



Friday Flyer

8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past couple of weeks at Froxfield have been filled with a wide variety of opportunities for our children. These have included enrichment activities (an orchestral day at Dunhurst, Hampshire Cross Country Championships, Year 6 Bikeability and rehearsals for the Petersfield Music Festival) as well as a visit to the theatre for Class 4, and our World Book Day celebrations. Writing this, I realise how much goes on at Froxfield week in, week out for our children across a huge range of curriculum areas.

Thank you to all our families and friends who supported our Leap Day Challenge last week. We have raised an amazing £1,842 towards the creation of the Spiritual Garden. This figure is more than enough to get the project underway over the Easter break. This small space, which will be situated next to the library will add a quiet, reflective area where I know the children will enjoy spending time.

Huge congratulations this week must go to Mia, Sisi, Tommy and Jensen in Class 4. After placing in the top 12 in the East Hampshire Cross Country final, they qualified to represent their district (East Hampshire) at the County Cross Country Championships. This took place on a very wet and muddy Tuesday in Basingstoke. All four children ran brilliantly, representing the school and district with pride, but a special mention must go to Mia for placing 11th in a field of 120+ runners.

Last Friday, we said goodbye to Gillian Jones, our Pre-School Manager, who is leaving to take up a role in further education. She has been instrumental in the development of Froxfield Pre-school and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new position. Following a rigorous interview process, Charlotte Spikins has been appointed as the new manager of Froxfield Pre-School. Charlotte has more than 10 years of experience of working with children; she worked in the pre-school when it was Rainbows Nursery, as a Teaching Assistant in the main school, as a nanny and in other nursery settings.

In other staffing news, we have appointed Jessica Pocock as a pre-school assistant. Jessica joins us with a wealth of experience in early years' education, and she will support us in increasing the Pre-school hours to be able to offer full-time provision for our youngest children. We also welcome back an old face in the office; Paula Oppenheimer has kindly agreed to support us on Mondays and Tuesdays, covering some of Miss Hickey's role. It is so lovely to have her back at Froxfield!

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Poetry Recital yesterday. The children enjoyed learning their poems throughout the week in literacy and performed with confidence and great enthusiasm. It is such an important skill to be able to perform to an audience. My thanks too to Speaking Club, Mrs Dunster and Mrs Hollis for their contributions. I hope you all enjoyed the event as much as we did.

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 next week 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:

Please connect with us



WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day was held yesterday where children dressed up as their favourite book character. There were some fantastic costumes for everyone to enjoy and a real energy around the school. Each class had a visit from Sally at One Tree Books on Lavant Street, Petersfield, where they can use their voucher to claim a free book especially available for World Book day, or put it towards a different book they would like to buy in the shop.

There was also an inspiring poetry recital in the Village Hall in the afternoon which was enjoyed by all. Each class worked hard on their poems and recited them beautifully to the rest of the school and the invited audience. Well done to all the children.

U12 CROSS COUNTRY COUNTY FINAL



Four Year 5 & 6 children took part in the U12 Cross Country Hampshire Final on Tuesday at Down Grange in Basingstoke. Before starting the race, they walked the 1,800 metre course in the rain finding the obstacles, puddles and a lot of mud! With over 100 children on the start line from all over Hampshire, they did fantastically and Mia Collins in Year 6 deserves a special mention, placing 11th in the girl's category. Jensen in Year 5 had to retrieve his shoe from the mud but still completed the race wearing just one shoe! A massive well done to them all.

BIKEABILITY

Our Year 6 children successfully took part in Bikeability training around the roads of Froxfield from Monday to Wednesday this week. They even continued through the downpours on Tuesday!

All the children were awarded a certificate and badge at the end of the course demonstrating their ability to operate a bike safely on the roads. Well done to all who took part.

CLASS 4 TRIP: CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

Class 4 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Chichester Festival Theatre to see 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf last week. The theatre was packed out and the children were lucky enough to have great seats at the front of the theatre to enjoy the show. It is a story told with humour about a refugee boy called Ahmet. It offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that sometimes doesn't make sense.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Great news - we've got a Book Club order running until March 15th, 2024!
You can get FREE P+P to school and help us earn more free books by shopping now.

