



Frieth CEC Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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We are delighted that we will be welcoming back all of our children on 8th March and are very much looking forward to seeing you all again. The latest government guidance to schools makes clear that school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils and that the usual rules and penalty systems for school attendance will apply once more. Staff will be using lateral flow tests twice weekly, but there is no requirement for us to test primary pupils. A new risk assessment is currently being produced and will be on our website by the end of next week. Our bubble timetable will revert to that which we had before the lockdown, as that seemed to work well. As before, arrival times will be:

8.45 – 8.55am – Owls and Buzzards

8.55 – 9.05am – Kestrels, Kites and Eagles

A reminder that families with **only** younger children should try to arrive in the first five minutes, that families with siblings in both bubbles should aim for **8.55am** and that older children without KS1 siblings should come later. If your older children come to school independently, please remind them not to socialise with friends by the church before school, but to come straight up to school where we can see they are safe.

Peripatetic music lessons will be resuming in school from 8th, as will our P.E. lessons with our ClubSports coach Emma. The Falcons wraparound care will also be open from Monday 8th, so if you haven't already booked and would like a place, please contact the office for a booking form. We are hoping, all being well with coronavirus statistics, to be able to run our extra-curricular after school clubs from the summer term.

It feels like we are finally beginning to emerge from our cocoon and it will be so lovely to hear the building full of life again. If any of you have enjoyed the home learning so much that you would like to volunteer to help out in school, please do get in touch! I wish you all a safe and happy last week of home schooling and look forward to seeing you soon!

Volunteer Decorators Required

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to paint shapes for us...we will be in touch soon!

We are also wondering if any parents who are currently stranded at home or furloughed might have time to support us with some basic **wall decorating?**

We would also like some shelves painted white. Please contact the office if you have the time and skills to help with any of our projects.

WELCOME TO NEW GOVERNORS

We warmly welcome two new governors to the school. Rev Sue Lepp is the Priest-in-Charge of the



Hambleton Valley Group of Churches. Originally a nurse in both Canada and the UK, Rev Sue had most of her experience of children and families while co-chairing the foundation of a Lighthouse holiday club. She is looking forward to getting into school and meeting your children.

Laura Stone lives in Frieth with her husband and twin boys, who she says you may have seen 'tearing' around the village on their balance bikes! She is Director of Legal and Business Affairs for a new homes developer and studied English Literature at Cardiff University and at the University of California, Irvine, before attending the College of Law in Guildford where she got her law degree and Diploma in Law. Having grown up in a small village in Cornwall herself, she has witnessed first-hand the benefits of a school being supported by the local community.



The four laptops which were donated to us by the Marlow Charity unfortunately did not have enough memory to carry the software needed by the children. We are therefore very grateful to the PTA for paying the £800 needed to upgrade these computers for us. Thank you so much! The PTA have also bought a carpet cleaner for the school to help us keep all the rugs and carpets fresh and clean! Thank you all! 😊

WOLF TRIAL!

I was lucky to be able to join the Kites class last week as they engaged in a criminal trial! The prosecution lawyers represented Little Pig and the defence the Big Bad Wolf. I think you know the crime! I listened, as judge, along with a jury of teaching staff, as the prosecution sought to establish that Mr Wolf was a dangerous individual with a tendency to act violently and that his excuse of having a cold which made him sneeze was, in fact, fabrication. The children acted out their roles superbly and produced excellent work, such as that below.



Coroner Smith
Coroner House
Story Street
Story Ville
Once Upon a time

Dear Lawyer,

I am writing as an expert witness for the defence in the case of a, Wolf. I examined the bodies of the two deceased Little Pigs shortly after their deaths. As a medical expert in this area, I surmise that one of the pigs was definitely eaten after death. I am about 75% sure that the second pig was also dead before being devoured by A. Wolf. Therefore, I agree with A. Wolf's confession that he ate the pigs after they were dead. I am fully aware that this does however conflict with Little Boy Blue's eyewitness account that one of the pigs might have been alive when A. Wolf ate him. I am prepared to testify that this was not the case. Mr A, Wolf is not a cold-blooded killer.

Yours Sincerely

Coroner Smith

Dear Lawyer,

I'm Zoologist Jenkins and I am an expert with many years' experience of studying wolves. My main job is to observe the natural behaviour of these beasts. I have been approached by Mr Pig to add evidence to the case against Mr Wolf.

From evidence I have collected the wolf is very dangerous, with a history of eating pigs bunnies' birds and other cute animals. He does not only limit his diet to this, as he has also tried to eat humans.

