



Friday Flyer

2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has certainly been a very busy and eventful few weeks in school. I am sure that many of us are happy to welcome February and the feeling that spring may be on its way.

You will all be aware that the school was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday. This inspection was an Ungraded one, which Ofsted can do for schools that are currently graded as good. They make this decision based on their internal risk assessment of the school and the visit does not provide new graded judgements.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all our parent body for their support during the inspection process. You will be aware from the media that inspection places a good deal of stress on school staff; knowing we had the support of our families made a huge difference. Thank you for completing the questionnaire and speaking to the inspector on the playground. Parents' views are a hugely important part of any school inspection. Following the inspection, we will receive a letter from Ofsted giving feedback on 'What the school does well and what it needs to do to get better.' This letter will be available to all parents in due course. It is very difficult to share everything that makes Froxfield School so special in one day, but we worked hard to ensure inspectors got as much information as possible. The verbal feedback we received was very positive and we look forward to sharing more details with you as soon as we are able. A key moment for me during the process, was when I was meeting with the lead inspector about provision for children's personal development and he said to me 'You really love your job don't you?'

For us though, it is always 'business as usual.' Thank you to those parents who joined us for the Class 1 led service on Wednesday. The children were so confident standing, speaking and singing in an almost full church. I was very proud of them all. We have been focusing all our Collective Worship this half-term on the value of Truthfulness. This may be something you would like to continue to focus on with your children at home.

The rich curriculum opportunities we strive to offer have continued be plentiful over the past few weeks. Children involved in The Petersfield Music Festival attended their first rehearsal at Churcher's last week and, continuing the focus on music, a group of our KS2 instrumentalists attended an orchestral day at Bedales yesterday, culminating in a performance to a parents in the Lupton Hall at the end of the day – such a rewarding and memorable experience for them.

Our Cross-Country success again needs a special mention, with all Froxfield children placing in the top 10 at the Perins East Hampshire qualifier! Special congratulations to Sophia H and Mia for winning their respective races and to Tommy and Luella for finishing 2nd and 3rd, respectively. Separately, we are back in action on Portsdown Hill over the coming weeks and really need more children volunteering to run. If your children are in Class 3 or Class 4 and would be keen to give it a go, please speak to Mrs Masters in the school office.

This year, for the first time, we are looking to enter a Froxfield team in the Chichester Corporate Challenge, a fun series of three road races through the streets of Chichester. Please look out for details on ParentMail.

Today Class 3 are enjoying a visit to Weald and Downland Museum as part of their history learning on the Saxons and, next week, Classes 1 and 2 are looking forward to their trip to the Hindu Temple.

I can't believe there is only one week until half-term and we will be halfway through the school year!

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs V Farrow
Headteacher

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP VALUE:

Our Value for this Half Term is

Truthfulness

NOTE:

Please connect with us



CROSS COUNTRY PORTSDOWN LEAGUE

The Cross Country league returns at Portsdown Hill, having had a break since before Christmas. The ground has thawed out a little and it is slightly less muddy! Last Friday a great many of the regular runners were unable to make the meet but we did have four children who represented Froxfield. They all ran brilliantly but a special mention must go to Mia Collins in Year 6 who came 5th and Tom Masters in Year 5 who came 4th on a start line of over 120 children. This was their best result yet!



CLASS 1 – COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Class 1 led Collective Worship on Tuesday in the church for the whole school with the topic being Truthfulness. The children talked about the story in the Old Testament when Moses was given the ten commandments, one of which was 'do not tell lies'. They then acted out the story of the emperor who was looking for an heir. He gave all the children in the land a seed and asked them to come back in a year to see what had happened. Everyone had lovely plants when they came back (from Maia Floristry on Lavant Street) except for Ling who had looked after his seed but nothing happened. The emperor declared that he would be his heir as he was honest. The emperor had boiled all the seeds before giving them out and so he was the only honest child.



