



Frieth CEC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

April 2021: 2

I do hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. With the finer weather now upon us, our school field is back in use, which means our break and lunch times can be moved back together. Both bubbles will now be outside at the same time, but will be on separate sides of the outdoor space. Our updated risk assessment and school timetable are available on our website. We have lots of exciting things planned for our children this term - and all being well, for our parents too! We hope to have you all back on site soon.

We need your rubbish!



Lots of lovely activities are being planned for our Environmental Science Week which begins on 10th May. Ms Green is collecting **bottles** ready for some of our exciting experiments. If you have any milk bottles or plastic drink

bottles as seen here, please send them in to Ms Green. We would also be very grateful for any donations of **wild flower seeds** or **small plants** for our activities.



Miss Wilkins is planning to create an impressive bug hotel for the forest school area similar to the one shown here. She is therefore looking for donations of **materials** such as those which can

be seen in the photo. If you have anything suitable to donate, please try to catch her at the gate or send in an email to check if your donation is suitable. Thank you!

Thank You!

What a wonderful community of parents you are giving up your time to support us! A huge **thank you** to all those parents who came in to school last Saturday to help us out with our DIY needs. We are delighted with the work carried out, which included painting, fixing of shelves and cupboards and gardening. There is still plenty to do, so if you have any spare time, either during the school day or at weekends, **please do get in touch**. We are particularly keen to get the front wall of the hall painted and would be very grateful for any help if you are a dab hand with a roller!



Our thanks also to Martyn Cole (Eleanor's daddy!) for the wonderful job done in our Early Years area to add decking and paving, including a corner that we intend to turn into a stage for the children to perform on! We continue to develop the area and are still grateful for any donations towards this project to buy the new equipment. We look forward to seeing it all finished!

Thank you to the families who have come forward to 'adopt-a-pot' including the Jenkins-Smith family, the Hunt family and Caroline Priestly's co-ordinated hanging basket group! We are very grateful and can't wait to see our school looking 'blooming marvellous'.

Finally, a big thank you to Abigail Geary and Emma Silwood for taking on our painting of letters and shapes for the walls. I hope to be able to show you their finished work very soon!

KENYA UPDATE

Mrs Sparks was very excited to receive some wonderful photos from our link school in Kenya showing their new water tank. The water tank is part of the rainwater harvesting project which you have funded with the money you have raised over the last 18 months. Gutters were purchased and mounted on the building so that the rainwater can be piped to the tank. She has been informed that the rains are well underway in Kenya and the tank should fill up quickly. What a difference you have made to this community! Thank you



A reminder that as the weather gets hotter, all children will need to have sun cream applied before school each day and should bring a named sun hat to school. Many thanks!



ASSESSMENT UPDATE

You may have heard that the government have removed the requirement for statutory testing in primary schools this year. We will not be required to report results for phonics testing, or for the SATs. However, at Frieth, our intention is to continue with our assessments of children as usual this term, as we consider this is a useful way to track progress as children move through the school. For the statutory assessments in Years 1, 2 and 6, we will use past papers to test the children. All other assessments will be carried out as they normally would. When you receive your child's end of year report, it will include information which tells you whether they have 'met' the expectations for their year group, or whether they are working above or below the level expected for their year group.



Rev. Sue Morton came in to speak to the children this week about 'gleaning' and shared a bible story about helping others. She told us about a 'Pentacost Push' to help families in need with food hampers. In a similar way to how we would at our Harvest Festival, we are asking children to bring an item of food to school for the one can trust from next week. I will put some boxes at the front gate for the collection. Foods needed include: Pasta Sauce, UHT Milk, meat pies, jams and spreads and tins of ham, meat, meatballs, hotdogs and mixed veg, Please see the One Can Trust website for more details. Many thanks for your support!

Honour Book

Congratulations to the following children for their brilliant mental arithmetic...

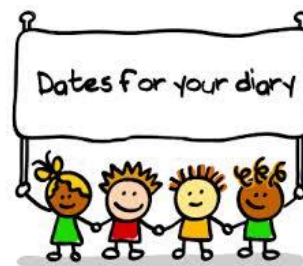
Alyvia Sayles; Alora Gibbins; Olivia Sheppard; Clara Knight; Tabitha Boyden Willow-May Jenkins-Smith; Michael Geary Lily-Mae Hill-Cooper and Alexa Sullivan Well done also to the Buzzards class for their wonderful versions of Van Gogh's sunflowers! Beautiful!



White Rose Maths have teamed up with TV presenter, teacher and parent Michael Underwood to bring you a mini-series called 'Maths with Michael'. We understand that many parents feel like maths has changed and can sometimes find it difficult to keep up to date with modern teaching methods in maths. Well don't worry, Michael is here to help! Episodes will be released each **Sunday at 4pm** and **Wednesday at 7pm** for 3 weeks. Episodes will give you an introduction to place value, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and algebra. If popular and useful for parents and carers they may delve deeper into one of these topics in another mini-series. Now sit back and enjoy!
<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>

POTENTIAL TRAFFIC ISSUES

We have been warned that due to a house move opposite the Yew Tree, removal vans may be parked in the road as early as 8am on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th May** and are quite likely to be there for the afternoon school pick up as well.



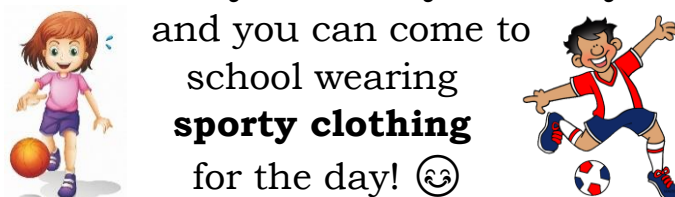
New dates are given in bold

Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday
Fri 7th May: Interviews for new Frieth Headteacher
w/b 10th May: Environmental Science Week (see letter)
Mon 10th May: RIS 'Energy Live!' Shows
Friday 14th May: Geology Gill Day KS2
w/b 24th May: Bikeability Y6
Tues 25th May: P.T.A. Film Night
Thurs 27th May: P.T.A. Film Night
Fri 28th May: Break up for half term
Mon 7th June: INSET DAY
Wed 9th June: Photographer taking class photos
Tues 15th June: Y5 & Y6 Opera First Workshops
Fri 18th June: Sports Day – details to follow.
Fri 25th June: Owls and Buzzards Drama Workshops
Tues 6th July: Transition/Moving Up Day
Friday 9th July: Summer Queen Celebration
w/b 12th July: Year 6 Residential Week
Fri 16th July: School Discos
5-6pm KS1; 6.15 – 7.15pm KS2; Y6 til 8
Wed 21st July: Leavers' Service
Wed 21st July: Break for Summer 1.15pm

Please note that due to covid restrictions, events are subject to change and will be finalised at the last minute.

Euro 2021 Themed School Lunch!

Book yourself a School Dinner for **Census Day Thursday 20th May**



and you can come to school wearing **sporty clothing** for the day! 😊

A thought...

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

Melody Beattie