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Issue 11

# FRIMLEY TIMES



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term , I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break and managed to have some quality family time.

School grounds: I would like to start by thanking Mr Young and Mrs Everett who worked in collaboration with one of our parents Paul Boyle, to organise a working party of volunteer staff from Bank of America. They regularly give up their time to help us out with jobs around the school and during half term

they cleared the very overgrown border in the staff house garden; this will now enable the planting of sensory shrubs and flowers to help create a relaxing area for staff to eat their lunches in or to do some work in when the weather is kind. They also started the long job of repainting the metal gates and fencing at the front of the school. We would like to pass on our warmest thanks to Paul Boyle and his team of helpers for their tireless work, as well as to our own Mr Young and Mrs Everett!

Focus value: Focus value: In yesterday's assembly I introduced our focus value for this half-term: perseverance. I shared the Bible story of Daniel and the Lion's Den and talked about the importance of always persevering. The staff will be looking out for children displaying this value over the next few weeks and we will hear about these in our weekly celebration assembly each Friday. Please do praise your child at home too when you can see them persevering.

INSET dates: We have two remaining INSET days for this academic year and they are on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, making it a lovely extended half-term week for any families who want to plan a trip away!

The following dates are provisional for 23-24 and are subject to change:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 (term will start for children on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Say thank you to a staff member: I know I often say it but it is very rare to come across such a professional, hardworking and dedicated group of staff as we have here at Frimley and I know the children really appreciate the extra effort that all the staff put in to make their learning experiences so memorable and enjoyable. At this time of year, Pearson run their annual "Pearson National Teaching Awards". If you would like to nominate any of our teachers, then entries are free and the deadline is Friday 24 February. Submit your nomination now. Every teacher who is nominated receives an official certificate.

Clare Wright



It was wonderful to welcome the Tomlinscote Librarians to our Library on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. For

some, it was great to visit their primary school again and could not believe how fabulous the Library is. They read with Year 3 and were a great inspiration. A good collaborative afternoon had by all. Our Library is open after school until 4:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



### Mothers Day daffodil sale

Back in early December last year all the children had the opportunity to plant a daffodil bulb in a pot that could be purchased around Mother's Day as a gift for a loved one.

This year Mother's Day is on the 19th March so we will be holding our daffodil pot sale on Tuesday 14th March at the end of school. The pots are £1.00 each and all the monies raised will go into the school garden fund. If you wish your child to purchase a daffodil please send them in with £1.00 on the morning of the 14th March to give to their class teacher in exchange for a daffodil pot. Any extra pots will be on sale in the playground after school on Tuesday 14th and will also be available to purchase during the week.



Every year any money raised from the daffodil sale is used to buy and sow seeds so that the children can taste the produce they have grown, either through our summer tasting days or the Autumn Soup Share days. It also pays for any new pollinator friendly plants that may need purchasing and bird seed to attract in the birds to help keep the garden pests in check.

Mrs Everett School Gardener

## Children's Mental Health Week



The Well-being Team did an amazing job of organising, supervising, and delivering a variety of activities during Children's Mental Health week. Throughout the week, the children had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities along the theme of connection. From Just Dance to Lunchtime Lego, Yoga to Mindfulness - the aim was to connect the children in a mindful and mentally healthy way. In addition to the planned activities, the children made a whole-school paper chain of kindness which is now on display in the Year 5 corridor and wrote poems which can be read when you next come into school.



## **Satnav Found**

A satnav has been handed into the local pre-school which was dropped in their carpark.

If you recognise the bag please contact Frimley Green Pre-School



## **Dates for your diary**

Date 2023	Event
2nd March	World Book Day— details to follow
21st March	Parents Evening 5.30—8.00
23rd March	Parents Evening 3.40—6.00
22nd March	Author Visit—Bonnie Bridgman
31st March 2pm	Finish for Easter Holidays

## School Improvement

As a school, we regularly identify and review a series of priority areas and these form our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). We have worked on this with all staff and various members of The Prospect Trust and our 6 priority areas for 2021-2024 at Frimley are:

