



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

*Let Your Light Shine!*

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Can you believe it's only two weeks until the end of term! There's still lots to look forward to before the end of the school year when the children can enjoy a well-earned break.

Of course, one of the main events still to look forward to is Summer Queen, which I know we are all excited about. However, in running these fantastic events, it is absolutely crucial we are considerate of local residents, especially in terms of parking.

**Please can I therefore strongly urge you to use Parmour Park Farm or the avenue of trees next to it and walk to Summer Queen.**

It was disappointing that only around a dozen cars parked there for Sports Day. I received numerous complaints from neighbours, which included photographs of cars parking inconsiderately and obstructing driveways. For those of you who did not utilise these alternative parking solutions due to being unfamiliar with where they are situated, I have created a map to illustrate the location and this is attached to this newsletter.

I'm fully aware that driving to school is seen as the most convenient choice for families with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school, they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision makes an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion, particularly outside the school.

Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk of

walking around their local community. What's more, walking can improve overall levels of fitness and can have a positive impact both physically and mentally.

Having parked and walked from Parmour Park Farm myself last week, it takes under 10 minutes and is a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings we are blessed with in Frieth. I'm well aware that life is busy but surely, we could all leave home a few minutes earlier.

As you know the school is growing; this is to provide the best possible education for the children but comes with the caveat of increased congestion. I met with representatives from the local community last week who are disgruntled with the way people are driving and parking in the village and are therefore expressing concerns around the growth of the school. It is therefore essential we do all we can to ensure the whole Frieth community remain happy and that we work together as a collective to reap the benefits of Frieth CEC School going from strength to strength.

On this note, I would like to also remind you of our car sharing app 'Home Run' and that the owners of The Yew Tree Public House kindly still agree to us using their car park and walking. Bella Connell has now also confirmed Parmour Park Farm and the avenue of trees next to the cricket club can be used all year round, so by all means please start parking there from tomorrow.

Alongside these measures can I remind you of the importance of driving safely and parking considerately.

Thank you to the vast majority of families who support the school by already adhering to above, it's much appreciated.

## Sports Week

What an unbelievable Sports Week we had culminating in a magical Sports Day. During the week, the children enjoyed a host of enrichment activities including a digiwall, cricket, freestyle football, tennis, a visit from a GB athlete and much more. I was incredibly impressed with everyone's effort on Sports Day and, although Attenborough House were the winners, every child should be proud that they gave their all in every run, throw and jump. The singing, dancing and drumming was amazing and of course the day wouldn't be the same without Mr Burn on the mic! As the teachers and governors said, Frieth, you're simply the best!



## Smartphone Free Childhood

I recently met with two parents of year 1 children, Lucy Proudfoot and Joanne Brooke, about a new grassroots movement with the mission of keeping childhood smartphone free. As both a Headteacher and a parent, I fully support this initiative and strongly urge parents to join the local Frieth group. Please see the attached from Lucy.

## Healthy Schools Award

I'm absolutely thrilled to announce that Frieth CEC School have now achieved Healthy Schools status. To attain the award we were assessed in number of areas all linking to how we support the

children to maintain good physical and mental health. As PSHE lead, Mrs Sparks has been leading on this and worked tirelessly to ensure we have met the criteria. Well done!

## Pyjama Day

Amelia Macloud in Buzzards Class you really let your light shine by writing me a super letter. It was a fantastic suggestion we raised an amazing £442 for The Thames Valley Air Ambulance by allowing the pupils to wear their pyjamas to school for the day. A great cause and I think the children enjoyed it too! Well done



## Sir Tim Rice

On Thursday we had the honour of welcoming Sir Tim Rice to Frieth CEC School. Over the past few weeks, the children have enjoyed a sequence of assemblies on Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and Reverend Andy managed to arrange for Sir Tim himself to join us for a Q&A with the pupils!



## Year 6 Residential to Devon

What an amazing week we had down in Devon with our wonderful Year 6 pupils! They threw themselves into caving, high ropes, canoeing, raft building, rock climbing and much more. An absolute pleasure to take away!



## Other News

As the summer holidays approaches, children's attention soon shifts and families often find themselves facing a common challenge: how can they keep their children reading during those six weeks off from school? The BookTrust, which is the UK's largest children's reading charity, joined forces with 'The Reader Teacher - Scott Evans' to provide seven ideas to prevent the dreaded 'summer slump'.

More details [here](#)

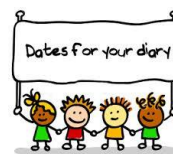
## Attachments

### Family First Magazine

S4K Summer Camp

Summer reading challenge

Blue Mic Summer Camp



All school dates can also be found on the school website. New dates in **red**. PTA Events in **blue**. Sport fixtures in **green**.

Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Football Match Cookham Dean v Frieth
Frid 12 <sup>th</sup> July:	Summer Queen
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Football Match Holy Trinity v Frieth
Frid 19 <sup>th</sup> July:	Leavers Service
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July:	Break up at 1pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep:	New Owls Open Classroom 3-4pm
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep:	Return to School
Frid 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep:	Service of Welcome
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	School Nursing Team – Flu Immunisation (more details to follow)
Frid 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Harvest Service (more details to follow)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	School Photographer
Frid 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct:	Break up – 3.15pm
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Inset Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Inset Day
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Return to School