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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, without getting the dreaded lurg which seems to have done the round everywhere recently. 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.

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 with their Christmas Enterprise projects making all the crafts to sell and making a profit at the same time; an added bonus! Newton were the winning house, raising a total of £109 from selling their crafts. Well done to all the children in Newton.

INSET day: At our INSET day on Tuesday, all the staff worked together on further enhancing our curriculum offer here at Frimley. Each subject leader has been working on hard on identifying “Crucial Learning Statements” within each focus area of their curriculum subject and these are being shared with the children in their lessons and in their books. Part of identifying this crucial learning is to ensure that the learning journey for every child is progressive during their 4 years here and we will share our ‘Curriculum Maps’ with you via our website (once they are completed) so that you have a better understanding of what your child is learning over time.

School Values: The focus value for this half-term is collaboration and in assembly yesterday I related this to the story from the Bible of the disciples working together. We talk regularly in school about how we need to work together to achieve our best. Please do talk to your child about this at home and praise them when you see them collaborating.

School Charity: We are continuing to support the ‘Chloe and Sophie’s Special Ears Fund’ as our chosen charity this year. We started off well with our fundraising events last term where Y3 organised our whole school Reindeer Run just before Christmas. If you have not sent in your money yet then please do so so we can finalise our total from this event. Other fundraising events are planned for the rest of this academic year, with each year group organising one event throughout the academic year.

Staffing news: I am pleased to welcome two new members of staff this term. Mrs Way and Mrs Sykes have joined our support team, as Learning Support Assistants. Both will be primarily working in our Y6 classrooms supporting the learning that is happening there.

Coffee morning: We are holding a coffee morning next Tuesday (10th January) and you are all invited. It will just be chance for a cuppa and a chat after morning drop off until 10.00am and it would be lovely to see lots of you there. We will have some cakes for anyone who is feeling peckish – all we ask is for a small donation to go to the PTA’s fundraising this year. We hope to make this a monthly event.

Clare Wright

Fundraiser

I have taken on the latest Cancer Research challenge which is the "100 Skips a Day challenge". This charity is close to my heart, as I'm sure it is to lots of our families and I plan to complete my skips with the children every day throughout February (excluding half-term where I will complete them at home!). If you would like to sponsor me then please go to my Just Giving page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/clares-skipping-challenge-giving-page-154>

Mrs Wright

Lockdown practise

We will soon be practising our lockdown procedures with the children, explaining carefully to them why we have to practise this. Lockdown procedures are important and would be used in response to an internal or external incident which could be a threat to the safety of staff and children in the school.

Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, these may include:

A reported incident, disturbance in the local community

An intruder on the site

A warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)

A major fire in the vicinity of the school

The close proximity of a dangerous dog

Our procedure aims to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff.

In order to warn of these dangers we raise the alarm as follows:

In the event of an emergency a signal of five intermittent bells will be rung. This means that the school will carry out the lock down procedure:

- Staff will ensure all pupils are inside the school buildings.
- If children are outside, staff will bring them back into their classrooms and lock any outside doors and close any windows that may be open.
- A register will be taken and any child not present will be notified to the office staff who will arrange a search for the missing child.
- Caretaker and Office staff will ensure all external fire doors are closed and ensure key pad entry doors have the key pads engaged.
- In the event of the need to call the emergency services the office staff will dial 999 and request the emergency service required.
- The all clear signal will be given by a member of the SLT or office staff by phone to the year 3 and year 6 blocks and in person to each class in the main school.
- An email will be sent to parents to advise of the emergency and a note will be posted on the school website.
- If we are still under a warning at 3.25pm the children will only be released from school if their parents, or a nominated representative, are there to collect them. Any children that are not collected will be taken to the hall and be supervised until parents are available to come and take them home.

Book fair

Thank you to Mrs LG and Mrs Whiting for organising a fantastic Book Fair for us last term – the first one in many years! The volunteer children did a great job of helping to sell the books after school each day and, thanks to everyone who visited and brought a book, we raised a total of £650 for the school so 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.

