



Friday Flyer

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. Despite some very wet weather, it has been reassuring to see the days getting longer. When I left school on Monday the sky had a stunning pink glow; I am confident that we are heading towards some better weather.

Before the half-term break, Class 1 and Class 2 visited the Hindu Temple in Reading as part of their RE Learning on Special Places. They listened exceptionally well, learning about some of the rituals and symbols within the Hindu religion and were able to compare the temple to our church in Froxfield. This is also a hugely important visit for the children as part of our work in developing their understanding of difference and diversity.

Linked to this, Sisi, Marnie, Ellis and Raphael in Year 5 are undertaking training to become the school's Equality and Rights Advocates. They have completed one training session and have two more to attend. Following the first session they led an excellent and informative Assembly for the rest of the school, highlighting the importance of equality for all. They included some powerful messages in their presentation including 'Sometimes we are too busy talking to really listen', 'Being different is beautiful' and 'We are all different, but we can all get along together!' They showed the children some excellent videos to help them understand the importance of equalities and rights. These are the videos the children were shown: [Bing Videos Rights of the Child Segment 1 - What are Childrens Rights \(youtube.com\)](#) We look forward to building on this work as the children continue their training.

Some of you will be aware that Gillian Jones, our wonderful Pre-School Manager, will be leaving Froxfield at the beginning of March to take up an exciting new role in education as a lecturer in Early Years, educating our next generation of practitioners. Gillian has been instrumental in the success of Froxfield Pre-school making it a safe and special place for children to learn and grow. She has touched the lives of many with her dedication, talent and passion and will be sorely missed by staff, children and their families. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every future success. We are currently in the process of appointing a new manager and I will, of course, let you know once an appointment has been finalised.

Moving forward, I would also like to let you know that we are in the final stages of extending our Pre-School opening hours in order to be able to offer a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Historically, Pre-School has needed to close early on a Tuesday and Thursday, as the main school have to use the hall for P.E. We are aware that, to meet the childcare needs of our families, it is important for us to be able to offer a full week. The proposed opening will see Pre-School running from the Jubilee Room on those two afternoons, with access to the garden area and the other outside spaces. Again, I will update you once we have more information to share.

Our Collective Worship value for this half-term is Perseverance. This links very closely to our school focus on developing children's resilience and we will be exploring the importance of this character trait within our daily lives. Collective Worship takes place in the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please do take the opportunity to ask your children about it. They are always so articulate and keen to share their thoughts and ideas. It would also be very beneficial for your child if you are able to identify times when they are showing resilience or perseverance and make sure they know this.

Please can I ask that all parents keep an eye out for dates at the end of the newsletter, and if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Teachers are looking forward to meeting all parents before the end of term to discuss their children's learning and progress. Appointments will be available to book in early March through the online booking system.

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

Kind regards,
Mrs V Farrow

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP VALUE:

Our Value for this Half Term is

Perseverance

NOTE:

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LEAP DAY CHALLENGE

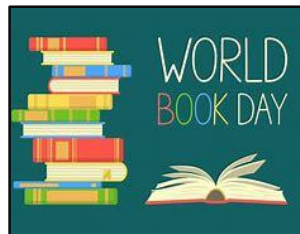


The teachers have been working hard to organise the Leap Day Challenge activities for the children to take part in on Thursday next week.

It is sure to be an exciting afternoon of 'leaping' activities and a great fundraiser for the school and more specifically the Spiritual Garden. All the children were sent home with a sponsorship form and image of the wonderful Spiritual Garden that is being built over the Easter holidays. Please encourage the children to tell their family and friends about this brilliant project and sponsor them for the activities they will be taking part in next week.

Many thanks.

WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day will be on Thursday 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.**

NOTE TO PARENTS & CHILDREN

Please note that when your child arrives late to school and comes via the office, please ensure that your child orders a lunch on arrival with the office staff. It is always incredibly busy in the office and if staff have stepped away from their desk for a moment, please ensure that your child waits until they return.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Pre-School

It has been lovely to return after the half-term break to find the daffodils appearing in the pre-school garden. The children were quick to notice them and these provoked discussions about new life, opening buds, warmer weather and new beginnings.

Although these conversations were filled with joy and wonder, on a personal note, they were tinged with a little sadness for these are my last couple of weeks at Froxfield. I have absolutely loved being a part of the Froxfield family. It is an extremely special place, filled with the most amazing staff, families and children. I will be leaving to take up a position as an Early Years Lecturer. This is an exciting opportunity and one that does not come about often. Nevertheless, deciding to move on, has been an extremely difficult decision and I will miss everyone hugely. We are currently in the process of appointing a new manager, who I am quite certain will continue to drive the pre-school forward.

Our learning this week has involved lots and lots of paint! Using Kandinsky as a background artist, we have been exploring colour and shape. We had so much fun putting paint onto clear umbrellas – which afforded the children the opportunity to view the paint from a different perspective. As the colours blended, the children began talking about shades of colour and rainbows.

