



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

October 2020: 1

It remains a strange time for us as we try to keep everything as 'normal' as possible in our bubbles. One of the things that is hardest is not being able to involve parents and the community in all we are doing as we would usually do. We can only hope and pray that the coronavirus is soon a thing of the past. But in the meantime, we are all doing everything we can to ensure our children and their families still get the 'Frieth' experience, albeit in a different way. Please see more details of upcoming events below.



Drop Offs

Thank you for trying to stick to the suggested timings for morning drop offs. It is **so** much

smoother for everyone if you can stick to your 'windows'. As a reminder, we are suggesting that Owls and Buzzards *without* siblings in KS2 try to come as close to 8.45am as possible. Owls and Buzzards *with* siblings in KS2 aim for the 8.55am crossover time. KS2 pupils *without* siblings in Owls and Buzzards should come *after* 9am, but by 9.05am. This should keep us all flowing in nicely and avoid any jams. Could I please also ask that once you have seen your child in through the gate, you move out of the car park area to leave it clear for others? Many thanks.

We heard this week the sad news of the passing of villager John Harris, who I believe may be known to many of you. The funeral is taking place next **Friday 9th October**. It will be passing the school at around **11.10am** and his family have asked if anyone who remembers him or his involvement with the school would like to stand outside the school to show their respects to his funeral procession. We have also been asked by the church to request that you please avoid parking anywhere along the road from the village hall to the church on that morning **at that time**.

Thank you.



We have carefully considered how we can still celebrate our Harvest Festival this year without crossing bubbles or adding risk. We have decided to go ahead with our celebration in the church on Monday 12th October, but it will be a bit of a jigsaw puzzle this year!

Classes will come to the church one at a time to deliver a socially distanced song and some chosen words. Sadly, we will not be able to invite parents to attend. However, we will film the children performing, then will put all the pieces together to form a Harvest Service, which will then be shared with our parents on **TEAMS**. You will receive your log-ins soon if you haven't already had them.

ONE CAN TRUST IN FRIETH



As in previous years, we will be asking for a donation of food to the 'One Can Trust', a High Wycombe based charity who distribute food through food banks in the district. This year, to allow the items to 'decontaminate' over the weekend, **we are asking all children to bring an item from the list below to school on Friday 9th October.**

Rice; Tinned spaghetti; Baked beans; Tinned fish
Tinned potatoes / instant mash
Tinned vegetables / tomatoes;
Tinned meats (inc. meat pies, hot dogs, meatballs, chilli)
Coffee / tea / hot choc / squash
UHT / long life milk (cartons)
Sugar (500g)
Breakfast cereals
Jam / honey / choc spread / peanut butter
Tinned fruit / rice pudding / custard / jelly
Biscuits & chocolate
Chickpeas / kidney beans / butter beans
Shampoo / conditioner / soap / toilet roll
toothbrushes / toothpaste / Washing up liquid



Can you Please help us?

We have been thinking a lot about how we can improve our Early Years areas, both inside and out. The team have come up with some ideas for what they could do to make this area really wonderful for our children. But as you are probably aware, our school budget is fully stretched, so we need to seek the funding from outside of the school.

In the past, I have been successful in securing financial support from a wide range of businesses. Many companies will **sponsor charities** supported by their employees. Others might have an **advertising** budget. We are hoping you can help us to tap in to some of this funding in support of our school.



Attached to this newsletter is a letter from me and an Early Years wish list, which we are hoping you will pass to the relevant individuals in your place of work, with your best cheeky smile and pleading eyes.

Alternatively, you may wish to sponsor one of the items yourself?

We will gratefully acknowledge every donation in our newsletter and will happily place company **advertisements** if larger donations are made (hence the advertising budget link).

If you have any other skills or connections that could help us, please do get in touch! We need all the help we can get!

I do hope you can help us to make this dream a reality...watch this space for news of our progress!

PARENTS EVENINGS

As we are unable to hold meetings with our parents due to the current coronavirus risks and guidelines, we have considered how we can best share with parents the information about their child, including how they have settled, what our assessment of their 'gaps' has revealed and what targets they will be working on going forward. Staff have decided that the most effective way to share this information is in a written report, which they have designed. The report will be coming home to you shortly before half term and we hope it will give you a picture at least equal to that you would have had in a face to face meeting. We will be asking for your comments to add to our picture of your child's progress. Should you have any concerns and wish to discuss these with your class teacher, you can speak to them any day at the gate, or can contact the office to make a separate appointment.



Those of you who were at the school last year will remember that the school were seeking to join a MAT (Multi-Academy Trust) so as to benefit from partnership working with like-minded schools. Having researched the options, governors decided that the most suitable trust for Frieth was the ODBST (Oxfordshire Diocese Buckingham Schools Trust). This trust share our ethos and offer a wealth of benefits, from their expertise and high quality training, to their supportive ethos and collaboration.

We are pleased to say that talks with the trust have continued and the governors are ready to take the school on the next stage of its journey towards academisation.

David Cousins, CEO of the ODBST has offered to hold a **meeting with our parents** on the evening of **Tuesday 20th October** in order to answer any questions which you may have about the process, the result, or whatever else you wish to know. This is likely to be an online meeting. Details of the meeting will follow from the Trust, but please do save the date.



