



# Frieth Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

# Let Your Light Shine!

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

It's definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas with a week full of festive fun having just passed. With COVID-19 cases being relatively low in the school, how wonderful it has been to invite parents in to enjoy some of the festivities.



I would like to kick off by saying, "Take a bow Key Stage One for your stunning Nativity

performance!" Have watched a few of these in my time, I can honestly say this was right up there with the best! Of course, this magical performance was made possible by our outstanding Key Stage One teachers and teaching assistants, and special thanks must be offered to them. I'm sure I speak for everyone who watched it when I say we absolutely loved it!



The merriment continued on Friday with our Christmas Fair. A huge thank you to our PTA and in particular Sarah Hunt and Abi Morris who did the most amazing job organising it and



I am absolutely thrilled to report we raised a whopping £3,244.02! With the children missing out on so much last year, it was so pleasing to

see the pupils have such a lovely time. Needless to say, a special thanks goes to Father Christmas and his elves for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit Frieth! Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for following the guidelines so we can safely enjoy these events. If we keep on taking the correct precautions, then hopefully we can continue to enjoy something close to normal.



I am pleased to report COVID-19 cases have been relatively low at school over the last week. However, cases have risen sharply in the Marlow area, and it is crucial we continue to proceed with caution especially with there now being a new variant. As always, I will continue to follow the guidance provided to me by Public Health and I assure you no decision relating to COVID-19 measures is taken lightly. Please continue to keep your children at home if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 and book a PCR test at the earliest opportunity. Your child

can then return to school once a negative test result has been received.

With cases rising and some other local schools moving bubbles to remote learning, I have reviewed our remote learning offering with the staff. Accompanying this newsletter is the updated Frieth Remote Learning Policy containing what you can expect if your child is isolating; a bubble is isolating or the whole school has moved to remote learning.



This year, we will be allowing children to bring in Christmas cards which we will then 'quarantine' before they are distributed.

Therefore, I would ask that all cards are brought in by Friday morning (10<sup>th</sup> December) so that they can be quarantined over the weekend and then handed out next week.



As long as guidance allows next term we will be introducing class assemblies. Parents will be welcomed in to watch their children's performance and then invited back to classroom so that children can share their work with them. Please find the tentative dates for these assemblies at the bottom of this newsletter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to politely request that parents book appointments for their children outside school hours. I realise that sometimes it is unavoidable however there seems to have been a sharp rise in appointments recently. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

You may have noticed our Junior Road Safety Officers, who have been doing a fantastic job keeping everybody safe each morning. Please

find below some requests and advice they would like to share with you.



*'We are the JRSO's and hopefully you have seen us wearing hi-vis*

*jackets and a cap, standing outside the front the school in the mornings.*

*Please try to walk to school at least once a week. You can park on the hill and walk up. If you walk to school once a week, park and stride or come by bus or car share, you will get a badge at the end of the month.*

*If you have to use the turning circle in the morning to drop off your child, please do not get out of the car. If your child needs help getting out of the car, then you need to park away from the school and walk your child to the front gate. We will be issuing tickets if we see people incorrectly using the turning circle.*

*Thank you for helping us to make sure travelling to and from school is safe.'*

Tara, Anna, Sky and James.



I would like to thank all the parents for their feedback in the recently issued parent surveys. It's always great to hear about the things we do well but also crucial the feedback is open and honest. It goes without saying that you can't keep everybody happy all of the time but there were a few key themes which I have identified. As a result, the first action I have taken is to review homework with the staff and we have made some changes which will take effect in the New Year. I will be sending a

letter to you before the end of term detailing these.



What a fantastic time the children had when we welcomed Brickies into school a few weeks back. The pupils enjoyed a range of Lego workshops

on topics linked to the curriculum. They really let their creative light shine with models linked to Egyptians, animals, and space! This activity was paid for out of the school donations fund, so I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all parents who contribute to this. By donating, we can provide children with a range of exciting learning experiences that we would otherwise not be able to. If you would like to contribute to this then please find the form attached and return it to the office.



It's been a very busy few weeks in the sports calendar with netball and football fixtures along with a rowing event at Great Marlow.



Our netball team performed brilliantly and were victorious in their

match against Holy Trinity Cookham. After going 6-3 behind, they showed incredible resilience, clawed their way back and finally won 10 - 8. A huge congratulations to all those involved! What an amazing comeback it was, and our netball remain unbeaten at home. We are building a fortress!

Our football team continue to get better week on week and participated in a tournament at Cressex last week. Although that win is still elusive, we pushed all the other teams close and

drew a match. What is particularly impressive however is that the team have taken it upon themselves to have additional training sessions which are led by the pupils. As I tell the children, "Hard work always precedes reward!"



It's been great to see the large number of parents that have come to support the sports teams and help create such a super atmosphere. As well as watching the children, it's also a great opportunity to socialise with others and tea, coffee and biscuits (often chocolate!) will always be provided! If you would like to join us in supporting our sports teams, we have our first rugby match here on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (K.O. 3pm) and then a football fixture on Thursday (K.O) 3:15pm. The side gate next to Owls class will be opened 10 minutes before kick-off so make your way round, grab a cuppa and enjoy!



Our Year 3 and 4 children had a super time learning how to row at the Redgrave Centre in Great Marlow School.

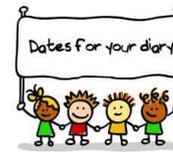
On their return, I was absolutely thrilled to hear how much the children enjoyed the event and how much they had encouraged and supported each other in the activity. Who knows, maybe we have a future Olympian among us!

At 2pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Northend Common, the Wild Church will be holding their monthly service. There will be an outdoor nativity with carols and real animals. Children (and adults if they wish!) are invited to dress as their favourite person from the nativity story. Please find more details in the attached letter.

Our Christmas service will be held on the last day of term (17<sup>th</sup> December) at 9:30am. Unfortunately, on this occasion we are not able to invite parents and carers due to COVID-19 restrictions.

This Friday is Christmas Jumper day! Along with wearing their favourite festive pullover, we kindly request children bring in £1 which will go towards the Save the Children charity. However, if your child does not own a Christmas jumper, fear not, why not upcycle an old jumper and turn it into a funky seasonal sweater! For guidance on how to do this please find a guide attached.

Finally, as you may have seen on our website, Greensheets and our Facebook page, we are currently looking for a Learning Support Assistant to join our wonderful school. If you are interested in the role, or know of anybody who is, please visit the vacancies section of our school website for details on how to apply.



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

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| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December:  | Frieth v Lowbrook (Rugby tournament - 3pm)  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December:   | Frieth v Holy Trinity (Football tournament 3.15pm)  |
| Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> December:      | Panto in a Day - Dick Whittington   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December:    | Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December:  | School Christmas Lunch and class parties  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December:    | Christmas Service (9.30am).<br>End of term - 1pm (There is no Falcons after school club). |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January:   | Start of the spring term.   |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January:     | Internet Safety Day   |
| W/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February: | Maths Week  |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February:   | Parents Evening   |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February: | Parents Evening   |
| W/c 21 <sup>st</sup> February:       | Half Term   |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March:      | World Book Day  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March:        | Year 1 Balanceability begins (6weeks)   |
|                                      | Eagles Assembly (2:45pm)  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March:       | Kites Assembly (2:45pm)   |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March:       | Buzzards Assembly (2:45pm)  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March:       | Kestrels Assembly (2:45pm)  |
| W/c 28 <sup>th</sup> March:          | Science Week  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April:       | Owls Assembly (2:45pm)  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April:        | Break up for Easter - 1pm   |