CLASS 1 - FARM SCULPTURES

This half term Class 1 were learning how to use different materials and fold, bend, cut, twist and fasten them to make a sculpture. We did not plan how we were going to make our sculptures; we just decided what we wanted to make in order to create the Scotts' farm following our visit.

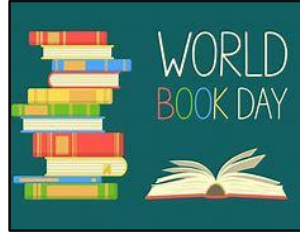


BEDALES MUSIC DAY

A handful of children from Froxfield enjoyed the Bedales Music day on Thursday. Between them, the children played the guitar, keyboard, violin and French horn. They really enjoyed working with other students from different schools throughout the day and put on a fantastic performance to all the parents in the Lupton Hall at Bedales at the end of the event. Not forgetting the infamous Rock show put on by the Bedales students for all the children at lunch time.



WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day will be on 7th March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character. Whether it's a nod to a character or a full costume is up to your child but there is no need to buy anything.

There will also be a **poetry recital in the Village Hall at 2:30pm to which all parents/carers are welcome.**

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Next week, to support Safer Internet Day, the Regionalised Organised Crime Unit will be running a parent webinar explaining Cyber Choices and the risks to young people of committing computer misuse offences. This is now a Safeguarding risk, so to try and further raise awareness of this, they want to reach out and explain to parents just how young people can cross the line into cyber-crime.

They will be running this webinar three times throughout next week, at the following times:

Tuesday 6th February 13:00-14:00

Thursday 8th February 09:30-10:30

Thursday 8th February 20:00-21:00

And the invitation details are listed below:

When: Feb 6, 2024 13:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4CZPn-5Sb6PmX5scPuFkA

When: Feb 8, 2024 09:30 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tpd56MjvSs25i_nz5W8Vlg

When: Feb 8, 2024 20:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_guDQFW6TRBiOJWEga_g6qw

After registering, a confirmation email containing further information about joining the webinar will be automatically sent out.

There are 500 spaces available on each, so that's a lot of families that could be reached, and a lot of at-home safeguarding that could be enabled, if we can help fill those slots!

Pre-School

Pre-School really is a very special place to be and this was recognised this week in a number of ways. Over the past few days, we have hosted visits from a number of other settings, who have been keen to explore our learning environment for their professional development. These visits are testament to the hard work and dedication of the wonderful pre-school staff team, our families and our amazing children.

This week, we also welcomed Ofsted into our setting. The lead inspector spent time observing practice and watched the curriculum in action. Our carefully considered environment is tailored to meet the needs of the children and supports progression and development, using children's interests to drive learning. For many, Ofsted brings about a flurry of activity, nervousness and dare I say...panic! The reality is, it is a time to shine, a time to share all the wonderful things that Froxfield has to offer.

The inspector was fascinated by how engaged and focused our little ones were and highlighted how calm our magical setting was. We are so proud of how well the children coped with the visitors, taking everything in their stride. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to those parents who took the time to complete the Ofsted survey. At the end of a very full-on day, it was absolutely lovely to hear some of the comments provided, which were shared by the inspector.

Alongside all the business of the week, an interest in space has been gently simmering away. Sparked by Ted, who happened to notice the moon was still visible in the morning sky - there have been rockets built in the block area, stars and planet play on the overhead projector and chatter about planets and aliens! We hope to extend this interest by introducing a telescope to the block area...who knows, we might even get to see the craters on the moon!

With warmest wishes,

Gillian Jones



FoFs

Thank FoFS it's Friday!

Thanks so much to everyone who came to the first FoFS meeting of the year last week, and to those who sent their apologies and great ideas. We have come up with some lovely events/activities for the rest of the year and as soon as we have confirmed all the dates with the school, we will send you the details.

