



Friday Flyer

8th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is definitely feeling festive in school now; decorations are hanging, carols are being sung and the post box is filling with cards. There is an excited buzz among the children who, although tired, are continuing to throw themselves into school life and learning.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our Nativity Service on Wednesday, which, I am sure you will agree, was a very special occasion. The children all performed beautifully, with such confidence and, as a school, we are so proud of every one of them. As I said at the end, even for adults, it can be quite daunting to stand up in front of so many people, but the children did an amazing job, speaking and acting with such clarity and enthusiasm. The singing was, as usual, outstanding with every child fully taking part and clearly enjoying themselves. Thank you to the parents from FoFS for serving refreshments after the service. Definitely a wonderful start to the festive season.

In Collective Worship this half-term, we have been thinking about the value of compassion. We have talked about what it means to show compassion, and have linked this to the compassion shown by the innkeeper in the Nativity story. We have also talked about showing compassion through donating to the Reverse Advent Calendar. Thank you to all families who have contributed to this; Mrs Hollis is emptying the bags on a daily basis and has already taken many bags down to the Food Bank.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting last week of term, with Christmas lunch on Tuesday, our visit to Wintershall on Wednesday and Mad Hair Day on Thursday. We are very grateful to the FoFS team for organising the craft afternoon for children next Friday. I am sure this will be a fun and festive end to the term as well as a great fundraiser for the school - don't forget to buy your raffle tickets, the hampers will be great!

As we near the end of term, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our wonderful staff team. They really do go 'the extra mile' to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all children. The Primary Years are so fundamentally important, forming the building blocks and creating that 'love of learning' that is central to future success. I know that not only have the children learnt a great deal this term, but they will also have created some lifelong memories from the opportunities they have had. I have never worked with a more dedicated, talented and supportive team, who give of their time so freely. Thank you!

Finally, thank you to all our parents for supporting the school and the children in so many ways – learning and life at Froxfield really is a team effort!

Have a wonderful weekend enjoying your preparations for the festive season. I hope to see many of you at the Carol Service at High Cross on Sunday.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V Farrow

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP VALUE:

Our Value for this Half Term is

Compassion

NOTE:

Please connect with us



TRIPS INFORMATION

We understand that the term 'voluntary contribution' in relation to charges for school trips is misleading and may have caused some confusion. The school's Charging and Remission Policy ([Charging-Remission-2023.pdf \(froxford.hants.sch.uk\)](https://froxford.hants.sch.uk)) is bound by Department for Education statutory guidance. The policy states that schools are not permitted to make a charge for trips and visits, unless they are an enrichment (which actually Wintershall is), but can request a voluntary contribution. However, schools do rely on these voluntary contributions being made in order to make the trips viable. Unfortunately, school budgets are unable to meet the cost of these trips.

The policy also states that: *'The school will do everything possible to ensure all visits and trips can go ahead. However, the Headteacher, in consultation with Governors, reserves the right to cancel a trip should the cost to the school become prohibitive, or the impact on the school budget becomes too great.'*

Apologies if this wording has caused confusion. I hope this clarifies the situation, but please do get in touch should you require any further information.

CLASS 1 – SELF PORTRAITS



To make their self-portraits, having practised by drawing portraits of our friends, the children first thought about their pose. We then thought about three things that are important to us and painted them in a repeating pattern to be the background. Finally, they drew a self-portrait from their photo.

CLASS 4 TRIP – BRITISH MUSEUM



Class Four had a brilliant trip to The British Museum looking at primary sources relating to Ancient Egypt. Mrs Burchett was extremely proud of their behaviour on what was a rather long coach journey.

SMALL SCHOOLS CLUSTER WORKSHOP

Four children from Froxfield attended a Cluster Dance Workshop at Langrish School last week. The workshop was led by Chloe from Boppin and the children learnt a dance from Matilda the Musical which they performed to parents at the end of the afternoon. It was a great opportunity for the children to rehearse and perform alongside children from other schools.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY



The children in Key Stage 1 (Years R-2) all did a fantastic job performing the Nativity 'Clip Clap to Bethlehem' in two separate shows on Wednesday to family and friends. The Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) children all sang beautifully behind the stage making a wonderful atmosphere in the church. Everyone worked very hard learning their lines and songs and a huge thank you to parents for the support in this as well as providing costumes and general encouragement.

It was a fantastic show to mark the start of Christmas.



DOUBLE REED PERFORMANCE

Mrs Willits is very proud of the double reeders who performed in front of the school on Thursday, at Collective Worship, after just 10 weeks of learning the oboe or bassoon.
Well done to all the children involved.

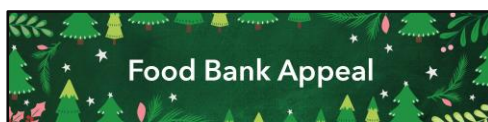
SCHOLASTIC BOOK



A huge thank you to parents who made a recent Scholastic book order before Christmas.
It has enabled the school to order two more books for the children to enjoy.

Many thanks.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



We sent your child/children home with an A5 list of the products that the school council and the Food Bank have collectively decided would be most helpful for families for Christmas.

There will be paper bags for each day of Advent located in the back of the church ready for your contributions.

Please feel free to give as little or as many items on the list as you wish. All the products are going to a fantastic cause for families who otherwise wouldn't have the funds to buy them.

Please also see the attached list of items to refer to.

Items will be collected on a daily basis from the church and all products will need to be donated by Saturday 23rd December.

Many thanks

CAROLS ON THE GREEN



The Froxfield village community are in the throes of organising **Carols on the Green for Monday 11th December at 4:30 p.m.** and want to encourage those we know, friends and family to come along!

