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FRIMLEY TIMES



Dear Parents,

Well school is certainly busy at the moment. We've been celebrating "Feeling Good" week in school this week and this was kicked off last week with a visit from Jamie Knight, a Freestyle footballer. It was great to see all the children so motivated and enthusiastic and trying out all his skills and tricks! I wonder if they showed you at home their new skills too?

Library update: The Prospect Trust have taken on the project for developing what was previously known as the Discovery Zone. Over the summer this has undergone a huge transformation and has been renamed: The Learning Resource Centre (LRC). This area now houses a fantastic library. We are so grateful to the Trust for developing this space in our school and for supporting our vision for reading to be at the heart of the school and our curriculum. Mrs Hammond and Miss Price have worked incredibly hard to bring this plan to life and it is nearly ready to be used. All children will hopefully have chance to visit this area this week and will be able to start borrowing books as soon as all the new books have been catalogued. Exciting times!

Links with Tomlinscote School: Mr Phillips and I met with Miss Livesey from Tomlinscote School last week. One area of her responsibility is to look at transition and, now we are together as part of The Prospect Trust, we are exploring different ways of creating more opportunities for our Frimley children to visit Tomlinscote to experience some of their amazing facilities and work alongside some of their students and staff. Each year group will visit with their class to take part in some exciting activities and learning opportunities – watch this space!

Enrichment Day: For those parents who are new to the school, you might not be aware that we hold termly enrichment days. The focus of our first enrichment day is 'racism and equality' and will take place on Friday 15th October. The children will spend the whole day doing a range of creative and fun activities focussing on this important theme. On this day, children should come to school wearing a T-shirt in the colour of their House instead of their normal white shirt, tie and jumper. They should continue to wear normal grey skirt/trousers and school shoes.

Parents Consultation meetings: All email invites from your child's classteacher will be sent out by Monday morning to those parents who have booked a meeting slot on Scopay. Please do check your junk email if you don't appear to have received one. Also please note that if you click on the RSVP button in the invite, then it might disappear from your emails but should be in your calendar! These remote meetings will take place after school next Tuesday and Thursday so hopefully you have booked one. If technology lets us down, the teachers will give you a telephone call instead so, as always, please do bear with us.

Parent forum: On Monday 15th November at 2.00, we will be hosting our first Parent Forum of this academic year and all parents are invited to attend. The focus of the forum will be to discuss the new statutory changes to Relationships and Health Education and what this looks like at Frimley. We will address misconceptions often seen in the press and show you how we intend to give our children the power, knowledge and tools to stay safe. The Forum will also provide a platform in which to address the rapid review report from Ofsted: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges>

Please remember that we finish this half-term on Thursday 21st October at 3.25 and children will return to school on Tuesday 2nd November (1st November is an INSET day).

Clare Wright

Prospective families

Last Thursday, we held our Open Evening for new families and Luke and Jasmine (Head boy and Head girl) spoke passionately about why Frimley is the best choice of school! I was very proud of how they both spoke with real enthusiasm and confidence. If you know any families who have a child currently in Year 2, please do encourage them to book onto one of our school tours (which are taking place over the next few weeks) and being led by our Year 6 Ambassadors team.

Outdoor Gym

Just a reminder that, as the sign says, our Outdoor Gym equipment is for use only by Frimley children when supervised by Frimley staff. Therefore, this means that younger siblings should not be using this equipment at the end of the school day as they will not be supervised and the equipment is not necessarily safe for their size etc.

Thank you for your support with this.

House Captains

Well done to all of the Year 6 children who nominated themselves for the role of House Captains. They all had to record themselves doing a speech about why they would be good for this role and then every child in the school cast a vote for their favourite candidate. Congratulations to our new House Captains:

Newton: Oscar and Grace

Curie: Marlon and Becky

Galileo: Josh and Chloe

Einstein: Archie and Olivia



Early Morning Club

We have had requests from a few parents about whether we could extend our Early Morning club provision by a short time. We are investigating the feasibility of this and a survey will be sent home to those parents who regularly use this childcare provision. This club is often at capacity (30 children) and on several occasions recently parents have turned up without booking. Please do not do this as it is not easy for our staff to turn you and your child away. If you do need urgent childcare before school, and have not made a booking, please bring your child to the front office who will be able to tell you whether we have any spaces.

We have updated our PE policy on the subject of wearing jewellery during sport

In the interest of safety to all children, all items of jewellery should be removed for PE. The class teacher will not take responsibility for the safe keeping of valuables. Children should not wear jewellery on their PE days. This includes the wearing of earrings. If earrings must be kept in (due to children just having their ears pierced), the pupil should tape over the piercing, front and back if the activity is deemed safe enough for them to participate with this precaution. This is in line with school and county regulations.

Feeling Good Week

We kicked off Feeling Good Week with a visit from Freestyle Footballer Jamie Knight (see our Twitter feed @frimleyjunior for a video). The children were enthralled and inspired with his skills and his growth mind set which has led to a week of challenge in school. Resilience, perseverance and having the confidence to try new things has been the aim of the week. From setting short-term daily goals to some long-term challenges, the children have been enjoying and celebrating their own successes. Don't forget to pack slippers in the children's school bag on Friday.



PE and Sport update

Freestyle Football Workshops from Jamie Knight



On Friday 1st October, we kick started our 'Feeling Good Week' with a visit from Jamie Knight, a professional freestyle footballer. Each class across the school got a special workshop from Jamie that involved a freestyle performance, 20 minute freestyle teaching sessions and a Q&A with each class. The pupils were amazed and inspired by Jamie's tricks and all showed fantastic perseverance when trying these tricks for themselves. It was also great to see classes using their teamwork skills to support one another and cheer each other on when completing new things. The workshops certainly taught the importance of consistency and persistence needed to achieve goals. What a fantastic and unique experience for all!

Upcoming fixtures and events

Wednesday 13th October- Year 3 & 4 Cross Country (Ravenscote)

Weds 20th October- Year 5 & 6 Football and Netball Fixture (Cordwalles)

The School Games values:

