Frieth C.E.C. School

NEWSLETTER



Emails and Letters sent home this week:

E-MAIL: PTA Email

Eagles—Secondary school reminder

Whole School Meeting

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Clubsport new clubs information

TERM DATES 2017-2018

	Open	Close	
Autumn	6th Sep	20th Oct	
	30th Oct	19th Dec	
Spring	4th Jan	9th Feb	
	19th Feb	29th Mar	
Summer	17th Apr	24th May	
	4th June	24th Jul	

2017 -2018 INSET days

Mon 4th September 2017 Tues 5th September 2017 Wed 3rd Jan 2018 Mon 16th April 2018 Fri 25th May 2018

School will be closed May Bank Hol 7th May 2018

2018 2019

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Autumn	5th Sept	19th Oct	
	29th Oct	19th Dec	
Spring	3rd Jan	15th Feb	
	25th Feb	5th April	
Summer	23rd April	24th May	
	3rd June	24th July	

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Message from Will Richards

It's been a real pleasure being the Race Director for the Frieth Hilly this year. I have been superbly

supported by the committee of Beth Constable, Charlotte Crowther, Justine Harbinson, Lucy Forder, Karen Warnes, Ruth Tebbot and Jessica Richards. We are all immensely proud of how the day went and we want to thank all of the parents, children and teachers for your support. The runners love our race and the feedback has been hugely positive. For now we will take a well-earned rest but I am personally excited about what we can achieve next year and I look forward to working with everyone again.

Message from Mrs Reid

Part of our aim in school is to model and encourage our pupils to adopt a healthy and active lifestyle. Last weekend our annual Frieth Hilly gave the school and me personally, the perfect opportunity to do just that. For the first time this year, I decided to take part in the 5K and be able to show our

pupils that it doesn't matter what age you are, whether you are young or a more mature age, that being healthy and active is a fantastic lifestyle choice. I have to say that I enjoyed every minute of it—yes even that hill at the end! There are many reasons why the race itself would be enjoyable to any runner taking part, the activity itself, the beautiful scenery, the fantastic organization, the feeling of running with hundreds of other people and the sense of achievement at the end to name just a few. But for me, the most enjoyable part of it was the amazing support and encouragement from the pupils, parents and community on the day. From the choir and blessing before hand, to the signs by the road on the hill; from the year 6 pupils coming to help me on the final stretch

and giving me words of

Friday 20th October

encouragement to the 'well done!' from other runners along the way. To all those people I would like to say a personal 'Thank you!' for making my first every 5K run so special!.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to Will Richards our new race director, the Hilly Committee and the PTA for again organizing such a fantastic event and putting so much hard work and effort into the planning. It is a huge undertaking and one that I know the pupils and staff at the school will benefit from enormously and appreciate so much! THANK YOU!

Have a lovely Half Term holiday everyone!







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Message from the Chair of Governors

Congratulations all round!

Having had a daughter on the Hilly organising team this year I have had considerable insight into all the work that culminated in such a successful day on Sunday. Various members of my family and their friends have run the 10k over the years and comment that this is a very well -run event. There is obviously a huge amount of work to make it all go smoothly on the day, but also a lot of unseen effort in the weeks and months before the event - getting permission from landowners to allow the runners to cross their land, getting gates unlocked, arranging parking, sponsorship, marketing, insurance, portaloos, refreshments, medals, the list goes on and on. Also I know that a number of the runners value the USP of a (poetic) blessing to see them off, and a bit of trackside encouragement from the school choir to help them on their way. It's really good to see the fact that we are a church school is reflected in everything that we do. There is also the rather less exciting bit at the end of the event, cleaning the loos and generally clearing up at the end of a day that starts very early for some, particularly James Farrow, who runs the course at the crack of dawn to check that everything is in order. I was delighted to hear Will Richards and his team talking about 'next year' at the end of the clearing up, not saying 'never again'. Some figures have still to be finalised but the event raised in the region of £11,000, which will be spent on projects to enhance the children's life at school. The governors are putting together plans and budgets for this already. Huge congratulations are due to Will and his team, many of them new to the Hilly this year, for such an outstanding result.

Congratulations are also due to Mrs Reid as she has just completed and passed her National Professional Qualification for Headship. This is a course usually undertaken by Deputy Heads or aspiring Heads, not by someone who is currently working as a Headteacher, so it is a wonderful achievement to find the time to carry out all the reading and study involved, as well as a placement of 9 days in another school, and what sounded like a very demanding final presentation and interview, while carrying out all the day-to- day duties of running our brilliant school. Added to this, Mrs Reid has steered the school through a Good Ofsted and an Outstanding Siams inspection in the last year. I am sure that the whole governing board and staff of the school will join me in offering very many congratulations to Mrs Reid on this terrific achievement, and wish her a well-deserved rest with her family over half term.

Merelina Tebbot, Chair of Governors

Notices

Mrs Sparks

Mrs Sparks will be taking some time away from school to recover from surgery from Wednesday 1st November. I am sure you join us all in wishing her a speedy recovery. During this time Mr Honey will be taking full time responsibility for Kestrels class and Mrs Reid will take the Year 4 pupils swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. Other than the change of teaching staff, the timetable will remain unchanged.

Parking

On Tuesday after school there was an incident outside of school involving a minor collision between two cars who were trying to negotiate the road whilst the coach was leaving. Unfortunately this situation was made worse by the fact that there were three large cars parked hanging over the corner of the entrance to the car park and along side the green in front of the village hall, effectively blocking the view of any cars trying to negotiate this stretch and causing an obstruction. Please do not park on the corners or in front of the village hall either before or after school so that we can avoid another incident of this nature or, even worse, an accident involving one of our pupils. On a Tuesday afternoon, please avoid parking near the school altogether. If you have other people collecting your child, ie a child minder etc please ensure they are aware of this message.



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Clubs

There are some exciting changes and additions to our clubs lists for after half term from 30/10/17 until 15/12/17. They are as follows:

*The Gymnastics club has been extended to include both KS1 and KS2 pupils

Activity	Day	Time	Year Groups	Cost
Fencing	Tuesday	8:30-8:45	1-6	FREE
Dance	Wednesday	8:15-8:55	1-6	£21
Gymnastics	Tuesday	3:15-4:15pm	1-6*	£28

<u>Premises update</u>

There have been a few questions about the adventure playground and why it is still roped off. We are waiting for the local authority to survey the area and assess if any further ground works need to be done in addition to works on the equipment itself. We will keep you informed, but for now the area will remain out of use. Over the half term, the final stages of the rewire project will be completed and the classrooms will be decorated. Plans will then be put together for the redecoration of other areas of the school as soon as possible.

Whole School Meeting

The invitation to the whole school meeting has been sent out electronically and the link for online booking is available on the school website at:

http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/whole_school_meetings/186462

If you encounter difficulties booking, please contact Mrs Emma Horan in the school office.

Church Services

We have a number of Church services throughout the school year, including our Welcome service, Harvest service, Christmas service, Easter service and Leaver's service. As with all our services, parents are more than welcome to attend, but are asked to sit at the back of the church so the children can sit in the pews. This term our final service is:

Tuesday 19th December 1pm

Christmas service



Welcome To Frieth School & The PTA!



Film Night letters coming home in bookbags today!

The Christmas Fair is 25th November. We are still looking for volunteers to help us with this fantastic, festive fair.

Please contact Emma Wharfe if you're able to help. The PTA wish you all an enjoyable, fun filled half term!

DIARY DATES

Dates and events happening in the school diary can all be accessed in the Calendar section of the School Website at the following link:

http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/calendar/186376

More information is available on our school website

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