



TEACHER'S UPDATE

All the World's a Stage

The Owls Reception pupils have had a very busy half term. The children have been working really hard in their phonics sessions to learn all their initial sounds. They have been doing some excellent blending for reading, and are starting to practice more segmenting for writing.

The children have also enjoyed doing lots of science investigations this term. They have been experiencing ice and different ways it can melt into water. They have also made magic potions by using syringes to mix different coloured liquids together. The children also found out what happened when mixing vinegar and bicarbonate soda! Very exciting!

Another exciting opportunity was having Frau Reynard teaching German activities for a day. The children learned about the German flag, how children learn at school, some German Christmas traditions

and even how to sing 'Oh Tannenbaum'! Danke Frau Reynard!

Most recently the children were able to show off their brilliant performing abilities in the school's Christmas production 'Children of the World'. We were so impressed with the costumes and how brilliantly the children performed, even in front of such big audiences!

Along with the rest of the school, the reception children very much enjoyed the Bowjangles musical pantomime performance. It is wonderful performing, but equally as fun watching a wonderful Christmas performance.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas and look forward to all the wonderful learning that will take place in the Spring term.



EYFS Newsletter

December Term Break

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th January – Inset Day
 Thursday 5th January – School Starts
 Friday 20th January – PTA Film Night
 Wednesday 1st February – Whole School Meeting @ 7pm
 Wednesday 8th February – Parent Consultations
 Thursday 9th February – Parent Consultations
 Friday 10th February – School Ends @ 3.15

Reminders

PE Kit

Please remember to send in the following clothing in your child's PE kit labelled with their name:

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Jumper
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers and PE socks

Clothing

As we enter the winter months, please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing in school each day. This includes: coat, hat, mittens, wellies. We have a wellie rack available for the children to keep their boots in school.

Lunches

If you have not yet done so, please remember to order your children's hot lunches on the Dolce website. You can order the entire terms meals in advance. If you require assistance with this, please come into the office where we will be happy to help.

Transition

We would like to remind parents that upon return to school in January, all children should say goodbye to their parents at the front gate then continue to the back playground independently. There will be staff on hand to assist with the transition.

Church Services

Parents are always welcome to attend school church services. Please find a space to sit or stand at the back of the church in order to allow Frieth School pupils to fill in the pews.



RESOURCES TO SUPPORT OUR LEARNING

We would like to ask for donations of any of the following resources to enhance the learning environment in the Owls class spaces:

- Playdough making supplies – plain flour, salt, cream of tartar, food colouring, essential oils (no nuts please!)
- Mud kitchen and gardening supplies – please see attached information page!

We are also looking into making Story Sacks to promote reading in the Owls classroom. If anyone is interested in making a story sack, please email the office for the attention of Miss Gibbens – office@frieth.bucks.sch.uk

Frieth School Gross Motor Control Area

We are pleased to announce that the gross motor control area, better known as the green area, will be resurfaced in the Spring Term. We are very much looking forward to being able to utilise this space for many exciting learning opportunities including den building, bike riding, and obstacle course creating along with many other excellent activities.

In addition to the gross motor area being redone, we are able to extend to more of the outdoor space for more Early Years learning space. We will be working with the Frieth Preschool to create a new Mud Kitchen and gardening area including the planting boxes next to the green area.

This is where we ask for your help!

We are looking for some brilliant volunteers to help us create and maintain this new outdoor learning space.

- If you are an able carpenter, we are hoping to be able to build some 'kitchen' space to add to the area, please see example photos below. The preschool have already received some wonderful donations in order to make this project possible.
- If you are a particularly green thumb, we would love if you could volunteer a bit of time in the week to work with small groups of children maintaining the gardens in the space. This could be an hour a week or an afternoon.
- If you cannot volunteer your time, we will also be looking for donations of gardening equipment and plants. We would be very appreciative of donations including: children's gardening gloves, small spades and rakes and small watering cans. Any plants or seeds are also appreciated!

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in helping to develop the outdoor learning environment for our school.

Kind Regards

Photos for Inspiration