February Confirmed Diary Dates:

Friday 9 February

3.15pm, School Field (By Back Gate)

Class 1: Valentine's Cake Sale

All Cakes and Bakes 50p/£1

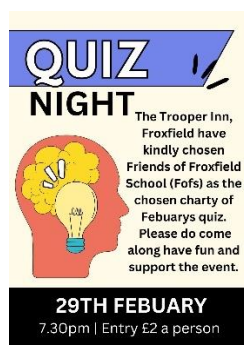
Please come and support Class 1 selling their Valentine's themed treats!

Thursday 29 February

7.30pm, The Trooper Inn

Quiz Night – FoFS has been kindly chosen as the charity this evening

The Wrens' parents have already got a team together! Would any other classes like to take them on?!



Bank Details:

Please note that the FoFS Santander account is now closed. If you still have this on your banking app, please can you delete it and replace with the current Bank Account Details:

Name: FOFS

Acc: 67282421

S/C: 08-92-99

We will no longer be able to access any new funds in the old account, so we appreciate your help with this!

We hope you have a great week, and we look forward to sharing some more updates with you soon.

FOFS 😊

School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in **Red**

Friday 2 nd February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Friday 2 nd February	Class 3 Trip – Weald & Downland Museum (details to follow)
Wednesday 7 th February	Class 1 & 2 Trip - Reading Hindu Temple (details to follow)
Friday 9th February	Class 1: Valentines Cake Sale, 3.15pm, School Field
Friday 9 th February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Friday 23 rd February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Wednesday 28th February	Year 5 & 6 - Chichester Corporate Challenge Run – 6.30-7.15pm (See parentmail for all details)
Thursday 29th February	FoFS 'Leap Day' Sponsored House Challenge (more details to follow next week) 2-3pm
Friday 29th February	Quiz Night at The Trooper Inn for FoFS
Friday 1st March	Class 4 - The Boy at the Back of the Class, Chichester Festival Theatre 12.45 - 4.45pm
Friday 1 st March	Cross Country Championship , Crookhorn College of Technology, 4.15pm (Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville PO7 5UD)
Monday 4th March	Year 6 – Bikeability Starts
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Children to dress up Poetry Recital at 2.30pm in village hall. All parents welcome
Friday 8 th March	WET WEATHER RESERVE DATE – Cross Country Championship, Crookhorn College of Technology, 4.15pm (Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooville PO7 5UD)
Wednesday 13th March	Year 5 & 6 - Chichester Corporate Challenge Run – 6.30-7.15pm (See parentmail for all details)
Wednesday 27th March	Year 5 & 6 - Chichester Corporate Challenge Run – 6.30-7.15pm (See parentmail for all details)
Thursday 18 th April	Class 1 Trip - Titanic - Seacity Southampton (details to follow)

Wednesdays: Terra Recycle Scheme AM & Open Classroom PM

SCHOOL INSET DAYS for the DIARY

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	8 th January – 5 th February & 19 th February – 18 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	Lunchtime	French	R-6	9 th January – 6 th February & 20 th February - 26 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.20pm	Lego Club	1-3	9 th January – 6 th February & 20 th February - 26 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Cook Stars	1-6	9 th January – 6 th February & 20 th February – 26 th March FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.05pm	Tennis Club	1-3	NOT RUNNING FOR FIRST HALF OF TERM 21 st February – 27 th March Spaces available
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Art Club	1-4	10 th January – 7 th February & 28 th February – 27 th March FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Speaking with Confidence	5-6	10 th January 7 th February & 21 st February – 27 th March Spaces available
Thursday	Lunchtime	Recorder	2	11 th January – 8 th February & 22 nd February – 28 th March FULL
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Choir	3-6	4 th January – 8 th February & 22 nd February – 21 st March FULL
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tennis Club	4-6	NOT RUNNING FOR FIRST HALF OF TERM & 22 nd February - 28 th March Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Boppin Dance	R-3	4 th January - 8 th February & 22 nd February - 28 th March Spaces available