



Frieth CEC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

December 2020: 1

We are getting busy and excited as we move towards our Christmas celebrations! The Year 5 and 6 children have been busy preparing for the fair and the LSAs have prepared some beautiful hampers with the gifts you donated for the raffle. I do hope you have all managed to buy 'coins' for your children online. You can buy as many bags as you like - just write their name next to each of their bags. Thank you to the P.T.A. for organising this.



Our sincere thanks to **LACEYS Farm Shop and Butchers**, who have very kindly donated a Christmas Tree to the school. We have purchased lights and decorations for the tree and it looks lovely!



Don't forget to shop through the Frieth page on Amazon Smile this Christmas!

KS2 CAROL CONCERT CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the coronavirus seems to be spreading through local schools and we are one of the few remaining schools not to have been affected by cases in school. With this in mind, and in line with government guidance, we have decided not to go ahead with our plans for a Key Stage 2 outdoor carol singing event. We will certainly try to plan something for the children later in the year instead, conditions allowing. We will go ahead with our 'Christmas Service' for each bubble, led by Year 6, in school.

Please do take care not to allow your children to mix with children from other local schools if at all possible over the coming weeks. Many thanks.

Born in a Barn Triumph!

Wow! Just wow! The Owls and Buzzards classes blew us all away on Thursday last week with their absolutely *amazing* rendition of 'Born in a Barn.' The acting was superb, the singing stupendous and the children clearly thoroughly enjoyed themselves, despite having a limited audience! I was very proud of them all and would like to thank all of the talented staff who worked so hard to pull together such an impressive show. The performance is available on DVD or memory stick and would make a wonderful Christmas present for friends and relatives. Please contact the office by 3.30pm on Friday 4th December.



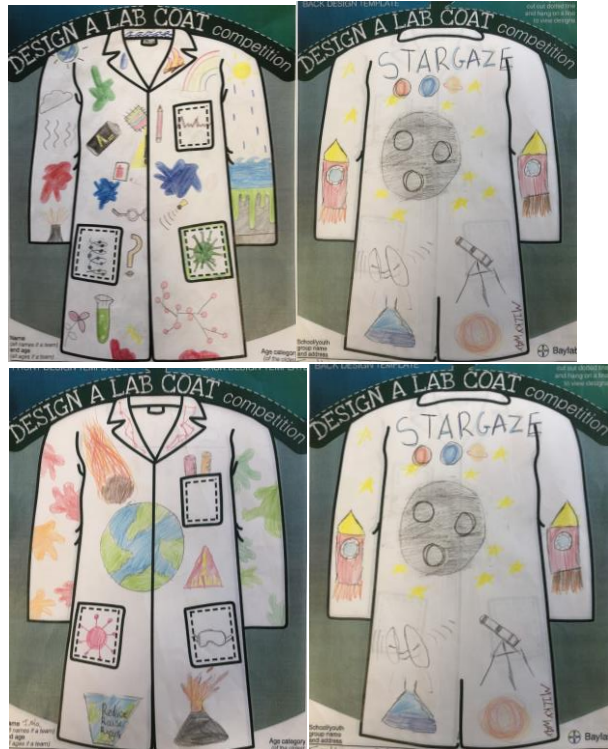
Our thanks to the philanthropic grandparents, who did not want a mention, but who generously donated to our Early Years Project! Thank you!

If you have any generous grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours or general people that you find on the street, please do pass them our list! Miss Holt is also happy to have smaller donations that she can pull together to buy items with. Thank you! 😊



Winners!

Our hearty congratulations to the two pupils who submitted winning entries to the BAYLAB British Science Week 'Design a Lab Coat' Competition. Our children did an amazing job at designing lab coats showing what they thought Science means. The top 5 from each school were entered and judged. The top design from each section was then put forward to the final round and two of our pupils were put forward, out of over 33,000 entries! Below are the winning designs from Otilie and Isla. Well done!



Our children have been enjoying getting to grips with the Dig1t Games and we hope you are enjoying playing them at home too! Don't forget we are happy to acquire the resource bags on your behalf. Just send your order and £4 per bag into the office.