In my expert opinion, if allowed to be set free from the court, he will maybe comit more crimes if he does not stop eating pigs. The 2 pigs he ate had a brother and threatened to eat the last pig . The wolf should not have eaten the 2 pigs but that is what they eat it's in the wolfs nature. But he could have helped the pigs to see if they were.

Dr Jenkins.

You will be very relieved to hear that the Big Bad wolf was found guilty and locked up for a very long time!

Honour Book

The following children have been 'honoured' this week:

- * Alora Gibbins and Tabby Boyden for beautiful handwriting and presentation
 - * Zeno Chiappe, for an amazing caring attitude
 - * Ava Harbinson and Faith Cubbage for their fantastic job leading the Mr Wolf court case.
 - * Cayden Brennan and Amber Nickolls for super costed bedroom designs
 - * Harry Bryant, Willow-May Jenkins-Smith and William Taylor for amazing story writing.
 - * Finn O'Hehir, Jack Meechan and Zach Freedman for putting in extra effort to overcome challenges and not giving up
- Well done to them all!

Message from Rev Sue Morton, Associate Priest

Each year, during the week before the Mother's Day weekend, we hold a Footprints service for anyone who has lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or at any age or stage of life, or who has been affected by such a loss, whether parent, grandparent, teacher, friend or family member. Mother's Day can be especially hard for those who are grieving their loss and may be a time when the pain of losing a baby or child is difficult to bear, whether that loss is recent or many years ago.

For the last seven years Footprints has been offering space for people to remember their baby, child or children and the opportunity to light a candle in their memory if they wish. There will be music, readings and prayers included as part of this time of remembering. This year Footprints will take place on Friday 5th March at 7.30pm, on Zoom. **Everyone is warmly welcome to join this service.** A flyer will be sent out with this newsletter but please do get in touch if you would like any further information.

My favourite question from a pupil to their teacher this week:

Does my timeline need to be in chronological order?

Thank you to the Farrow family for their recent donation of sweets!



CALLING ALL LANDSCAPERS

We are in need of a **Landscaper** as soon as possible to do some work to our Early Years area, including some paving and decking! Does anybody know somebody that they could recommend who might be available to do some work for us during the Easter holidays? If so, please do get them to contact us for details and to provide us with a quote. Thank you!



We also have some trees and bushes coming in April from the Woodland Trust which we would like to plant and are looking

for parent volunteers to help our children plant them! If you are able to help us, please do get in touch! Thank you.

BE HAPPY!



Happiness is a skill you can learn

Western neuroscience has now confirmed what Eastern wisdom has known for a long time: happiness is a skill we can learn. Research shows that happiness, compassion and kindness are the products of skills that can be learned and enhanced through training, thanks to the neuroplasticity of our brains. Recent research has shown that an 8 week mindfulness meditation class can lead to structural brain changes including increased grey-matter density in the hippocampus, known to be important for learning and memory, and in structures associated with self-awareness, compassion and introspection.

<https://www.actionforhappiness.org/>



Action for Happiness

I will try to create more happiness and less unhappiness in the world around me. This is the commitment that our members make to live their life as a force for good

www.actionforhappiness.org

Recycling!



We are trying to increase the amount of recycling we do here at Frieth School, so we have ordered a Recycling box for **ink cartridges**. This has the added bonus that we can raise a bit of money for the

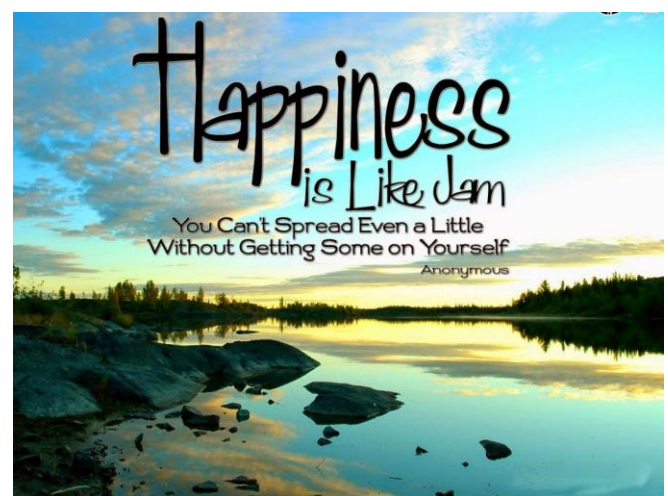
school! If you have any old ink cartridges from your printers either at home or work, please do send them in!

Don't forget also that we have a large blue bin outside the school for recycling clothes and again, the school gets money for any donations made.

Many thanks for your support!



When the children come back to school, we will have a very strong focus on their wellbeing, on practical work, having fun and being social.



We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March! 😊