



## Emails and Letters sent home this week:

LETTER: VISION SCREENING RECEPTION CHILDREN

E-MAIL: CONFIRMATION OF PTA AGM DATE

DICK WHITTINGTON DVDS

## Summer Term 1

22nd April 2016

### Message from THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### SPONSOR DAY

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
2016

This term we had a School Council Sponsor Day to raise money for Alzheimer Trust and The British Heart Foundation. OWLS took part in a Math ordering challenge. Each child had a number 1 -30 and had to put themselves in order. On



each child's card there was a symbol which represented a different exercise and they had to do the number of moves as indicated on the cards.

Example: 3 arrows = 3 star jumps. They also challenged themselves to do the exercises for a whole minute.

Buzzards did a sponsored obstacle course from 1:30 to 2:00. They did a bean bag on head, skipping, crawling and running challenge which they did complete very well. They had a lot of fun and we hope will raise a lot of money.

Kestrels did a sponsored Quiz. They wrote all of the questions themselves! They were about the R.E, History, English, Maths and Science that they have learnt over this year. Some of the questions were really tricky.

Kites did a sponsored silence. Mrs Tyzack was very pleased they chose to do this! If they wanted to talk they had to write on a white board and Mrs Tyzack wrote on the



whiteboard. It was extremely hard but a lot of fun.

Eagles took part in a SPELL-A-THON which had 40 questions Mrs Goodchild had picked out. Each word was tricky and it turned out to be a very challenging challenge. Whilst doing the test they were under the EAGLE-EYE of Mrs Goodchild and Mrs Sparks.

We hope all the children had fun doing these challenges and that they raise a lot of money for these good causes.

We would like sponsorship money to be in school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

#### Term Dates

#### 2015-2016

#### 2015 -2016 INSET days

Mon	4th January 2016
Mon	11th April 2016
Friday	27th May 2016

	Open	Close
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Autumn	3rd Sep	22nd Oct
	2nd Nov	18th Dec

Spring	5th Jan	12th Feb
	22nd Feb	24th Mar

Summer	12th Apr	26th May
	6th June	21st Jul

#### 2016-2017

#### 2016 -2017 INSET days

Thurs	1st September 2016
Fri	2nd September 2016
Wed	4th January 2017

Two additional service days TBC

School will be closed May Bank Hol 1st May 2017

	Open	Close
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Autumn	5th Sep	21st Oct
	31st Oct	20th Dec

Spring	5th Jan	10th Feb
	20th Feb	31st Mar

Summer	18th Apr	26th May
	5th June	21st Jul

### \*\*\*\*\*PTA NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

The AGM will be held next **Wednesday** evening in the school hall. We will be electing the new committee which provides an exciting opportunity to become part of the fantastic fundraising team for the school. We are particularly keen to find a treasurer. If we are unable to elect a committee, unfortunately the PTA would have to fold and therefore future events would be jeopardised. It is therefore crucial for the pupils in the school that we have a great turn out next week and elect a new committee to keep our superb events and school projects going. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Reid



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## **Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools**

As you are aware we had our SIAMs inspection this week. Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire or gave up some time to talk to the inspector, the staff who went above and beyond to ensure the school looked wonderful and demonstrated why it is a privilege to work with them, and mostly to the pupils, who were brilliant in their learning, their behaviour and their welcome! We had a lovely day and Mrs Walley asked me especially to say thank you for the very warm welcome she received. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the inspection as soon as the final report is published.

## **The Quest KS2 project homework**

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents are unaware of how the pupils received feedback on their homework project last term and how their fantastic projects were celebrated in school. We are always extremely proud of the creative project work the pupils do at home and appreciative of the time and effort parents put into supporting this and so I would like to clarify the feedback and the praise the children were given on their fantastic projects at the end of last term.

On Monday 21st March we timetabled the entire morning for the KS2 pupils to play their games with each other in the hall. All the pupils had a peer assessment feedback sheet with their game, and each group who came to play the game left feedback on the sheet. These, alongside a photo of the child and their game have been kept by the teachers as a record of their project with their topic work. In addition the teachers gave verbal feedback to the children in school as part of their learning and kept the games on display all week when they were not being played with by the pupils. There were also other opportunities during the remainder of the week for the children to play their games together before they were sent home. All the KS2 pupils were praised for their efforts in the assembly the following morning and in the last week of term I put a page on the website with photos and a short piece of information about the morning and how marvellous the projects were.

[http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/creative\\_homework\\_-\\_the\\_quest/196843](http://www.friethschool.co.uk/website/creative_homework_-_the_quest/196843)

This page has been available on the homepage of the website since then and I have updated this page today with further photos showing the pupils playing with their games in the hall.

We purposefully decided that the most valuable experience and appropriate feedback for a games project was for the children to actually play and enjoy them together and to help peer assess and give feedback to each other. I hope this clarifies for all our parents how proud we are of the project work that the children brought in.



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## **Facebook and Social Media Threads**

Following on from this clarification, I understand that there has been a long Facebook thread regarding this particular homework issue which contained some very negative comments. I would like to take the opportunity to note that this is an unofficial parent page which the school does not monitor or have access to. However, the negative comments are hurtful and distressing to the staff who daily do their best to provide a wide range of exciting learning opportunities for all the children here at Frieth and celebrate their ingenuity and successes at every opportunity. If you have any questions or concerns, your first port of call should be your class teacher. We always respond as soon as possible and are more than happy to help or to clarify matters that are raised.

## **REMINDERS:**

### **Reception Vision Testing**

Please ensure you return your child's vision testing consent form before Tuesday, if we do not have your letter the nurse will be unable to check your child.

### **Hypnos Visit Thursday 16 June Year 3**

Thank you for all of the reply slips, if you have not yet sent your reply slip into school please could you send it in for Monday 25th April.

### **Chateau du Broutel 6-10th June**

We would be grateful if you could return the Parental consent form for the above trip, please send it in to the school office as soon as possible. Please also bring in a copy of your child's passport and EHIC card so that we can check that they are in date.

**Don't forget you can keep up with all our school news on our fantastic new website [www.friethschool.co.uk](http://www.friethschool.co.uk)**

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