PTA.

For more information please contact Sophie Nicholson
07565419690.

Frieth Hilly

10k & 5k run

The Frieth Hilly will take place on 16th October. This event raises a significant amount for the school and relies heavily on volunteers from our community. If you're not running in it, it would be a great help if you could give up some time to volunteer. Please find attached a letter from the Frieth Hilly Committee giving further details on how you can support the event. A huge thanks to Will Richards who is once again leading the event as well as Adam Boyden, Simon Bryant and the rest of the committee for all their hard work. I'm certainly looking forward to putting on my running trainers and getting involved.



A considerable amount of work was also completed on our forest school. I would also like to thank our wonderful parent community and, in particular, our fantastic Forest School teacher Miss

Clio and Chris Clarke, father of Lorenzo for giving up so much time over the summer. Exciting times ahead for our Forest School and I know the children are going to absolutely love outdoor learning this year. Kites and Buzzards have already enjoyed their first forest school sessions and have thoroughly enjoyed it!

MEET the TEACHER

Week commencing 19th September we will be inviting you to attend 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This will give you an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher(s) about specific matters related to the term ahead. These will be at 3:30pm in your child's classroom according to the following timetable.

Tuesday 20th September - Buzzards

Wednesday 21st September – Kites

Thursday 22nd September - Kestrels

Friday 23rd September - Eagles

Owls 'Meet the Teacher' meeting will also take place on the 23rd September after the welcome service which starts at 9:30am. After church, parents will be invited back to the School for coffee and biscuits kindly provided by our PTA. A member of the PTA and our Chair of governors will also give a short presentation. At around 10:45am Mrs Tyzack will deliver her meet the teacher talk followed by a phonics presentation. We predict this will finish around 11:30.

School Uniform

It's great to see the children looking so smart in their new school uniform. Whilst school uniform is particularly important at the start of the academic year to help get children into the school routine and mindset for learning again, I would

like to stress the importance of this continuing throughout the year.

For information on the correct school uniform and P.E. kit, please follow the link to our website:

https://www.friethschool.co.uk/web/frieth_ce_combine_d_school_uniform/235012



I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and caregiver of the importance of supporting the learning at home through ensuring all homework is completed to a high standard and handed in on time. Homework will start the week following the 'Meet the Teacher' presentations so you have a clear understanding of the process and expectation.

It is also essential that children read every night at home and that this is recorded in their reading diaries. This year, free readers will also be issued with a reading diary and the expectation is that this is also filled out every day. Parents should read with free readers a minimum of twice per week and on these evenings they should fill out the diary. When free readers read independently, however, the children can fill out the diary.

Please remember to return all healthcare plans, medicines and Forest School permissions.

Mondays Parking – A coach will be dropping children back into school around 2.45pm. We would ask that you try not to arrive at school before this time to allow the coach as much access as possible.

Other News

Countryfile Ramble Children in Need – 2nd October

We have the first ever Countryfile Ramble Children in Need in our area! This will take place on 2nd October 2022 from Nettlebed.

We have 4 walks on offer, from a short family walk, a longer walk, a walk for disabled people and a long walk. We would like many people to join and make this a success! It is organised by Walkers are Welcome Henley on Thames. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

Details and how to register to be found on the website:

<https://walkhenley.co.uk/2022/08/05/countryfile-ramble-for-children-in-need-2/>



All school dates can also be found on the school website. New dates in **red**

Tues 13 th Sep:	11+ Practise
Thurs 15 th Sep:	11+
Mon 19 th Sep:	Bank Holiday (NEW)
Tues 20 th Sep:	Buzzards Meet the Parents (more detail to follow)
Wed 21 st Sep:	Kites Meet the Parents (more detail to follow)
Thurs 22 nd Sep:	Kestrels Meet the Parents (more details to follow)
Frid 23 rd Sep:	Eagles Meet the Parents (more detail to follow)
Fri 23 rd Sep:	Welcome Service for our new Reception Children
Tues 27 th Sep:	PTA Annual General Meeting 7:30pm
Mon 3 rd Oct:	NSPCC Workshop Eagles class (more details to follow)
Tues 4 th Oct:	School Photographer – Portraits & Siblings
Thurs 6 th Oct:	Poetry Day
Frid 7 th Oct:	Harvest Festival – Church
Sunday 16 th Oct:	Frieth Hilly (see attached for more information)
Tues 18 th Oct:	Parents Evening 3.30pm
Wed 19 th Oct:	Parents Evening 4.30pm
W/c 24 th Oct:	Half Term
Mon 31 st Oct:	Inset Day (moved from Tues 18 th July 2023)
W/c 1 st Nov:	Science Week
Tues 1 st Nov:	School Nursing Team – Flu Immunisations (details to follow)
Wed 9 th Nov:	Open Evening – New 2023 Parents (more details to follow)
Thurs 24 th Nov:	PTA Art Competition (more details to follow)
Sat 26 th Nov:	PTA Christmas Fair (details to follow)
Wed 7 th & Thurs 8 th Dec:	KS1 Christmas Performances (more details to follow)
Mon 19 th Dec:	Christmas Parties
Tues 20 th Dec:	Church Service – 9.15am
Tues 20 th Dec:	Break up 1pm