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FRIMLEY TIMES



Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to another term at Frimley. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and managed to see friends and family and make happy new memories. Thank you to all the families who gave gifts and hampers etc for the staff to share as a sign of your gratitude – these gifts and kind words are always really appreciated and kept us going in that final week!

The end of term was, as it always is in a junior school, a busy place to be and thank you to everyone who helped make this run up to Christmas so much fun. This year, it was especially busy as we had our SIAMS Inspection just before we broke up. The report came through in the first week of the holidays and was shared with you all via email. It can also be found on our website: School Information – Diocese links and SIAMS. Please can I urge you all to take the time to read this report as it is a wonderful validation of what a special place our school is to learn and work in. Huge thank you to everyone involved in such a successful Inspection process. We are now eagerly waiting for our OFSTED inspection – another chance to share what a great school Frimley is!

Thank you to Liz Toft and the other parent helpers who put on such a lovely Christmas Fair for us at the end of last term. It was lovely to see lots of happy and smiling faces joining us and the children did a fantastic job making all the crafts to sell and making a profit at the same time; an added bonus!

Clubs update: As I have mentioned previously, it is very time consuming for our lovely office staff to call parents to check where children are if they do not attend a club that they have signed up for. We often have around 8-10 children per day who are in school but do not attend their club meaning it's often down to one person in the office to make those calls to every family to check the children are safe with you at home. As I am sure you can appreciate, this is time consuming and could leave a child vulnerable. We have reviewed our processes and are now asking for you to do the following:

Attending a club run by our staff/parents: let the school office know if your child is not attending.

- If you are phoning the school office in the morning to report your child as absent from school due to illness, please also report that they should have been attending a club that day.
- If your child is in school but, for some reason, not attending a club, please call the office to let them know this in advance of 3.00.

Attending a club run by an external provider: let them know directly if your child is not attending.

- It is the club leader's responsibility to contact parents if a child does not turn up for a club that they are expected at.

Thank you for your support with this to ensure every child is safe and accounted for.

Clare Wright



Community Links

Frimley Choir were delighted to be invited to sing some Christmas carols and spread some festive joy at Mytchett Canal Centre. Many residents from Mytchett Heath came to watch them perform, and it was lovely to meet them all. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents that provided lifts for the children!

Before the Christmas holidays, our Community Crew spent a lovely afternoon with Frimley Green Preschool doing Christmas crafts. We are really enjoying getting to know the preschool children, and our Frimley children displayed such warmth and kindness towards them.



Book fair

Thank you to Mrs LG for organising a fantastic Book Fair for us last term.

The volunteer children did a great job of helping to sell the books after school each day and, thanks to everyone who visited and bought a book, we raised a total of around £500 for the school to spend on new books. We are super proud of our Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and these books will be a great addition to our current stock.



The Big Soup

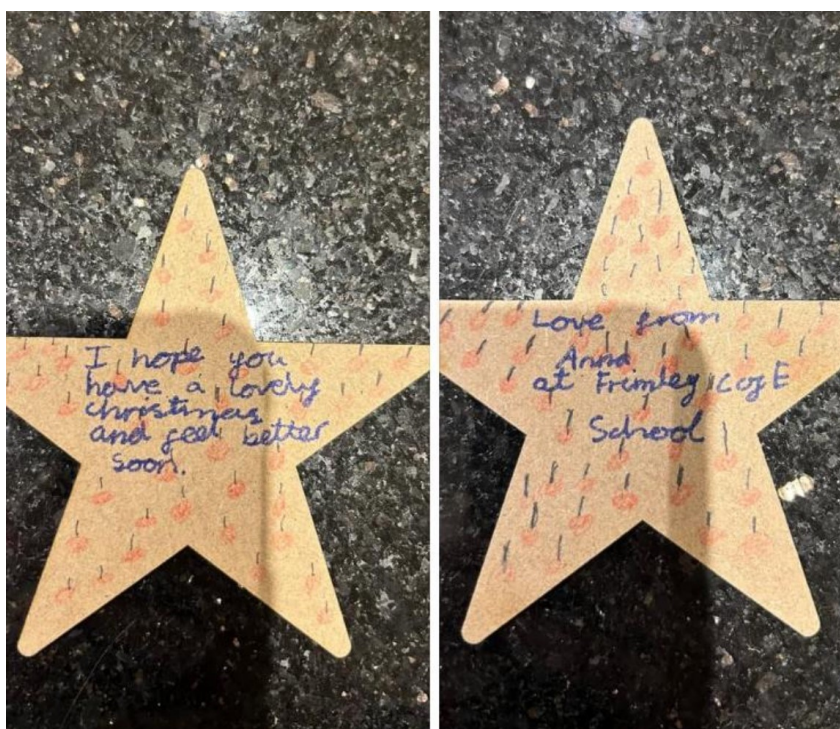
Last half-term saw all the children taking part in "The Big Soup". This has now become an annual event here at Frimley, organised brilliantly by Mrs Chappelow and Mrs Everett. All of the children took part in making the soup using ingredients grown in our own Science Garden. Thanks to all the families who came to buy the soup, we managed to raise £130 which will be used towards growing the vegetables ready for next year!



Frimley Park Hospital

As you will have seen in my previous newsletter, our children all decorated little wooden stars which were then given to patients who sadly had to spend Christmas in hospital this year. I was delighted to see that our children became famous on social media over the holidays when lots of people who had relatives who received these lovely gifts commented to say how much they cheered their loved ones up at a difficult time. It really was lovely to hear about how much joy our children brought to others.

Thank you to Mrs Djeneralovic for organising this for our children.



Charity fundraising

A group of Year 5 girls made a range of items which they sold to raise money for The Royal Marsden at our Big Breck Bauble Walk last term. They raised a magnificent £206.60 on that day. We were then really pleased to hear that while Nevaeh's great grandparents were out for a meal, they were talking about the girls and how wonderful they were and how well they did during their sale at school. The owner then came over and gave them £100 to put into the pot and then two other people sitting on tables next to them said they couldn't help but hear how amazing they are to be so kind and caring at such a young age that they gave some money too! So In total they raised £321.60 - well done girls!

Dates For Your Diary

Spring 2024	Event
January 10th	Year 3 Butser Trip
January 17th	Young Voices O2
February 2nd	Enrichment Day
February 6th	Parent Forum 8.50am
February 8th	Art Exhibition 2.00-4.30pm
February 12th—16th	Half Term

Year 3 entry September 2024: If you have a child who is going to be in Year 3 in September 2024 (or know anyone who is looking for a place), please remember that the deadline to submit an application is 15th January.

An idea for New Year: I saw this idea on social media last week and thought I'd share with all of you as a nice thing to do with your families: Start the year with an empty jar. Each week add a note with a good thing that has happened. On New Year's Eve 2024, empty the chart and read about what an amazing year you've had.

