Issue 09

# FRIMLEY TIMES The Prospect







As we're racing our way through this Spring Term (although it feels like it's been January for a very long time!), there has been lots going on in school. As you will see from the letter sent home today we are changing our social media platform after half-term to Instagram so do check the letter and make sure you sign up and there you will get an insight into all the things going on in school each week.

Last week a group of staff accompanied 87 children to take part in this year's Young Voices concert at the O2 in London. I was able to join them this year too and it was great fun, even if it was a very long day! As you can imagine, organising an event of this scale takes a lot of time so huge thanks to Miss Cronin and Miss Howard for organising this fantastic opportunity for the children and for giving up so much of their time to rehearse with the choir. Also, thanks must go to the other staff who accompanied the trip (Miss Dackombe, Mrs Romp, Mrs Williams, Mrs Jones, Mrs Whiting and Mrs Carter.)

Enrichment Day: A reminder that it is our next Enrichment Day tomorrow, where all children come off timetable and will be focussing on Careers. They will remain in their classes for this event. All children are asked to wear a coloured T-shirt that matches their House tomorrow instead of their normal school shirt, tie, jumper etc. They should wear the rest of their uniform as normal (ie trousers/skirt, school shoes). If you are unsure of your child's House colour, just look at the stripe on their school tie!

Homework: One parent has approached me about the amount of homework given to the children. This is something we review regularly with the staff and we are aware that it is something that divides parents ie some want more, some want less and some want none! If you do have any feedback about the current homework policy, please do email this to the school office for my attention.

Parking: Sorry to have to make another moan about parking. We are seeing an increasing number of parents pulling up and waiting in the bus stop outside school. One morning last week there were 3 cars parked there that then blocked the bus stop completely. Please do park with consideration and "love for our neighbours". I strongly urge those who have to drive to park in either the Recreation Ground or Community Centre and walk the remaining short journey to school.

<u>Unusual staff behaviour:</u> In case your children come home commenting about any of the staff behaving unkindly to each other, I just wanted to give you the heads up that we are having a 2 week "traitor" style game among the staff. On Monday I overheard a member of staff refusing to pick up someone else's photocopying for them in case that was a challenge by a "traitor" and would hate the children to think the staff aren't being kind towards each other!!

Clare Wright

## Make up

I have noticed that some children are starting to wear make up in school. Can I please remind you that our policy says "make up is not acceptable" and would appreciate your support with this.

#### **School Garden**

Our allotment garden was established in 2016 with a grant from a local business.

We grow salad crops for tasting, vegetable crops to make into soup and fruit crops that are made into jams and chutneys, as well as flowers, trees, hedging and shrubs to attract birds and pollinators. Over the years the raised beds have undergone many repairs with scavenged and donated wood.

We have now reached the stage where all the raised veg and flower beds need replacing. This has presented us with an opportunity to re-site our garden closer to our other nature areas, the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow.

We have given the task of re-designing the garden to children who were interested, and will use their ideas in our new plan. Their designs show that they would like to travel through the gardens on pathways, through arches and they wish to be surrounded by plants and flowers when they are sitting down. So, we plan to incorporate seating into the raised beds or get new benches which can be moved around accordingly. They are also keen to include more wildlife friendly areas, which will fit in perfectly in the new site.

To ensure longevity of these new structures we have decided to use a British, family owned company that make raised beds, seating and tables from mainly British collected recycled plastic.

We are hoping to have the new garden ready for spring sowing and our annual gardens open afternoon in July.

Are you able to help us at all? As well as submitting application forms for a grant from Johnsons Wax, we are also appealing to parents and local businesses again to help us with this expense. Do you have links with any companies that might be able to provide some sponsorship/grants to help us? Please contact the office if you do!

Frimley's Values Voucher Champions are....



Lily B Cade C Darcey H Phoebe S Charlie H
Jessica S Ruby Y Dylan P Shayla C Harley C
Grace K Ethan S Joe B Connie F Jack M
Darcey H Isla M Chloe HK Torin HG Joe B
Ethan S Alysia W Roger C Violet F Connie f
Ava H Ethan L Rojit G Isabella C Carson G
Zach D Luke B Austyn W Sophia A Joshua P

#### **Social Action**





#### Mufti Day

Thank you to all the children that kindly donated to Frimley Health Charity on our mufti day. We raised a massive £334! I know Frimley Health Charity will be thrilled with this donation.

#### Year 3 Charity Sale

This lovely group raised £17.90 for YLVC by selling loomband bracelets that they had made at home. Well done girls! Olivia's parents very kindly matched what the girls raised during their sale – a lovely gesture.





Year 4 Charity Sale

This very smiley group of children raised £56.50 for YLVC during a lunchtime sale. They made bookmarks, pom-poms, bracelets and keyrings. Super fundraising!

# **Surrey Cross Country Championships**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, Hannah (5C) and Ruby (5C) travelled to Priory Park in Reigate to compete in the Surrey Cross Country Championships representing Frimley. Both girls competed brilliantly against schools across Surrey, and they both finished in the top half of the Year 5 Girls race. Congratulations girls and well done for competing!



## Safeguarding updates

We are constantly reviewing our safeguarding processes and Mrs Jones and I both recently attended a refresher training day. Off the back of this training and review, I would like to give the following reminders:

All volunteers who come into school on a regular basis need to be compliant and have an up to date DBS issued by the Prospect Trust. They then wear a green lanyard around school. Anyone wearing a red lanyard must be accompanied by a member of staff or another person who is compliant.

Please can we ask parents not to use their phones or take photos when on the school grounds, including at pick up at the end of the day, If attending a specific event, information will be given about what photos can be taken etc.

We have a specific DSL email address so, if your child shares anything with you that you think poses a safeguarding risk to themselves or another child at the school, please email your concerns to <a href="DSL@frimley.surrey.sch.uk">DSL@frimley.surrey.sch.uk</a> This email address is regularly monitored by the DSL team.

If you are in school and notice something that is a safeguarding concern, we have a number of referral forms in the main office so do please ask for one. This should then be handed to one of the DSL team (Mrs Wright, Mrs Jones, Mrs Williams, Mrs Conway, Mrs Stroud)

## **Sporting success**

Huge congratulations to another football star in Y5: Jersey was successful in her trial for Portsmouth FC Emerging talent centre. Well done Jersey.

Well done to Eloise in Y5 who has just achieved her blue belt in kick boxing (Pil Sung D)



Poppy in Y6 had her first Brazilian jujitsu competition of the year at the All Stars Winter South 2025 event in London. She won gold in both her gi and nogi matches, even going up an age and weight bracket. With her wins, she's currently 3rd in the All Stars BJJ under 18s rankings for her belt grade. What a fantastic achievement!

She trains in Yateley with Jay Butler BJJ and any new children get their first class for free.... It would be great if we could have other children succeed at this event!

# **Dates For Your Diary**

Spring 2025	Event
Friday 31st January	Enrichment Day
Half Term	Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February

# **Sports Day**

We have decided to hold our annual Sports Day as part of Sports week this year.

Sports Week will run from 19th—22nd May and Sports Day will be on Thursday 22nd May.

We have an Inset Day on Friday 23rd May.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your understanding.