PLEASE could you watch your children before and after school to ensure they are not trespassing. There has been some damage done to our neighbours' garden by children running in and out of their bushes, creating a trampled mud path. They were very nice and understanding about it and have said they understand the appeal to the children. However, they would prefer their garden was not damaged. Please remind your children not to trespass in other people's gardens. Many thanks.



Honour Book

The following children have been 'honoured' in the last two weeks:

- For completing Mental Arithmetic work: Edward Hicks, Imogen Bater, Isla Howlett, Michael Geary, Tabitha Boyden, Willow-May Jenkins-Smith, Harry Bryant, Olivia Sheppard, James Sheppard, Lottie Hunt, Alyvia Sayles, Alora Gibbins and Lily-Mae Hill-Cooper.
- Zeno Chiappe for his superb leaf art work.
- James Russell for his great English work.

Well done to them all!

A thought... Alvin Toffler

"The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."



We have decided to see which class has the best attendance each month! These are the results for November...

Owls	99.5%
Buzzards	99%
Kestrels	96%
Kites	96.5%
Eagles	98%
Whole School	97.7%

Congratulations to the Owls Class, who are the attendance champions for November! 😊



APPOINTMENTS

Please can we ask that you make any dental appointments outside of school hours, either in the evenings or during the

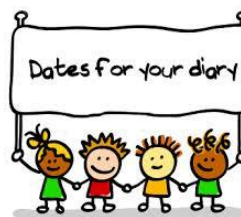
holidays. Children should not be missing school for these unless it is an emergency. Many thanks.

Next Term's Topic!

One of the things we are keen to develop in our children is a **love of reading**, in addition to giving them the skills they need to read effectively. We want children who can't wait to pick up their reading book to see what is going to happen next! With this in mind, our topic for the whole school next term will be **'The Wonderful World of Stories'**. Classes will study age appropriate texts to support their learning across the curriculum. This will also provide them with a wealth of good examples for their writing. Your child may already have shared with you our 'Talk for Writing' texts. Watch out for more information about this in future newsletters!

Online Safety

We have been pointed in the direction of a new resource to support parents in keeping their children safe online. This can be found at in the parents – online safety - section of our website or go to www.safetydetectives.com/blog/parents-guide-for-safe-youtube-and-internet-streaming-for-kids/



New dates are given in bold

- Wed 11th Nov: Remembrance Assemblies and silence
- Friday 13th Nov: MUFTI DAY for bottles/cans/cartons
- Friday 20th Nov: Owls/Buzzards costumes to school
- Tues 24th Nov: Born in a Barn Dress Rehearsal
- Thurs 26th Nov: KS1 Performance to be filmed for parents.
- Friday 27th Nov: MUFTI DAY for donation of sweets.
- Mon 30th Nov: 11+ results out
- Friday 4th Dec: Flu vaccination – whole school
- Friday 11th Dec: MUFTI DAY – donation of chocolate
- Mon 14th Dec: Special visitor in the morning 😊
- Monday 14th Dec: Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumpers
- Mon 14th Dec: Xmas Parties (afternoon) Bring clothes
- Tues 15th Dec: THINK workshops for Y5 and Y6
- Wed 16th Dec: Children's Christmas Fair Day
- Wed 16th Dec: Carols on the playground cancelled**
- Thurs 17th Dec: Christmas Services (Child led).
- Thurs 17th Dec: Children break up for Christmas 2pm
- Friday 18th Dec: INSET DAY (moved from 23rd October)
- Mon 4th January: INSET DAY
- Tues 5th January: Children return to school
- Friday 8th Jan: Drama Workshops – Owls & Buzzards
- 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
- w/b 1st March: BOOK WEEK
- Tues 2nd March 'Bounce for Books' event
- Thurs 4th March: World Book Day – Dress up day
- Sun 28th March: PTA Easter Egg Hunt
- Tues 30th March: Easter Fun Day!
- Thurs 1st April: Easter Service
- Thurs 1st April: Children break up for Easter Holiday 2pm
- Mon 19th April: Children back to school
- Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday
- w/b 10th May: Y6 SATs Week
- 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 2pm

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.