



Emails and Letters sent home this week:

LETTER: FILM NIGHT
LETTER: COMMUNICATIONS
LETTER: PTA FRIETH SCHOOL SOCIAL
E-MAIL: FAMILY SOCIAL
E-MAIL: KESTRELS: TENNIS COACHING REMINDER
E-MAIL: NEW CHOIR END TIME REMINDER

2016-2017

2016 -2017 INSET days

Wed 4th January 2017

Tues 18th April 2017

Friday 26th May 2017

School will be closed May Bank Hol 1st May 2017

| | Open | Close |
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| Autumn | 5th Sep | 21st Oct |
| | 31st Oct | 20th Dec |
| Spring | 5th Jan | 10th Feb |
| | 20th Feb | 31st Mar |
| Summer | 19th Apr | 25th May |
| | 5th June | 21st Jul |

2017-2018

2016 -2017 INSET days

Mon 4th September 2017

Tues 5th September 2017

Wed 3rd Jan 2018

Tues 16th April 2018

Fri 25th May 2018

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Spring 4

Message from Mrs Reid

Thank you to all the staff, parents and governors who attended this term's Whole School Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of our scheme for reading and the assessment of reading from Reception to Year 6. We also covered how Frieth is embedding our Growth Mindset into our learning through the use of 'The Learning Pit' and we finished with a celebration of Frieth's school life and development over the past academic year. PDF copies of all the slides are available to download on the [Whole School Meetings webpage](#). A particular thank you to all the staff for the time and effort put into preparing the information and slides for their presentations.

The governors also provided feedback on the expansion proposals for Ibstone CE

and Mary Towerton Infant Schools. These expansion proposals have now been agreed at Local government level and will therefore go ahead. At this stage the governors and school cannot know the exact impact this will have on Frieth and therefore we can only continue to provide the excellent provision for learning and teaching that we pride ourselves on at Frieth; and work positively and collaboratively with the wider community of parents and schools to ensure that our children are given the best possible start to their educational experiences.

Finally, Mrs Marston-Weston spoke briefly about where the governing body are in their research into becoming an academy. A full and thorough consultation process will take place once the landscape is more certain, and parents will be kept informed as much as possible as we go through the process.

At the end of this meeting, we asked for evaluation feedback from attendees. **84% of those who completed the evaluation found the evening very or extremely useful** with 16% finding it somewhat useful. We asked for ideas on what other information would be useful in future meetings and the following were some of the suggestions made:

- Better communication
- How PTA funds are spent
- Academisation

As a result, a letter about communication will be sent home; when due diligence has been completed, the governors will call a meeting about Academisation as well as disseminate information through the governor newsletter, the school website and by letter. PTA expenditure is a standing item on all PTA meetings. The next meeting will be held on 21st February in the school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Welcome To Frieth School & The PTA!



Frieth School Family Social Friday 24th February 6-9pm, letter sent home Friday 3rd February, also available on the school website to download.

Next **PTA meeting** is Tuesday 21st February 7.30pm—9.00pm at Frieth School, please come along.

Email PTA@Frieth.bucks.sch

Thank you! Emma, Laura, Sarah & Ellie x





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LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school they miss out on important information, they may also feel embarrassed about having to enter the classroom late. To give an idea of the cost in time for learning, we have included some statistics below.

| Minutes late per day during the school year: | Is the equivalent of missing the following number of days per year: |
|---|--|
| 5 minutes | 3.4 days |
| 10 minutes | 6.9 days |
| 15 minutes | 10.3 days |
| 20 minutes | 13.8 days |
| 30 minutes | 20.7 days |

To avoid missing out, please ensure your children arrive to school on time. Thank you.

FROM THE OFFICE....

NUT FREE ZONE

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.

ENIGMA STREET DANCE

On Tuesday 7th February parents are invited to come and watch the Streetdance class at 4.00pm, Emma will let you in at the side door.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Our parent consultations are next Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February, we have sent time confirmation slips home this week.



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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>

Message from Vocosa...

Why should my child learn to play an instrument?"

1. **It makes you more intelligent:** Studies show a link between academic accomplishments and playing an instrument. Learning an instrument stimulates and strengthens certain sensors in the brain. It enhances abstract reasoning skills needed for maths and science. It improves language and motor skills including coordination.
2. **It relieves stress:** It takes your mind off everyday worries and lets you drift into a world of your own. It enhances your self-awareness and sense of accomplishment, making you feel more positive and uplifted.
3. **It builds confidence:** Mastering a new skill or learning a new piece of music is a great confidence boost. Performing helps to overcome stage fright too.
4. **It improves your social life:** Learning an instrument gives you more opportunities to meet exciting and interesting people who share the same interests as you. Orchestras, bands, workshops, concerts all expand your social circle.
5. **It develops creativity:** It stimulates the creative sensors in your brain and makes your mind open to new ideas. It helps express emotions making you more confident in creating new ideas and solutions.
6. **It enhances your memory:** It keeps your mind alert and sharp. It makes you concentrate and sometimes you are required to learn a piece of music off by heart. Your memory is trained visually, physically and aurally.
7. **It teaches discipline and responsibility:** It teaches that the amount of effort you put into your practice is reflected in the way you play at the end. Mastering a new skill takes time and effort and this develops a sense of discipline. Responsibility is developed because you have to look after your instrument.
8. **It exposes you to cultural history:** It helps you discover facts about history, the influences in different genres, the origins of music and more.
9. **It is fun!** It is an enjoyable activity. Find the right instrument for you, get creative, experiment, make friends, take opportunities... You will possess a skill that many people wish they had!

"What instruments can they learn at Frieth?"

Currently we offer:

- String instruments: violin, viola, cello, double bass
- Woodwind instruments: clarinet, flute, saxophone
- Piano
- Recorder

"How much does it cost?"

We offer 20 and 30 minute individual and group lessons (where enough students are learning the same instrument and at the same standard).

Prices start from £12 for a 20 minute individual lesson and £6 for a 20 minute group lesson, per week. Recorder club is £3 per week.

To find out more about learning an instrument at Frieth, contact music@vocosa.com or collect an application form from the school office.

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