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A huge welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to all of our existing families! I hope you all had a lovely summer break and created some lovely family memories together. The children have returned to school really positively this week and there was a great buzz of learning around the school on Tuesday morning when we all came back together. The other buzz around school was the children's reaction to all the improvement work that has gone on around the school over the 6 week break. Mr Young has done a magnificent job in updating and modernising the communal areas around the main building, as well as altering the design of the Y3 block. He has worked incredibly hard and it was so lovely to see all the children (and staff's) responses to the improvements that have been made. We look forward to seeing you in school soon so that you can see the "new look Frimley" for yourself! It is great that the school building now reflects the outstanding work that we know goes on in all of the classrooms.

Yesterday, all the staff participated in our whole school INSET training day where we looked at how we can all be "heroes" and "champions" for the children of Frimley. I followed that up with a whole school assembly on Tuesday where I talked to the children about the "power of positivity". The challenge for them all is to embrace all opportunities with a positive attitude and to give everything they've got every day. As staff we model this in our interactions with the children every day and, by working with you as families and parents, we really can instill a positive growth mindset in the children towards all of school life.

I do appreciate that there may be times where there are things happening in school that you might be unclear about or unsure of why we've made certain decisions, Please can I urge you to share these concerns with us directly rather than trying to solve or second guess them on social media amongst other parents. We are on the gate every morning and the teachers come out to dismiss the children every day – please do use these opportunities to ask any questions or to get clarity from us. We are here to work with you!

We have written a comprehensive parents handbook which can be found on our school website: Parents – letters and forms – parents handbook. This outlines a lot of what happens in the school and is a good first port of call if you want to know anything about the school. Also on the website is a list of dates for this year, these are subject to change but we will try to stick to these wherever possible

Meet the Teacher: The first event we'd like to invite you in to is our "Meet the Teacher" meetings. These will take place next week (Year 3 and 4 on Wednesday 13th September at 3.30, Year 5 and 6 on Thursday 14th September at 3.30). Please do come along to your child's classroom on the date listed and the teachers will be talking through routines/expectations etc for this year. This is for parents only (due to space in the classroom) but we will have staff available who have volunteered to look after the children while these meetings are going on. When you come in for these meetings, please do take the time to visit the main building to have a look at the improvements to the school.

I look forward to working with all you for another successful year at Frimley!

Clare Wright

Car park

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you all that parents should not enter or park in either of the car parks at the front of the school, unless by prior arrangement with the school or if you are a registered disabled driver. If you do need to use the car park, please do come into the main school office and they will issue you with a parking permit. We really do need to leave the car parks free for staff.

Garden Awards

I am delighted to let you know that we were recently awarded with the RHS Level 5 Award. We are really proud of our school gardens and this is a great reflection of everyone's hard work, especially Mr Young, Mrs Chappelow and Mrs Everett and our school gardening club.

Second hand uniform sale

The PTA will be holding their first second hand uniform sale of the year next Monday (11th September) on the astroturf at the back of school. This will take place after school so do pop along as we have some excellent quality clothes available.

Young Minds “Hello Yellow” day—10th October

This year, we have chosen to support this event as we know the important work that this charity does to support young people with their mental health. All we ask is that children donate some money to our Just Giving account that has been set up for this event, in exchange for wearing yellow to school that day: this could be a whole outfit of yellow, a yellow t-shirt with normal uniform skirt/trousers or simply normal school uniform with yellow socks or a yellow hairband etc.... whatever yellow you have! The Just giving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/frimley-junior-school-frimley-1689591256047>

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Parking Complaint

I am sorry to have to moan in my very first newsletter but I received the following email from a local resident yesterday. As our vision is to "Love your neighbour as you love yourself", please can I urge all parents to park with consideration for others. We advise parents to park either in the community cen-

Good afternoon

I am sorry to already have to be complaining about parking on the first day back to school.

I live on Frimley green road and this morning 3 cars were parked outside my house next to each other blocking the pavement so families had to walk near the road to get past.

I had to reverse out my drive with a completely blocked view and although I was careful, 3 children on bikes and 4 walking were passing and had I not been vigilant could have been hit.

It is very unsafe, let alone illegal as there is double yellow lines on the road and I am told by the police, this makes it illegal to park.

I have lived here 18 years and this is a regular occurrence which we understand happens at every school. But I was hoping that you might be able to address this with your parents early in the term, before something bad happens that I'm sure no one wants.

IMPORTANT

FOOD ALLERGIES AND ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FOOD ALLERGY OR A SPECIAL DIETARY
REQUIREMENT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE
INFORM THE CATERING STAFF.

PLEASE COLLECT A FORM FROM THE OFFICE AND FILL IN SO
WE ARE AWARE



Dates For Your Diary

Date 2023	Event
Sept 13th	Years 3/4 Meet the teacher
Sept 14th	Years 5/6 Meet the teacher
Sept 22nd	School photographer individual photos
October 10th	Parents Evening-Letter to follow
October 12th	Parents Evening-Letter to follow
October 19th	FPTA Disco-Letter to follow
October 20th	Inset Day
October 23rd to 27th	Half Term
October 30th	Inset Day
October 31st	School open 8.40am

Hobgoblin Theatre Workshop

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed a Hobgoblin theatre play and workshop. The play told the story of a young Viking girl called Freya, who wanted adventure and challenge. After learning about Viking Gods and sailing the seas, the children took part in their own drama workshop and made human statues of a longboat and other scenes from the stories. This was a great way to kick-start our learning about mysterious creatures, and myths and legends within the Saxons, and Viking time period.

