



# Frieth Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

# Let Your Light Shine!

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The half term break seems like a long time ago but I do hope you and the children managed to enjoy some quality time after a busy start to the school year. I'm delighted to report the children have returned with the same excellent attitude to learning and with so much packed into the first two weeks there's certainly been lots to enjoy!

With all the sports teams training hard last term, it was finally time for us to test ourselves against tough competition. Donning



their brand new school sports kits, the Year 5/6 football and netball teams both had their first games of the season at the

start of this half term, and I was thrilled to see outstanding resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship amongst every player. After conceding three early goals against a very strong Lowbrook Academy team, Frieth's netball teams fought back with real determination but unfortunately couldn't quite turn it around. Our

football team played their hearts out against a very tough Danesfield team but also came up just short.



Both matches were excellent learning experiences for the children and we will continue to get better each week.

With our new netball posts now fitted, on Friday we will be hosting our very first netball match on at 3:30pm. Please feel free to come down and support - tea and coffee will be provided. The Year 5/6 Football team will also be playing their second league match against St. Peters on Thursday.

I have recently been contacted by the Turville School Trust. The Trust supports deprived children from Oxford or London and provides them with supermarket vouchers and traditional Christmas boxes. Previously, local people have donated and they are asking for the same this year. Please find details below, with links on how to donate.

*This Christmas, as households across the country continue to cope with even greater financial pressures we hope you can help us to match what we raised last year to assist the children and their families. The amount will be divided and given as supermarket vouchers. Last year we were able to help over fifty families in Oxford and London.*

To donate please use this link <https://gofund.me/6fa5d616>

*The traditional Christmas Shoeboxes are again being organised through our Amazon Wish list.*

Items will be delivered to the address where the boxes will be put together and wrapped up for the children. To purchase from the list please use this link.  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3J1LXKX1TITB8?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3J1LXKX1TITB8?ref=wl_share)



One of my proudest moments since becoming Headteacher at Frieth is without doubt the Open Evening which was held last Wednesday. I would like to thank all the pupils involved and of the course parents for allowing the children to stay late and organising their packed dinners! As I said to the prospective parents on the evening, I don't need to tell you how wonderful Frieth is, because you will see that when you speak to the children themselves. All pupils involved should be commended and were a credit to the school. A special mention must go to the choir who quite simply blew me away with the quality of their singing, and of course to our Head Boy and Head Girl who delivered their speeches so professionally. I would also like to thank our wonderful teaching staff for all their hard work in preparing and delivering the evening. Finally, many thanks to our fantastic School Governors who also supported the evening and helped with preparations. It was a real team effort!

Please find a message below from our Chair of Governors, Merelina Tebbot.

*'The school governors would like to thank all the children for their contribution to the success of the open evening this week. The tigers roared their welcome as the parents entered the hall, and the standard of the singing was all the more remarkable given that the choir was only formed this term. The head boy and girl delivered their speeches with clarity and aplomb, not easy with background*

*noise from small children in the hall, and a member of year 6 ably assisted Mr Gosling with the technicalities of his presentation. The year 6s took their groups of parents around the school efficiently and helpfully, and the children in the various classroom helped to demonstrate the wide curriculum and range of activities on offer at the school, and supported Mr Gosling's claim that this is a very happy school. Many thanks to all of you who behaved so beautifully and gave up your time to show the school in its best possible light.'*



I would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help with

the work party last weekend. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive group of parents and Governors, who are willing give up their time to help the school. The EYFS area looks absolutely fantastic and the children are thoroughly enjoying their new space. A special thank you must be made to Dean Gibbons, who has spent countless hours organising the event and buying materials, and to Laura Stone for her parent recruitment (and brownie making!) skills!



Thank you to all parents who attended our Remembrance Service on Thursday. I'm sure you all share my opinion that the children's behaviour throughout the service was exemplary. I would also like to recognise the children from Year 4 - 6 for the quality in which they delivered the poem. It is so important that the children understand the significance of this day, what we fought for

and continue to fight for, and to remember those who have lost their lives. Pupils have also been completing work in class, with Eagles producing some beautiful artwork and Kites writing poetry. A stunning display can be found in the hall.



Please can I remind parents about school uniform. I have noticed an increasing number of children wearing trainers recently. If there is a specific reason why your child is not wearing the correct uniform please provide a note. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the student body. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Ainsworth who very kindly gave up his time to take some professional photos of the children and school site. Mark owns the company Henley Property Photography and the photos he took are absolutely stunning! Contributions like this make a huge difference to small village schools and I would highly recommend Mark to anyone looking for an excellent photographer. <https://www.henleypropertyphotography.com/>

To support anti-bullying week this Thursday is Odd Socks Day at Frieth! All the children need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all



unique. In class, the children will also be completing work around bullying.

I would also like to thank Caroline Priestly and the rest of the parents who have been working hard planting flowers at the front of the school. It looks super! If you would like to help the School Plants project, you may like to know that there is now a plants budget in the school account that you can pay into. Parents can access this via the PTA shop.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friethschoolpta>

We also have links that can be shared with family and friends, below. If payment is made using this method then Caroline is notified of name, email and amount but does not receive any card details.

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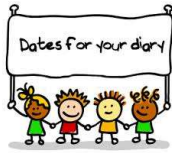
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All contributions are most welcome!

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that my door is always open if you have any concerns. Similarly, it's always great to know what you think we are doing well so we can continue to build on this. Obviously, it's absolutely vital we work together to provide the best education for our pupils and with that in mind I will be sending out a parent survey this week. It would be much appreciated if you could take the time fill this out.



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

- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** St Peters v Frieth - Football Tournament  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Mufti Day/**Children in Need**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov:** **Frieth V Lowbrook - Netball Tournament**  
**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov:** **School Games Event - Great Marlow School**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Mufti Day  
**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** KS1 Dress rehearsal - 10am  
KS1 Performance - 2pm  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** **Wycombe Wanderers EFL Kids Club - High Wycombe**  
**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** KS1 Performance - 10am and 2pm  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec:** PTA Christmas Fair  
**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Panto in a Day - Dick Whittington  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School Christmas Lunch and class parties  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Service and End of term - 1pm  
**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Children return to school