



## Frieth Primary School

### NEWSLETTER

*Let Your Light Shine!*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024*

Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure a smooth transition back to the classroom for the first few weeks of school. I hope your child has spoken positively about the start of term. We have used the time to establish classroom routines, introduce new topics and design a new School Charter; a set of statements which guides us in ensuring the year ahead is happy for everyone. The children came up with some super ideas which reflect our vision and values perfectly.

It was lovely to see everyone at the meet the teacher meetings this week. For those parents who weren't able to attend, I took 5 minutes at the start of each meeting and spoke about the need to drive safely, park considerately and for our school community adopt a 'pedestrian first culture.'

It is crucial that we are not only considerate of local residents in the way we travel to school, but more importantly keeping our children safe, especially as the school grows. The feedback I have had is that staggered entry has had an extremely positive impact and I thank you for adhering to the times.

In the meeting I also asked parents for feedback and solutions as how it could operate even more smoothly and safely. The following was given:

- In the morning, could parents of Key Stage 2 children refrain from using the Yewtree car park until it is their time for drop off (I would request 8:40am at the earliest leaving 5 minutes to walk to school).
- In the afternoon, the Yewtree car park is quite full when Key Stage 2 parents arrive because it takes a few minutes for Key Stage 1 parents to walk down. There are spaces outside the school by 3:10pm so I would suggest leaving a bit later and utilizing one of these.
- Large vehicles please drive carefully when using the turning circle.
- Choir parents please do not park outside the village hall.

I would also like to remind parents we continue to have Parmoor Park Farm parking which I would strongly encourage anyone travelling to school from the Hambleden Valley direction (opposite to Lane End) to try this option.

I'm thrilled so many families are walking to school. It was a great effort from all those who were up bright and early last Tuesday, braving the weather to join in the nature walk from Lane End.

As you may know, there are some lovely routes to walk from Lane End and enjoy our beautiful surroundings whilst getting some early morning exercise. Find attached three scenic routes you may wish to try. You don't have to do the whole walk off road as there is a footpath from Lane End to Ditchfield which reduces the walk to school down to about 25 minutes.

Many thanks to Frieth resident, Amanda Hopkins, for leading the walk and also teaching the children about nature local history. I will also be organising another group walk after half term so I hope to see even more families join us.

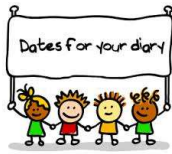


### Owls New Starters Service

We had a beautiful service for our new starters today. Well done to all the Owls children who have settled in brilliantly at Frieth and of course our wonderful Year 6 children for leading the service.

## Attachments

### Study Smart flyer



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

Mon 23rd Sep:	Eagles Year 5 – Lady Ryder
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep:	Eagles Year 6 – Lady Ryder
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	School Nursing Team – Flu Immunisation (more details to follow)
Frid 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Harvest Service (more details to follow)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	School Photographer
Frid 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Break up – 3.15pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Inset Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Inset Day
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Return to School