### Frieth C.E.C. School

# NEWSLETTER



#### **Emails and Letters sent home this week:**

#### F-MAIL

Energize reminders Year 2 forest school email Coronavirus updates Freith Falcons sign-up reminders Parents evening rescheduled

### LETTERS (available to download from

website) Year 2 Sing, Perform, Inspire School Disco letter French trip—statements Energize—choir final arrangements

#### 2019 2020 TERM DATES

	Open	Close
Autumn	4th Sept	25th Oct
	4th Nov	19th Dec
Spring	7th Jan	14h Feb
	24th Feb	3rd April
Summer	21st April	21st May
	1st June	21st July

#### **INSET Days**

Monday 2nd September 2019 Tuesday 3rd September 2019 Monday 6th January 2020 Monday 20th April 2020 Friday 22nd May 2020

\*\*\*May Bank Holiday\*\*\*
Friday 8th May

### Spring 4

#### Message from Mrs Reid

Since we came back from the half term break there have been lots of special events taking place in school. Eagles led a brilliant assembly where we found out about the theory of evolution and inheritance; Mayan culture; cubism and Picasso; and great adventurers. They finished with a performance of . Pachelbel's Cannon arranged for recorders, piano, clarinet, oboe and violin. Check out their performance on the class page of the website.



Kites class had a delicious time making lots of Mayan food, including guacamole and hot chocolate with a kick of chilli!
Well done to our WOW badge competition winning entries. Their brief for this term was the 'Wonders of the World'

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and they have certainly produced some wonderful designs to match! They will now be entered into the National competition. Good Luck all! Thank you to the Junior Road Safety Officers for setting up the competition and announcing the winners in collective worship. What better way to lift everyone's spirits after seemingly endless rain than dressing up for World Book Day 2020! Our pupils dressed for the occasion brilliantly



and a special mention for the Owls Class staff for their costumes, led by Miss Tinkerbell herself! Thank you to Mr Peplow who came to write a very special story with the whole school in our World Book Day Assembly. Following on from our Reception Forest School graduates, Year 1 have been having a fantastically muddy time with Miss Wilkins and Miss Birmingham.



Finally, thank you to all the parents for their patience with the rescheduling of the evening consultations following the unexpected closure of the school before half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reid

### PTA NEWS

Unfortunately we were unable to run the meeting this week owing to low numbers. The PTA meeting will be rescheduled for

### Thursday 12th March at 7:30pm (TBC)

Please do turn up to support the PTA. Without them, the pupils would not have the additional resources and enrichment opportunities that help Frieth be such a fantastic school!



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### Coronavirus Update:

Parents and families are understandably concerned about the spread of infection and how the virus may affect the school. Public Health England are currently sending out a daily update for schools, as are the Department for Education. The status at the moment is to promote excellent hygiene routines and handwashing—there is a fairly continuous chorus of 'Happy birthday' coming from the toilet areas in school! - and that, unless told to do so by Public Health England, schools must remain open.

Rest assured, the governors and I will be keeping a very close eye on the updates and advice and will let parents know should there be any change to the situation. An information poster has been sent by email this week with advice for parents and a new hotline has been opened by the Department for Education for staff and parents if they are concerned. The details are as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: <u>DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk</u> Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

You can also find daily updates on the virus at the following website:

### https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

#### Coronavirus and Year 5&6 Residential

At this point in time, we cannot know whether the trip will be negatively affected by coronavirus and do not want to base any decisions on speculation. Therefore, as schools are open and there are no current restriction on travel to France, we are working on the assumption that the trip will go ahead. It will only be cancelled if we are told by Public Health England, the Home Office, Department for Education or Buckinghamshire County Council that it cannot go ahead. In this instance, the trip would be covered by insurance. If the trip does go ahead and parents choose to withdraw their child, this would not be covered by the insurance. Again, the governors and I will keep a close eye on the situation and will ensure that any decisions being made will be in the best interests of our pupils and their safety and well-being.

#### Parent Governor Election

A reminder from the chair of Governors, Mrs Tebbot, that the nominations for the Parent Governor role closes today.

#### School Travel Plan

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to be on the School Travel Plan Committee who meet once or twice a term please get in touch with Mrs Sparks via the office.

Please see the school Parking promise below as a reminder for all parents. We will be sending home a copy for new parents to sign.

More information is available on our school website

www.friethschool.co.uk



## Footprints: A service of remembrance for the loss of a child

On Friday 13th March 2020 at 7.30pm, we will be holding our annual Footprints Service; this year it will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Church Path, Lane End, High Wycombe, <u>HP14 3HD</u>. As in previous years the service will take place the weekend before Mother's Day, a time when the loss of a child can be particularly difficult. It may be a time of year when the pain of losing a child is difficult to bear, whether that loss is recent or many years ago. It may also be a time when remembering is important and a significant part of the pathway through grief.

The Footprints Service is a service for anyone who has lost a child during pregnancy or at any age or stage of life or has been affected by such a loss, whether parent, grandparent, teacher, friend or family member. All are welcome.

Footprints will offer space to remember your child or children and the opportunity to light a candle in their memory if you wish. There will be music, readings and prayers included as part of our time of remembering. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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