



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Let Your Light Shine!

Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year and a particularly warm welcome to those of you who are new to our school. I am thrilled to report that it's been a successful first four days of term; the children have settled back into their routines and have been 'Letting Their Light Shine!'

I am going to start the newsletter reminding parents of some of the school rules and expectations at Frieth.

Uniform

Please ensure the children come in to school in the correct school uniform each day and have the correct P.E. kit. This is as follows:

- School sweatshirt / plain royal blue cardigan / jumper
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Black or grey skirt or trousers
- Plain white, grey or black socks/ black tights
- Black low-heeled shoes sandals without open toes

P.E Kit

This should come in to school every Monday, remain in school all week and be taken home Friday.

- Plain T-shirt with school logo or plain white T-shirt
- Royal blue or navy shorts
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Plain royal blue or navy sweatshirt and jogging bottoms

Jewellery

The only jewellery children are permitted to wear is plain stud earrings. Children should be able to remove these themselves for PE. If a child has newly pierced ears they must cover the earrings using surgical tape only, which must be provided from home.

Hair

Long hair should be tied back in school colours.

Snack

The children's snack should be a piece of fruit or vegetable to have at break time. This is provided by the school for all of KS1.

*** PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD COMES INTO SCHOOL EVERY DAY WITH EVERYTHING THEY NEED. MRS UPSHER SPENDS A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME EACH DAY DELIVERING P.E. KITS, LUNCH BOXES, HATS, WATER BOTTLES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, READING BOOKS, HOMEWORK, ETC. SIMILARLY, ALL FORMS ON SCOPAY AND LUNCH ORDERS ON SCHOOL GRID NEED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN DEADLINES. ***

Drop off and Pick Up

The window for dropping children off in the morning is between 8:45am and 8:55am. Please make every effort to be here between these times. When waiting in the car park please stand to the side so that the turning circle can be used for drop off. I ask that you do not park in the car park in front of the school or the village hall. **If your child is late you must come into school to sign your child in regardless of their age.** If your child is late three times a letter will be sent home. Pick up at the end of the school day is at 3:15pm.

Mondays Parking – A coach will be dropping children back into school around 2.45pm. We would ask that you try not to arrive at school before this time to allow the coach as much access as possible.

Attendance

For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential. To promote good attendance, we present a weekly cup which is given to the class with the best attendance and children are also rewarded with certificates for full attendance at the end of each term. If your child's attendance drops below the expected standard, you will receive a letter from the school.

Please also do your utmost to arrange medical and dental appointment after the school or during school holidays.

Homework

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers of the importance of supporting the learning at home by ensuring all homework is completed to a high standard and handed in on time. Homework will start from next week and will be set every Wednesday with the children being given a week to complete it. At your 'Meet the Teacher' presentations, Class

Teachers will give more details around this so you have a clear understanding of the process and expectation.

It is also essential that children read every night at home and that this is recorded in their reading diaries. Free readers will also be issued with a reading diary and the expectation is that this is also filled out every day. Parents should read with free readers a minimum of twice per week and on these evenings, they should fill out the diary. When free readers read independently, however, the children can fill out their own diary.

Meet the Teacher

Week commencing 18th September we will be inviting you to attend 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This will give you an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher(s) about specific matters related to the year ahead. These will be at 3:30pm in your child's classroom according to the following timetable.

Monday 18th September - Hawks

Tuesday 19th September - Eagles

Wednesday 20st September - Kites

Thursday 21st September - Buzzards

Friday 22nd September - Kestrels

Owls 'Meet the Teacher' meeting will also take place on the 22nd September after the Welcome Service which starts at 9:30am. After church, Owls' parents will be invited back to the School for coffee and biscuits kindly provided by our PTA. A member of the PTA and our Chair of Governors will also give a short presentation. At around 10:30am Mrs Tyzack will deliver her Meet the Teacher talk, which will then finish around 11:00am.