This provided the perfect opportunity to introduce our focus music, an acoustic version of ‘Somewhere over the Rainbow’ sung by Eva Cassidy. To further extend learning, we shall be welcoming Nicki into pre-school on Monday, who will show the children her guitar. We will also introduce a child-sized guitar into our instrument basket, to allow the children to have a go themselves.

With warmest wishes,

Gillian Jones

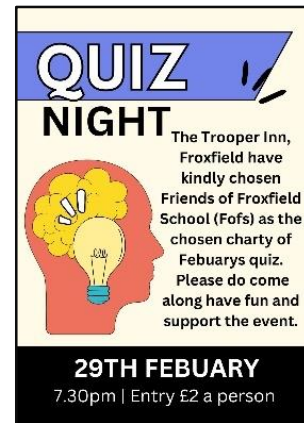


FoFs

Thank FoFS it's Friday!

We had our first event of the year just before half-term with Class 1's Valentine's Day-themed bakes and cakes sale. Thanks so much to everyone who baked and bought. Despite the grim weather, they made £139!

Here are some dates for your diaries for events coming up (please also see the attachment for a larger view):



We hope to see some of you at The Trooper next Thursday for the Quiz Night.

Separately, FoFS are currently fundraising for a Spiritual Garden for the pupils of Froxfield Primary School. It will be a wonderful calming space in the playground for all the children to enjoy. Work is due to start on this project over the Easter holidays and FoFS are aiming to raise money in order to complete this project by running a **'Leap Day Challenge' on Thursday 29th February** in the afternoon. The children will be taking part in a circuit of physical activities, which will entail lots of leaping! We very much hope that you will be able to support this event by asking your family and friends to sponsor your children to participate in the forthcoming FoFS 'Leap Day Challenge'. Thank you to Hayley Oxenham for organising the **Leap Day Challenge**.

Sponsorship funds can be submitted to the school in two different ways:

Cash delivered to the school office in a sealed/marked envelope or by submitting funds online by using the following Just Giving links.

Green House - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/froxfieldschoolleapdaychallenge-green>

Red House - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/froxfieldschoolleapdaychallenge-red>

Yellow House - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/froxfieldschoolleapdaychallenge-yellow>

Blue House - <https://www.justgiving.com/page/froxfieldschoolleapdaychallenge-blue>

Please do share these with your nearest and dearest. Thank you for your support!

Have a great week, FoFS

School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in Red

Friday 23 rd February	Cross Country Running – Portsdown Hill, 4.15pm
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 5 & 6 - Chichester Corporate Challenge Run – 6.30pm-7.15pm (See parentmail for all details)
Thursday 29 th February	FoFS 'Leap Day' Sponsored House Challenge, 2pm-3pm.
Friday 29 th February	Quiz Night at The Trooper Inn for FoFS
Friday 1 st 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, Waterlooille PO7 5UD)
Saturday 2nd March	Social event - Roller disco, The Taro 4.30-6.00pm
Monday 4 th March	Year 6 – Bikeability Starts
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - children to dress up / Poetry Recital at 2.30pm in village hall. Parents welcome.
Friday 8 th March	WET WEATHER RESERVE DATE – Cross Country Championship, Crookhorn College of Technology, 4.15pm (Stakes Hill Road, Waterlooille PO7 5UD)
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 5 & 6 - Chichester Corporate Challenge Run – 6.30pm-7.15pm (See parentmail for all details)
Saturday 23rd March	Social event - Roller disco, The Taro 4.30pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 5 & 6 - Chichester Corporate Challenge Run – 6.30pm-7.15pm (See parentmail for all details)
Thursday 28th March	Class 2: Easter Event, school field, 1.30pm
Thursday 18 th April	Class 1 Trip - Titanic - Seacity Southampton (details to follow)
Sunday 28th April	FoFS Sponsored Walk, 10.00am
Friday 24th May	Class 3 Bake Sale, school field, 3.15pm
Thursday 20th June	Sports Day – Timings to follow
Thursday 20th June	Class 4 Event at Sports Day (more details to follow)
Sunday 23rd June	Summer Concert 3.00pm (more details to follow)
Sunday 7th July	Fawley Horse & Dog Show 10.00am

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	19 th February – 18 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	Lunchtime	French	R-6	20 th February - 26 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.20pm	Lego Club	1-3	20 th February - 26 th March Spaces available
Tuesday	3.15pm - 4.45pm	Cook Stars	1-6	20 th February – 26 th March FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.05pm	Tennis Club	1-3	21 st February – 27 th March Spaces available
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Art Club	1-4	28 th February – 27 th March FULL
Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Speaking with Confidence	5-6	21 st February – 27 th March Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Choir	3-6	22 nd February – 21 st March FULL
Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Tennis Club	4-6	22 nd February - 28 th March Spaces available
Thursday	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Boppin Dance	R-3	22 nd February - 28 th March Spaces available