



NEWSLETTER

Emails and Letters sent home this week:

E-mail: New parents lunch Friday 16th Sept

E-mail: Request for boxes

E-mail: school clubs

Autumn 1

9th September 2016

Message from Mrs Reid

WELCOME BACK! And for families who are joining us for the first time this year—
WELCOME TO FRIETH SCHOOL!

This is always a very exciting time of year when, fresh from our summer break, we are ready for learning and the new challenges ahead.

It is particularly exciting this year as we have unveiled our new, amazing library for the first time to our pupils. It has been wonderful to watch the delighted faces of the staff and pupils as they have turned the



corner and seen the library for the first time. Already, the pupils have made great

use of the space, taking out library books to read, checking out the books on offer from the comfort of a bean bag and having the space to



relax into a good read! There are many people to thank for this superb new addition to the school, including the parents and staff who volunteered during the holidays to paint walls, organize books, look after children so other parents could help and do so much to make the space so wonderful.

There are also a number of people from our local community who have donated money to the project, allowing us to complete it over the holidays.

The main person to thank however, is our Premises governor Melanie Sharp

who has been instrumental in setting out the project and managing the various trades during the holiday.

Here are some of the comments from our oldest children in school:

'It's such a good place to A) read and B) learn and magpie new words'

'Not only will the library help us [learn] but it also looks great and everything is easy to find. ... The library is a great asset to our school'



'The whole of Eagle's class were really excited on Wednesday morning as we were allowed to spend some time looking around for a new book!'

Thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible. Happy Reading!

Mrs Reid

2016-2017

2016 -2017 INSET days

Thurs 1st September 2016

Fri 2nd September 2016

Wed 4th January 2017

Tues

Two additional service days TBC

School will be closed May Bank Hol
1st May 2017

| | Open | Close |
|--------|----------|----------|
| Autumn | 5th Sep | 21st Oct |
| | 31st Oct | 20th Dec |
| Spring | 5th Jan | 10th Feb |
| | 20th Feb | 31st Mar |
| Summer | 18th Apr | 26th May |
| | 5th June | 21st Jul |



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School Meals 6th October

If you have already ordered your child's school lunch for 6th October you will need to re-order please as Dolce have changed the Menu for that day. You should have had an e-mail from them direct about this.

Headlice

We have a case of headlice in school and would be grateful if you would check your child's hair on a daily basis and treat if necessary so that we can avoid them spreading; it also helps to please keep long hair tied back. For additional advice please go to the following link:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

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. Initially reception age pupils may go straight to Owls class with their parents for the 10 minute settling in period until they are happy to be left in the playground.
- **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.

Cohort Meetings

The times when each class will be holding their 'cohort meeting' are available on the website calendar. This meeting is led by the class teacher when they will explain most of the day to day running issues for each class. Next week you will receive a letter setting out what will be taught this coming term, and a copy of this letter will be posted on the school's website. If you are unable to attend the meeting be assured that further information will be made available to you.

Homework Policy

Thank you for all the comments and feedback given by parents who completed the annual consultation last term. As a result of this consultation we have revised our homework policy and the teaching staff will discuss this at the cohort meetings next week. A draft copy of the new policy is available on the school website on the curriculum policies page.



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Snacks and Drinks

All pupils will need a named water bottle in school every day which they can refill at the water dispenser should they need more. If parents wish to provide a further drink for lunchtime, that is fine, however we will have some water available for those without a drink or their water bottle in school. KS2 pupils are also encouraged to continue bringing a healthy snack for the morning break time. KS1 and EYFS pupils will continue to be provided with fruit snacks in school during the morning. PLEASE ensure that you send sandwiches, snacks or food items that **DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS OR SEEDS** as we have pupils in school who are highly allergic to these and even touching surfaces they have been on can trigger a serious reaction. This includes food that contain these such as Houmous. Which contains sesame.

Bus children

If you use school transport for your child please ensure the school office has an updated timetable of which days your child will be using the service and any days you will be collecting them. We will assume your child is on the school transport on those days, unless you advise us otherwise by note or phone call before 3pm on the relevant day.

Book Sale

We will be holding a book sale at the front of the school next week after school each day. The books are ones which are no longer needed for the school library and we aim to use the money raised by the sale to spend on more recent books for our reading scheme in school. If any parents are able to help with the sale, we would be very grateful. All books will be sold for 20p each.

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 our services are:

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| Friday 16th September 1:15pm | Welcome service |
| Monday 10th October 10:00am | Harvest service |
| Tuesday 20th December 1pm | Christmas service |

St Johns Frieth will also be holding a family Harvest service on Sunday 9th October at 9am.

Other 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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