SCHOOL STELL

Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Let Your Light Shine!

Friday 6th September 2024

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.

Despite the torrential downpour at pick up yesterday, the term has got off to a positive start with the children 'Letting Their Light Shine' as they always do!

I would like to start by thanking parents for adhering to the staggered entry times. The feedback I have had so far has been very positive and it is noticeably much less congested at drop off and pick up.

Nature Walk from Lane End

I am inviting families from Lane End to join myself and Local Resident, Amanda Hopkins, for a nature walk to school from Lane End on Tuesday. Amanda will lead the walk and be speaking to pupils about local wildlife and habitats on the way to school.

We will be meeting at Morrisons in Lane End bright and early on **Tuesday at 7:50am** and it would be lovely to see some of you there! It will be a great opportunity for the children to get some early morning exercise and learn about the local environment whilst also introducing parents to a safe and interesting walking route.

I know mornings are often a rush but I would strongly encourage families to take advantage of our picturesque surroundings and enjoy walking to school some days.

Rules and Expectations at Frieth: Uniform

Please ensure the children come in to school in the correct school uniform each day and have the correct P.E. kit. This is as follows:

- School sweatshirt / plain royal blue cardigan / jumper
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Black or grey skirt or trousers
- Plain white, grey or black socks/ black tights
- Black low-heeled shoes sandals without open toes

P.E Kit

This should come in to school every Monday, remain in school all week and be taken home Friday.

- Plain T-shirt with school logo or plain white T-shirt
- Royal blue or navy shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Plain royal blue or navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms

Jewellery

The only jewellery children are permitted to wear is plain stud earrings. Children should be able to remove these themselves for PE. If a child has newly pierced ears they must cover the earrings using surgical tape only, which must be provided from home.

Hair

Long hair should be tied back in school colours. Ribbon clips and multi-coloured hair wraps are discouraged.

Snack

The children's snack should be a piece of fruit or vegetable to have at break time. This is provided by the school for all of KS1.

Attendance

For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential. To promote good attendance, we present a weekly cup which is given to the class with the best attendance and children are also rewarded with certificates for full attendance at the end of each term. If you child's attendance drops below the expected standard, you will receive a letter from the school.

Please also do your upmost to arrange medical and dental appointment after school or during school holidays.

Home-Time Arrangements

Next week we will be sending home a letter to all parents which we ask that you complete with any ongoing home arrangements for your child and return to the office ASAP.

Contacting Teachers

Teacher are often available at the end of a school day for quick informal chat.

You may also email teachers directly on the contact addresses below. Teachers will respond as soon as they can and within a reasonable timeframe. Please be aware throughout the day teachers are teaching and won't be checking

emails so messages won't be picked up until after school.

Owls - Mr Burn mburn@friethschool.co.uk
Buzzards - Miss Holt cholt@friethschool.co.uk
Kestrels- Mrs Tyzack ktyzack@friethschool.co.uk
Kites - Mrs Sparks & Miss Crowther
Isparks@friethschool.co.uk
ccrowther@friethschool.co.uk

Hawks - Mrs Goodchild - <u>lgoodchild@friethschool.co.uk</u> Eagles - Mrs Lampard - <u>nlampard@friethschool.co.uk</u>

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the expectations around communication, both online and in person. I ask that you are considerate and respectful towards our school staff, who want the same thing that you do – to ensure we are able to give your child the best possible support we can so they can thrive both academically and socially.

Meet the Teacher

Week commencing 16th 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 year ahead. These will be at 3:30pm in your child's classroom according to the below timetable (Buzzards and Kestrels children will be dismissed with KS2 children at 3:15pm on their meet the teacher days).

Monday 16th September - Hawks

Tuesday 17th September - Kestrels

Wednesday 18th September - Kites

Thursday 19th September - Buzzards

Friday 20th September - Eagles

Children and siblings will be supervised on the playground during these meetings.

Owls 'Meet the Teacher' meeting will also take place on the 20th September after the Welcome Service which starts at 9:30am. After church, Owls' 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 10:30am, Mr Burn will deliver his Meet the Teacher talk, which will then finish around 11:00am.



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.

Free School Meals

Many families are struggling at the moment. If you have found yourself in a difficult financial situation, you may be able to claim some additional support for your child in school. Pupil Premium funding is given to any child whose family have been disadvantaged financially. The good news is that your child may be eligible for free school meals for the duration of their time with us. For more information on whether you may be eligible please refer to the Pupil Premium attachment.

Frieth take on Coca-Cola!



As you know, last term our pupils produced writing and Illustrations which were used to create a presentation book convincing Coca-Cola to being more responsible around recycling. I am thrilled to report that Coca-Cola were willing to receive our presentation and over the summer it was hand delivered to their head office! If you follow our Facebook page, you will know that there was an article written in the Henley

Standard over Summer and the newspaper have written second article which you can see in this week's edition. A big well done to Henry Charlesworth, Olivia Smithyes and Freya Cox for making the journey up to London to deliver the presentation and also Henry Stone who was interviewed by the newspaper. Watch this space!

Attachments

FSM & Pupil Premium Eligibility/Application

Harvest Flyer

Wild Church

Marlow football



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

Mon 9th Sep: Swimming begins for invited pupils

Tues 10th Sep: 11+ Practise

Thurs 12th Sep: 11+

Mon 16th Sep: Hawks Meet the Parents
Tues 17th Sep: Kestrels Meet the Parents

Tues 17th Sep: Henley Standard Photographer – New Owls Class

Wed 18th Sep: Kites Meet the Parents
Thurs 19th Sep: Buzzards Meet the Parents

Frid 20th Sep: Service of Welcome for new reception children

Frid 20th Sep: Eagles Meet the Parents

Frid 20th Sep: Kites Class Trip – Chiltern Air Open Museum
Thurs 10th Oct: School Nursing Team – Flu Immunisation (more

details to follow)

Frid 11th Oct: Harvest Service (more details to follow)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \hbox{Tues 15th Oct:} & \hbox{School Photographer} \\ \hbox{Frid 25th Oct:} & \hbox{Break up} - 3.15 pm \end{array}$

Mon 4th Nov: Inset Day
Tues 5th Nov: Inset Day
Wed 6th Nov: Return to School