



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2020: 2

Drop offs have been going so smoothly lately that it seems as though the school has shrunk! Thank you all so much for your help with this...it has made so much difference to the feel of the mornings!



Thank you also for your generosity with the foodstuffs donated for our Harvest celebration. The children enjoyed singing (quietly!) in the church, but we definitely missed the presence of our special adults to watch! I hope you will be able to watch and enjoy the service together as a family. This is now available in your class section on TEAMS.



The children have continued to enjoy a range of outdoor activities in our forest school area lately. I had a wonderful time in the rain with the Buzzards class, planting seeds and cooking smores on the bonfire. Year five



have enjoyed making shelters and designing shields from natural materials.

We are currently developing a whole programme of outdoor learning through the school, which we look forward to sharing with you.



P.T.A. DOUGHNUT SALE!

The P.T.A. are holding a doughnut sale on Friday 23rd October to end the half term on a high! 😊 If your child would like to buy a doughnut, please send them in with £1. The doughnuts will be delivered to school in individually wrapped bags and delivered to the children in their classrooms to keep us all safe.

Poppies for sale!



We will be selling poppies after half term. Children from the relevant bubbles will visit each class daily throughout the week.

Meet the Class Reps...



Courtney Brennan
Kestrels



Fiona Hayter
Kites



Sophie Charlesworth
Owls



Jess Coombs
Buzzards

We are very grateful to the above ladies for volunteering to be our class reps this year. We are still looking for somebody to represent the Eagles class, so please do come forward if you can take this on!

Class reps can be incredibly useful in co-ordinating class events and activities. They can also be useful sources of knowledge about class activities and routines, particularly for new parents. They should not, however, be used as a channel of communication between other parents and the school. **ALL** parents are welcome to contact us **directly** with any comment, suggestion or query. Teachers can be spoken to at the gate, or will happily make a separate appointment to speak with you more privately if required. You can also send an email to the office with any question and we are in the process of setting up class email addresses for educational queries. I am also happy to see parents directly – my door is open – and I will see you as quickly as I can.



YEAR 6 CHILD?

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is

approaching. Parents must apply to their home Local Authority by midnight on 31st October 2020. Applications can be made on a smart phone or PC. All you need is an email address! You will see your allocated school place after 1st March



Early Years Area UPDATE

THANK YOU to all those parents who took our begging letter to their place of work. We had some lovely responses, including from companies who said they would be happy to support any good cause championed by their employees. We are very grateful to the following sponsors:

- Sharpe family
- Dooley family
- Killington family, whose donation came via PI Partnership



It's not too late if you haven't yet taken our letter - there are lots of items still on our list of all price ranges, so please do ask at work! We have attached it again in case you missed it the first time around! Many thanks to you all for your much-valued support with our project.



2020 has put a strain on the mental health of many people, young and old. Early intervention can be an extremely important step in heading off future issues and can prevent problems from escalating. But in a year when 80% of young people said their mental wellbeing has been made worse by the Covid pandemic and lockdown, it's clear that there's a particular need for wider support for children. Despite the many services that focus on children's mental wellbeing, the single greatest influence and resource can still be found closer to home – in parents.

A recent study found that 80% of parents viewed emotional support as their most important parental duty. But the report also highlighted that many parents felt they needed more support with this. Parents play a hugely important role in their child's mental wellbeing. More than anyone, they are the experts in their child's behaviour and can often spot the signs early on when children might be struggling with their mental health. Parentzone offers a range of support around this issue. Follow the link below for their resources... <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/morearticles/time-to-give-parents-the-tools-to-support-their-childrens-mental-health?>

With this newsletter we have sent the latest Covid leaflet from the council with updated guidance for parents.

Honour Book

The following children have been 'honoured':

- Harry Bryant and Charlotte Hunt for completing their mental arithmetic work.
- Cleo Coombs for fantastic mosaic printing
- Evie Crowther-Birch for her incredibly moving poem.
- Florence Owen and Isla Crowther-Birch for their wonderful volcano descriptions.
- Maya Sayles and Miriam Pajor for great improvements to their writing.
- Felix Russell for great concentration and attention to detail in his drawing.
- William Webb for hard work and high quality Science work.

Well done to them all!



Our Key Stage One 'Bubble' (Owls and Buzzards) will be putting on a Christmas play this year, but of course, we unfortunately won't be able to have parents watching it live. So instead, we are doing the play earlier and having it filmed, so that parents can buy the DVD in time for Christmas.



Dig1t Games Arrive!

Following a free trial of resources, which was much enjoyed by our children, we have purchased 'Dig1t Games' for the whole school, using some of the 'Catch up premium' given to us by the government.