Poster Competition

Inspiring Transport Planners of the Future

The **Transport Planning Society**, in partnership with **Living Streets**, have opened a competition for primary school children for 'improving the future of transport planning.'



Children aged between 4 and 11 are invited to design and submit posters showing **environmentally friendly ways to travel to school**. The winner will be awarded a prize voucher and a separate gift for their school. For a chance to win, entries must be made by **Monday 5th October**. The winner will also have their poster showcased during Transport Planning Day 2020 on 16th November and it will be published in a Transport Planning Society e-book. Find out how to enter below.

<https://tps.org.uk/tp-day-2020-announced/poster-competition>



We continue with our plans for a **FRENCH TRIP** for Years 5 and 6 at the end of the summer term and are hopeful this will go ahead. If anybody is interested in watching a short video depicting our venue, this can be found by

following the link below:

<https://vimeo.com/manoradventure/chateaudubroutel>

COMPLAINTS

I have received some complaints about children **jumping on the metal fence by the church and running around unsupervised while their parents chat**. Please encourage your children to be considerate and respectful to all our neighbours and their property.

Many thanks.

The Power of 'YET'

Continuing with our 'Growth Mindset' work, we have considered the power of the word 'yet'. If your child tells you they cannot do something, tell them they cannot do it **yet!** Remind them that if they could already do it, they wouldn't be learning anything! But by trying hard when things are difficult, they will be **growing their brains!**



The P.T.A. held a meeting on Tuesday night in which we discussed the upcoming planned events and what could be done to keep the fun element for the children without creating any additional risk to our families.

It was decided that Discos are too risky at the moment, as it would be really hard to ensure the children are social distancing. However, we are going to replace these with Film Nights, where we can seat the children in a socially distanced way, as we do in assemblies, in their bubbles. Please watch out for further information from the P.T.A. We also decided to go ahead with a Christmas Fair for our children. Sadly, we will not be able to have families or the community coming along, but we will run the fair ourselves during the school day and classes can take turns to go around the activities. Year 6 children are taking a leading role in the organisation of this event and were most excited at the opportunity to demonstrate their responsibility and creativity when planning the stalls they would like. Again, watch out for further details, including of online events and activities for our parents.



Parent Governor Vacancies APPLY NOW!

We are still looking to recruit a **parent governor**. We are particularly looking for anybody with financial or business skills. Just tell us a little about yourself and why you would like to be a governor. If you are interested, or would like more information to see what the role entails, please do contact the school office.



THE PHOTOGRAPHER WILL BE COMING TO SCHOOL TO TAKE PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CHILDREN ON THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER! STILL TIME TO SMARTEN UP AND PRACTISE YOUR SMILES!



Perform are back and are offering drama classes for KS1 and KS2 children. They are offering all children an introductory free class which can be booked at this link:

<https://www.perform.org.uk/free-drama-class>

Parents can also watch a video about their safety measures at [perform.org.uk/covidsafety](https://www.perform.org.uk/covidsafety)

They have also offered Frieth children a £40 discount should you decide to sign up.

Honour Book

The following children have been 'honoured' this week:

Cayden Brennan for fantastic story writing

Tabitha Boyden and Alyvia Sayles for persevering with tricky Maths work

Hugo Stephenson for his fantastic poem.

Well done to them all!



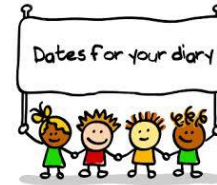
Mrs Reid consulted you last year about the theme and biblical reference for the school's mission/vision statement. We would now like your opinion on the school values which should be at the heart of all we do. We will shortly be sending out a consultation asking you to tick the six values you deem to be the most important for us here at Frieth School – those you wish us to instil in our pupils during their time with us. We will also be asking the pupils to vote in school, as well as asking the staff and governors for their views. Please do watch out for the consultation as we would really like to know what you think!



TISSUES APPEAL

'Tis the season to be snotty and our classes are running very low on tissues. Please could we

appeal to you to throw an extra box or two into your shopping this week and donate these to your child's class? Thank you!



New dates are given in bold

Friday 9th Oct: Year 3 making Harvest Loaf
Friday 9th Oct: Children to bring Harvest donations
Thurs 8th Oct: PHOTOGRAPHER
Friday 9th Oct: John Harris Funeral procession 11.10
Monday 12th Oct: Harvest event (children only)
Thurs 15th Oct: P.T.A. Film Night EYS + KS1
Friday 16th Oct: P.T.A. Film Night KS2
Tues 20th Oct: Parent meeting with CEO of ODBST
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)
Sat 28th Nov: PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 30th Nov: 11+ results out
Wed 9th Dec: Rehearsal for KS1 Xmas Production
Wed 9th Dec: 1.45pm KS1 Matinee performance
Thurs 10th Dec: 5pm KS1 Evening Performance
Thurs 17th Dec: Christmas Service
Thurs 17th Dec: Children break up for Christmas holiday
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
Thurs 1st April: Children break up for Easter Holiday
Mon 19th April: Children back to school
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

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.