Don't forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club is now online** at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/froxfield/digital-book-club>.

There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by March 15th, 2024**.

SPARE CLOTHES



Could we please ask that you bring in any spare socks for children from age 5 and upwards to the office for our spares collection. They will be gratefully received. Many thanks.

Pre-School

It's certainly been a busy few weeks in Pre-School!

We had a lovely gathering to celebrate Gillian's time at Pre-School. Parents, children, staff and Governors came together in the Jubilee Room to say thank you for everything Gillian has achieved at Froxfield. She will certainly be missed by all but she won't be a stranger and we are hoping she will visit for our Easter Bonnet Parade later in the term. We have also welcomed Jessica to the Pre-School team; she comes with a wealth of knowledge and a love of the outside and woodwork.

This week at Pre-School we have enjoyed being outside. We visited the woods to collect sticks which we brought back to the garden to do some whittling, using the peelers to remove the bark. We have also celebrated World Book Day! Using the Gruffalo's Child as a base for our activities, we made a Gruffalo crumble and shared the story while eating it for our snack. The children also enjoyed investigating the different footprints and shape the animals made in the snow (using flour) and some children even had a go at making prints with their fingers to try and find the Gruffalo.

Best wishes,
Charlotte



Thank FoFS it's Friday!

A massive thank you to Hayley Oxenham (Ben's Mum in Year 2) and the School for organising such a fun afternoon of leaping last week. There has been some fantastic fundraising and the Grand Total stands at **£1,844**. The House that received the most sponsorship money was **GREEN HOUSE** so well done to them!

All these donations will go towards the FOFS contribution to the Spiritual Garden so thank you to you and your friends and families, for the support.

Separately, a goodly number of us had great fun and a rather brain taxing time at the February Trooper Inn Quiz - ooh those London Underground anagrams! Friends of Froxfield School are extremely grateful to be the recipients of the proceeds of the charity quiz. These funds will go towards our current fundraising project which is creating a spiritual garden within the school grounds. Many thanks to The Trooper and all the quizzers.

Our next event is being run by Class 2 and is a **Design an Easter Garden - £1 per entry**.



The children are all invited to design a garden to be delivered and displayed in the Church from 8.30am on **Thursday 29th March**.

Here is a beautiful example created by lovely Mollie.

The only request is that the gardens need to be within a tray or dish so that they are easily transportable.

Tea and coffee will be served in the Church from 1.30pm on the last day of term for viewing and judging by Mrs Hollis, Chair of Governors!

All entries receive a little chocolate egg and Garden winners (chosen by Mrs Hollis) will get a larger egg! We're looking forward to seeing the children's creations.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

FOFS

School Diary 2023/2024

New dates added in Red

Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Day – home clothes with something red. Please bring £1.00
Saturday 23 rd March	Social event - Roller disco, The Taro 4.30pm-6.00pm
Thursday 28th March	Spring Term Finishes 1.30pm
Thursday 28th March	Class 2: Children's Easter Gardens display in the church, 1.30pm (delivery from 8.30am)
Monday 15th April	School returns - Summer Term Starts
Thursday 18 th April	Class 1 Trip - Titanic - SeaCity Southampton (details to follow)
Sunday 28 th April	FoFS Sponsored Walk, 10.00am
Monday 29th April	Class 3: Trip to Gilbert White Field Study Centre (more details to follow)
Friday 24 th May	Class 3: Bake Sale, school field, 3.15pm
Thursday 20 th June	Sports Day – Timings to follow
Thursday 20 th June	Class 4 Event at Sports Day (more details to follow)
Sunday 23 rd June	Summer Concert 3.00pm (more details to follow)
Sunday 7 th July	Fawley Horse & Dog Show 10.00am
Tuesday 9th July	Y6 Transition Evening (Y6 pupils and families meet their tutors and find out more about coming to TPS)
Friday 12th July	Transition Day (Y6 attend TPS all day)
Friday 19 th July	End of Term – School breaks up at 1.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd September	New Academic Year – School returns

Wednesdays: Terra Recycle Scheme AM & Open Classroom PM

SCHOOL INSET DAYS for the DIARY

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024

(We return to school on 3rd September)

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	Katherine Harper and Sophie Doe
Secretary	Rachel Nicholson
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