These games cover every Maths objective in the National Curriculum and are a wonderful way for children to practice and reinforce the skills they have learned in class. We hope to be sending some of these games home after half term for you all to play. Free samples can be found on their website <https://dig1t.com/>. To play the games, you will need some counters, dice and number cards.



save yourself the postage and buy for just £4. See attached letter from Dig1t to order.

Dig1t sell resource packs, which contain all the items needed to play any of their games. To buy one of these would cost you £5 inc. postage, but if you buy through the school you can



Plans are well underway for our **Christmas Fair**, which will be led by year 6 for the other children in the school. The P.T.A. will be contacting you soon about the raffle and about buying tokens for your child to spend on the day.

We are planning a series of **mufti days** next half term to gather the prizes we need. The first of these will be on Friday 13th November, when children can wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation of bottles, cans or cartons. Obviously, no alcohol for that one please and please avoid glass coming in. Details of the other days, for those who like to be super prepared, can be found in the calendar below. We will also be collecting other 'gift' items throughout the term for our **'present room'**, so please raid your cupboards over the half term break to find any unwanted gifts. For those who are new to the idea, this is a room where children can go to choose and wrap a Christmas gift for their parent. I have been known, in the past, to get back one of the gifts I donated in the first place!



Each class will also be creating a **hamper** for a raffle prize. We welcome any donations to these, from bottles of wine and chocolates to CDs/DVDs and unused toiletries, or anything else you think might be suitable. Please just send in your donations throughout the term with your child, passing any glass to an adult on the gate. (We promise it will make it to the hamper!)



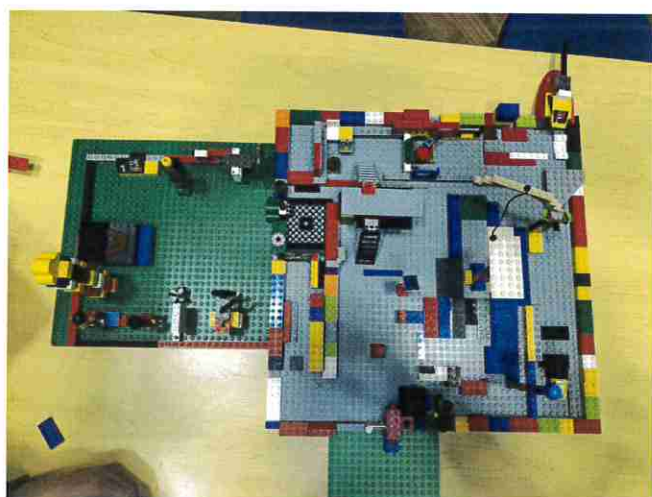
Thank you for all your responses about our school values! We will be collating all responses from pupils, parents, staff and governors and will announce our new values soon!

COMPLAINT

Another complaint sadly! One of the ladies who lives opposite the school called to complain about being blocked in by a parent parking across her driveway. Please be considerate of our neighbours. Thank you.

FALCONS NEWS

The Falcons after school club welcomes Mrs Lesley Ansell, who is well known to the school as a reading volunteer and who worked for the school for many years as an LSA. Mrs Ansell has also done a stint at running the local Rainbows group. We are delighted that she is covering the club on a Monday and Tuesday evening with Mrs Spencer. I will continue to run the club on a Wednesday to Friday evenings, accompanied by a Clubsports coach.



The children have been enjoying their outdoor time, as well as arts and crafts, games, Lego (see model made by Dylan and Oliver), computing and their Tuesday 'baking day'. Here they are enjoying the chocolate cornflake cakes they made!



There are still spaces in the club, which is now open to both bubbles. Please do contact the office if you would like to book a space at either the breakfast or after-school club.



New dates are given in bold

- Wed 21st Oct: Autumn Reports Home
- Friday 23rd Oct: Children break up for half term
- Monday 2nd Nov: Children return to school
- Tuesday 3rd Nov: Year 6 11+ practice test
- Thursday 5th Nov: Year 6 11+ test
- Wed 11th Nov: Remembrance Event (details to follow)
- Friday 13th Nov: MUFTI DAY for bottles/cans/cartons**
- Thurs 26th Nov: KS1 Performance to be filmed.**
- 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: Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumpers**
- Tues 15th Dec: THINK workshops for Y5 and Y6 pupils**
- Wed 16th Dec: Children's Christmas Fair Day**
- Thurs 17th Dec: Christmas Service
- 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
- 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**
- Thurs 4th March: World Book Day – Dress up day**
- Thurs 1st April: Children break up for Easter Holiday 2pm
- Mon 19th April: Children back to school
- Sun 28th March: P.T.A. Easter Egg Hunt**
- Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday
- w/b 10th May: Y6 SATs Week - correction
- 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.



**LOST YOUR GLASSES?
WE HAVE THEM IN THE OFFICE!**



**Wishing you
all a safe
and happy
half term
break!**