The event lasts about 45 minutes to an hour and starts in the church on the Green moving outside for singing and switching on of the lights on the big "tree" in the middle of the Green and on people's houses. Once we have sung our hearts out, our gathering will move to Green Farm Stud (in the corner of the Green) where there will be refreshments.

There are three or four musicians confirmed including a guitarist, bassist and trumpeter and possibly an accordion player and if you know anyone else who would like to join them and play, please do get in touch.

Please find attached the carol sheets so people can read them from a phone /iPad. These will provide additional light. There will also be a few printed copies for those who prefer torch light.

During the singing, there will be a bucket collection in aid of all the churches in Froxfield.



FoFS

FoFS would like to wish all our parents and children a Merry Christmas.

Although we are currently sailing without a captain. We have managed to put on a few events, and I would like to thank everyone who has supported FoFS this term.

A special mention to Sophie Doe and Katherine Harper who have started the school with a bang and helped organise 3 events for the families of the school. The wreath making was a grand success and raised a whopping £310. The cost of refreshments and expenses for the night have been donated by Judy White, Sophie and Katherine and we are very grateful for such a kind donation to our events.

A huge thank you to Claire and Harry Souter for organising the fireworks night stall and raising £100 and to Yuliia Tsymbal for taking on responsibility for refreshments at the school events. The Nativity raised £15.60

Sophie has also organised a fantastic raffle with some amazing prizes so far, the total from the raffle is £238 but we are hoping to get a few more sales before the end of the week please do see if any of your families would like some tickets as well!

As many of you know Gemma Summerfield took on the task of organising the Christmas cards and tea towels again this year and we are incredibly grateful for her taking this on. The cards have raised £ 157.50 for the school.

I would also like to make a special mention to Jaydan's late Nanna and the whole family for generously donating lots of craft supplies for our craft afternoon which we hope will be a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help with this. We would love a few more parents to help if possible.

If you have a particular event you would like to organise next term, please get in contact.

Also, a final mention that we are still looking for a Chairperson for FoFS and would love some more active members to join the team.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th January at 7pm at The Trooper, Froxfield. Please join us - we are a friendly bunch!

I hope everyone enjoys their well-deserved break.

Many thanks,
Sarah Dunford

Pre-School

As we fast approach the Christmas holidays, it has, as you might expect, been a very busy and fun filled couple of weeks. This week alone, we have taken part in the school's Nativity Play and have also been on a pre-school outing to Hogmoor Inclosure in Bordon. Both of these events have well and truly brought the festive feeling to pre-school!

Thank you to those parents who came and watched the children perform their Nativity song on Wednesday. We were so very proud of each and every child, they were all absolutely amazing. It is quite something for them to stand up on a stage in front of a full church, especially as our youngest child is only just two years old! Their costumes were amazing and they looked simply wonderful...who knew that there were so many different animals in Bethlehem! Our wriggly Nativity song seemed somewhat appropriate for our little ones.

On Thursday, we visited Hogmoor Inclosure and enjoyed a ranger-led session. Our children were able to make a wooden reindeer, using wood sourced from the forest. Following a mince pie, baked by the children the day before, we set out on a walk in the forest. During our walk, we were able to add a decoration to a very special oak tree within the Inclosure. The tree was adorned with twinkling lights and an array of sparkly decorations - it will form part of the forest's Christmas trail. Unfortunately, the weather was rather soggy, however, this did not dampen our spirits and a great time was had by all.

What a lovely start to December.

With festive wishes,
Gillian Jones



School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in **Red**

Tuesday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	Whole School Trip to Wintershall Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	Crazy Christmas Hair Day - £1 donation to FoFS
Friday 15 th December	SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30pm
Friday 15 th December	FoFS Christmas Craft Afternoon 1.45pm, Village Hall – Details to follow
Sunday 17 th December	Joint School & Parish Carol Service, High Cross Church, 4pm
Monday 18 th – Monday 1st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24 th January	FoFS Meeting 7pm at The Trooper, Froxfield
Monday 29 th January	Year 6 Height & Weight Check with school nurse team

Wednesdays: Terra Recycle Scheme AM & Open Classroom PM

SCHOOL INSET DAYS for the DIARY

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Other Information

FoFs and Class Reps 2023/2024

Pre-School	Katherine Harper
YR	Katherine Harper & Sophie Doe
Y1	Rowena Rayner & Sophie Blythe
Y2	Clare Souter & Kate Masters
Y3	Jessie Barton & Rowena Rayner
Y4	Katie Innes & TBC
Y5	Shannon Askew & TBC
Y6	Tasha Cunningham & Sarah Grant
Chair	TBC
Secretary	TBC
Treasurer	Sarah Dunford

Clubs

Day	Time	Club	Years	Dates
Monday	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Aspire Sports	1-6	11 th September – 27 th November Spaces available
Tuesday	Lunchtime	French	R-6	12 th September – 28 th November Limited Spaces
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.20pm	Kids with Bricks	1-3	5 th September – 17 th October & 31st October - 12th December 8 spaces available
Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Pathways to Resilience & Emotional Wellbeing	5&6	3 rd October – 12 th December Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Cook Stars	1-6	12 th September – 17 th October & 31st Oct - 5th Dec FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.05pm	Tennis Club	1-3	13 th September – 29 th November 4 spaces left
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Art Club	1-4	13 th September – 11 th October 7 8th November - 13th December FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Speaking with Confidence	5-6	1 st November – 6 th December Spaces available
Thursday	Lunchtime	Recorder	2	14 th September – 7 th December FULL
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Choir	3-6	7 th September – 19 th October & 2 nd November – 7 th December Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tennis Club	4-6	14 th September – 30 th November 5 Spaces left
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Boppin Dance	R-3	8 th September – 8 th December FULL

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