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Issue 10

FRIMLEY TIMES



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term at Frimley – hopefully this term will be less eventful than the previous term (few terms in fact!) and we will all be able to enjoy being at school full time for the whole term, fingers crossed! We continue to keep all of our COVID linked documents (including the school's Risk Assessment) updated on our school website so please do check these regularly.

Focus value:

Our focus value for this half-term is collaboration and we have already been talking about this in our 'live' whole school assemblies. Please do encourage your child to display this value at home and celebrate when they do and also perhaps talk to them about how they are showing this in school or in any clubs they might now be attending again.

Enrichment day:

Our summer term Enrichment Day will be taking place on **Friday 7th May** (next Friday) where the focus for the day will be collaboration. The children will be off timetable all day and take part in a range of activities planned around this theme. Unfortunately, they must still remain in the class bubbles on this day but they can wear their House coloured T-shirt for the day instead of their normal school shirt/tie/jumper. They should continue to wear normal school trousers/shorts/skirt. Einstein: Blue; Newton: Red; Curie: Yellow; Galileo: Green.

Warmer weather/uniform:

As the weather is becoming warmer, please ensure that your child puts on sun cream before they come to school each day and has sufficient water with them to keep hydrated. We try and get the children outside for as much of their learning as possible, especially when the weather is so lovely! Please do support the school by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day as we are still getting a handful of children wearing trainers and no school tie. We do need your support with this. If there is a legitimate reason for them not being appropriately dressed then please do let your child's teacher know so that staff don't continually ask them about their uniform.

Summer Term events:

I am continuing to meet regularly with the Head teachers from the local schools across Surrey Heath and planning for the summer term activities and transition is high on our current agenda. This is the term where we'd normally host lots of events that you as parents can join us in school for. Currently, as you are aware, we are extremely limited with what we can do in school but we are hoping that this might ease up once national restrictions are hopefully lifted next month and again in June. Of course, we have to follow our Risk Assessments (produced in line with the DfE guidance) and we will keep you updated if we are able to make plans to invite you all in etc. Please just be patient!

Clare Wright

The Big Ask - A National Survey

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, last week launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that they can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. All children are encouraged to complete this survey. Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. The survey can be found at: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/



Amazon Wishlist

As mentioned in my last newsletter, in response to an FPTA suggestion, we have set up another Amazon wish list and this can be found at: <https://amzn.eu/0CzqD8g>

We are, as always, extremely grateful to any donations and gifts you might want to purchase to enhance the offer we can make to our children, both within the classroom and in the outdoors space.



Attendance

Absence requests: Can I please remind parents to try, wherever possible, to avoid making appointments for their child during the school day as this can be extremely disruptive to their learning. Also, just a reminder that we do not, except in special circumstances, authorise term time absence requests; full details can be found in the attendance policy (which is on the school website). If an absence is not authorised then a Penalty Notice from Surrey County Council may apply to each parent for each child in the family who is absent – see letter dated 10th September 2020 on our website for more details.

Y4 classes for next year

As the end of the year approaches, we will be re-mixing the classes in year 4 in preparation for children moving into the upper school. This is an opportunity to rebalance the classes and allows the children to develop further their social skills and extend their circle of friends. The children mixed so well during lockdown and demonstrated their ability to work well with different children and adapt to different learning environments etc. Mixing the classes is always a very worthwhile yet difficult task with many factors to be considered so if there are any concerns you would like to be taken into account, please email the school office so that we can be fully informed as we take decisions on moving the groupings forward. While we will of course take your concerns into account when deciding on the class mix-up, we cannot make any guarantees. If your concerns are sensitive, please mark it as confidential and for the attention of the Head Teacher only. The deadline for sending in requests is Thursday 27th May.

COVID reminder

We are continuing to have parents report to us that their child has developed one or more of the COVID symptoms and that they have used the LFD test to test them at home. Please can I remind you that these are only to be used to identify asymptomatic cases and should only be used by the person they have been allocated to. As per our Risk Assessment, any child who displays any of the symptoms should be taken for a **PCR test**. This is reiterated in Government guidance:

Primary age pupils will not be tested with LFDs. Public Health England have advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with lateral flow devices. Primary age pupils may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab.

We need to all work together to keep the school open for our children and rely on everyone being vigilant and following our procedures.



Team GB Athlete Virtual Visit



On the first day of term, we were virtually visited by Team GB 400m hurdler, Lauren Williams. The whole school joined Lauren at the start of the morning for a presentation about her career and achievements and for a question and answer session. It was really interesting to hear that Lauren took part in lots of different sports when she was younger and only started focusing on running when she was older and it showed us that it is good to try lots of different sports and activities.

All year groups then took part in a 30 minute PE session and completed a circuit with Lauren, completing lots of the exercises she does in her training.

It was a really inspiring and active start to the term and it showed us that with the right attitude, we can achieve anything.

By 6P

Eikon Sponsored Event

Don't forget that this weekend is our next whole school charity event, organised by the Year 4 team. You are all invited to take on a challenge around the number **100** in honour of Captain Tom Moore. Please see letter and sponsorship form sent home last week for more details and ideas. We look forward to raising lots of money for our whole school charity, Eikon.



Nuts

We are a nut free school. Just a reminder to check the ingredients of the food you send in for your child. Chocolate spread, cereal bars etc. We appreciate your help with this.



Year 6 Science

This half term, year 6 are learning about animals, including humans in science. Over the past couple of weeks, we have been getting to know our bodies and learning more about what goes on inside them. We kicked off this half term finding out more about the circulatory system and explored this learning by dissecting a heart and making a representation of blood!