Year 3 entry September 2023

If you have a child who is going to be in Year 3 in September 2023 (or know anyone who is looking for a place), please remember that the deadline to submit an application is 15th January.

Careers Enrichment Day – Volunteers Needed

On Friday 3rd February, the whole school will be taking part in a Careers Enrichment Day:

The theme of the day is 'Aiming High'.

We hope to make the day as inspiring as possible by exposing children to a variety of jobs and careers. Possible examples include a medical professional, a vet, a pilot, an entrepreneur and a businessperson however there is no set criteria - our main goal is to show the children that with hard work, anything is possible in the future.

The key information you would need to share with the children includes an overview of your job/career, the pathway you took or are taking to get there and some of the positive aspects/benefits involved. We would then give the children a chance to ask you questions.

If you have a job that you believe fits the theme and are able to give up some time on the day, please email info@frimley.surrey.sch.uk with the subject 'FAO Mr Phillips' and provide a brief overview of your job/career within the email.





Anxiety Workshop for Parents

One-hour workshop run by your school's Mental
Health Support Team

Please attend for the full hour. There will be
time for questions.

Workshop Aims

- What is anxiety, and why do we feel it?
- What does anxiety look and feel like?
- How to notice if your child is anxious or worried
- How to support your child with anxiety and worries to help them thrive

12th January
9am at Frimley CofE
Junior School



Please complete the Parent Mail form by clicking on the link if you wish to express your interest in attending <https://forms.office.com/e/XSjeeyfYcP>

If you have not done so already, it would be great if you could take five minutes to complete the online mental health survey, too: <https://forms.office.com/r/vTLGpaK39s>

Board Games Club

As you may have seen, there is a new board game/ games club this term on a Tuesday after school. Although we do have a variety of games in school for the children, we would welcome any unwanted games from families. If these could please be dropped into reception for Miss Morgan this would be appreciated.



Handwriting at Frimley C of E

Over the Autumn Term, teachers have been reviewing handwriting and presentation within the curriculum at Frimley. As a result, we have decided to move away from 'Pen Licences' as this can sometimes put too much pressure on children and can have a negative impact their self-esteem. Research conducted by the National Handwriting Association suggests that writing in pen is easier for children who struggle to apply pressure when writing and supports with the development of fine motor skills. Therefore, all children will now be writing with a pen which will be provided by the school.

Spare handwriting pens can be purchased from the office at a cost of 30p. Alternatively, packs of pens can be found via the link below.

Swāsh Komfigrip Handwriting Pens, Triangular Grip Handwriting Pen For Added Control, Premium Manuscript Handwriting Pens, Washable Ink Hand Writing Pens, Vibrant & Durable Fibre Tip Pens - Blue 12PK : Amazon.co.uk: Stationery & Office Supplies

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 8th September 2022 on our website for more details.

Request for Lego

Mrs Djeneralovic is starting a Lego club this term, and she would really appreciate any donations of Lego. Please bring any donations to the office.
Many thanks in advance.



Active Surrey would like to hear from parents and children about how we can improve physical activity opportunities and the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games.

Here is the survey link: <https://wss.pollfish.com/link/8a3cc349-445c-4df8-9c97-afe78a0e15e7?apik=%apik%&transid=%transid%>

Active Surrey have asked [Magenta Research](#) to run this survey on their behalf to; explore families preferences for taking part in physical activity; how parents/children find out about activities in their area; and how Active Surrey could provide improved ways for children to be more physically active.

We really want to hear your views if you haven't heard of the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games, which offers children the chance to try sports and activities they haven't done before, **for FREE!**

Thank you very much for your help.

The Active Surrey Team

Dates for your diary

Date 2023	Event
4th January	Start of Spring term for children
10th January	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
17th January	Young Voices at the O2
20th January	Year 5 Space Dome
3rd February	Enrichment Day
10th February	School finishes normal time for half term
20th February 8.40am	Start of term
2nd March	World Book Day— details to follow
22nd March	Author Visit—Bonnie Bridgman
31st March 2pm	Finish for Easter Holidays