*Prepare children for life and learning so they can achieve their potential*  
*Tackle growing inequalities*  
*Harness the power of technology*  
*Support the well-being of the whole school community*  
*Root our school at the heart of the community*  
*Strengthen capacity through collaboration*

Our progress towards these areas is reviewed with staff at various points throughout the year and an example of some of the things we have worked on (and are continuing to work on) this year include:

- Enrichment days based on Identity and Careers
- Embedding a scheme of work for Phonics across the whole of the school
- Introduced new books for each subject and every child now writing in pen
- 'Crucial learning' statements identified to enable greater sequencing of the curriculum subjects
- Further developing the Well-being zone
- Promoting reading at home through the introduction of Boom Reader and incentives for children who are reading regularly at home
- A group of parent volunteers supporting in school
- Introduced a new "Frimley Passport" which the children work on throughout the year
- More careers focussed events: trips, visiting speakers, Careers Day
- Improved links with local Churches: regular acts of worship in school; visits to St Peters and St Andrews
- Online Safety Workshops for children and parents
- 'Mental Health Support Team' working in school with children and their families and offering workshops for parents
- Monthly coffee meetings for parents

As you can see, we still have lots we want to work on but I feel extremely proud of all that we are doing to try to make Frimley an ever better place to work and learn. Our review can be found on the website: School Information – Quality Improvement Plan.





 SCHOLASTIC

# COME TO THE **Book Fair**

AND EARN **FREE BOOKS** FOR OUR SCHOOL



## The book fair is back!!

Bigger, better and full of lots of exciting books to choose from.

Celebrate reading at your book fair, hundreds of new children's books to browse and join us!

**Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Time: 3.30pm to 4pm**

**Place: The main hall**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from and prices start from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

If you can't make it to our book fair, you will be able to purchase gift vouchers, which are available at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents)

As well as books we have stationary including pens, pencils and key rings to purchase, great birthday gifts.

With a chance to win a £5 book voucher to spend at the book fair we will be running a competition within school – details to follow.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to provide **FREE BOOKS** for your school library.

## Bank of America volunteers

Bank of America volunteers having a well earned break after all their hard work around the school grounds last week:



## World Book Day

A reminder that next Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> March) is World Book day and we have lots of book themed events happening at school – these were all included in a letter sent to all parents on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

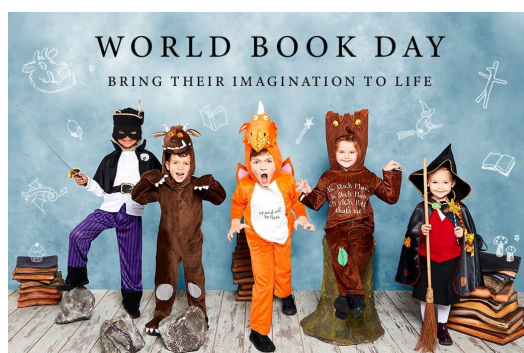
As a reminder:

Children are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice or they can wear their own clothes to school on that day -and bring in their favourite book. Lots of staff are recycling previous years costumes so there really is no need to buy anything extravagant! If your child normally has PE on a Thursday (and if their costume is impractical for PE!) please make sure they bring their PE kit with them on the day to get changed into.

Throughout the day we will be carrying out 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions and the children will all complete a Word Book Day workshop with Mrs Whiting in the LRC (library).

All parents / carers are invited to join their child/children in their classroom from 2:50 – 3:20pm for a Word Book Day activity in classes.

The exciting competition is still open where we are challenging families to up-cycle old books. The deadline to bring entries into school is 1<sup>st</sup> March



### **Do you know who your child is talking to online?**

**If you are at all unsure or don't know please check.**

*A THIRD of children aged 7 to 9 use social media and just under a half of 10-12 year olds do too.*

The internet is an amazing resource but it is also a scary place for our children to navigate around whilst they are growing as people. Their identities are shaped by their friendships and the relationships they develop both on and offline. We cannot afford to let our children out into that world without knowing what they are using and who they are communicating with.

**Please look out for the full information which will be sent home this week.**

### **Head Lice and Nits**

Please be aware that we have had cases of nits in some classes. If all children could be checked we can try to keep this problem at bay.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)