For those of you new to our school, I would like to introduce you to our school vision if you're not already aware of it, 'Let Your Light Shine'. It is rooted in the teachings of Jesus in the 'Sermon on the Mount' from the Gospel of Matthew.

Our vision encourages our children to show the world how wonderful they are, in both the good character and values they display and in their unique qualities and talents. It acknowledges that the strength in our school community is in understanding and nurturing what makes the

children, staff and parents unique and in developing individual success.

Free School Meals

Many families are struggling at the moment. If you have found yourself in a difficult financial situation, you may be able to claim some additional support for your child in school. Pupil Premium funding is given to any child whose family have been disadvantaged financially. The good news is that your child may be eligible for free school meals for the duration of their time with us. For more information on whether you may be eligible please refer to the Pupil Premium attachment.

Join the PTA!



Small village schools rely heavily on having a thriving PTA and so I would strongly encourage you to attend the AGM which takes place on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm.

Please see the below from our super PTA:

Agenda

Finances: Plans for 2023/24 and how to get involved AGM - Voting in new positions.

We have two positions available. Head of Events which Becky Djillali has stepped forward for and Secretary which Jenny Everett has stepped forward for. If anyone else would like to be considered please contact the PTA (pta@friethschool.co.uk).

We're a very small PTA team and we could really do with some more support. Please RSVP on the Frieth Parents Facebook page and let us know if you can make it so we can organise the refreshments.

Also, please SAVE THE DATE for the following events!

Frieth Hilly Sunday 15th October
School Disco Friday 10th November
Xmas Fair Saturday 25th November
Christmas Movie Night Friday 1st December

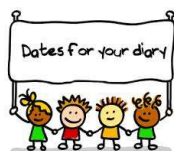
Thanks
PTA Team

Frieth Hilly

10k & 5k run

The Frieth Hilly will take place on 15th October. This event raises a significant amount for the school and relies heavily on volunteers from our community. If you're not running in it, it would be a great help if you could give up some time to volunteer. Please find attached a letter from the Frieth Hilly Committee giving further details on how you can support the event. A huge thanks to Will Richards, Adam Boyden and Simon Bryant who are once again leading the event as well as and the rest of the committee for all their hard work. I'm certainly looking forward to putting on my running trainers and seeing if I can beat my time from last year!

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine!



All school dates can also be found on the school website. New dates in **red**

Tues 13 th Sep:	11+ Practise
Thurs 15 th Sep:	11+
Mon 18 th Sep:	Hawks Meet the Parents
Tues 19 th Sep:	Eagles Meet the Parents
Wed 20 th Sep:	Kites Meet the Parents
Thurs 21 st Sep:	Buzzards Meet the Parents
Frid 22 nd Sep:	Kestrels Meet the Parents
Fri 22 nd Sep:	Welcome Service for our new Reception Children
Tues 26 th Sep:	PTA Annual General Meeting 7:30pm
Frid 29 th Sep:	Perform Drama Workshop
Mon 2 nd Oct:	School Photographer – Individuals & Siblings
Frid 6 th Oct:	Harvest Festival – Church
Mon 9 th Oct:	NSPCC Assembly & Workshop
Tues 17 th Oct:	Parents Evening 4.30pm
Wed 18 th Oct:	Parents Evening 3.30pm
W/c 24 th Oct:	Half Term
Mon 31 st Oct:	Inset Day
Frid 3 rd Nov:	School Nursing Team – Flu Immunisations (details to follow)
Wed 8 th Nov:	2024 Prospective Parents Open Evening
Frid 10 th Nov:	Kites Class Trip (more detail to follow)
Sat 24 th Nov:	PTA Christmas Fair (details to follow)
Wed 13 th & Thurs 14 th Dec:	KS1 Christmas Performances (more details to follow)
Frid 15 th Dec:	Panto in a Day
Mon 18 th Dec:	Christmas Lunch and Class Parties
Tues 19 th Dec:	Church Service – 9.30am
Tues 19 th Dec:	Break up 1pm