

# FROXFIELD FRIDAY FLYER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for the support you have given to the school and your children over the past half term. I know that teachers and parents have missed the frequent contact that is possible under normal circumstances, with the ongoing dialogue often having a very positive impact on children. At Froxfield, parents always play such a crucial role in life and learning in the school in so many ways and it has been a shame that some of this involvement has been curtailed. I would like to thank you for your patience once again and I really do hope that, once we are through the winter months, things will return to normal.

It has been great this term to welcome many new faces to our school community; children and their families. I hope you have all enjoyed your first few months at Froxfield and feel settled and happy.

We said that we would review our provision for trips at the end of this half term. Unfortunately, with the rising number of coronavirus cases and levels of community infection increasing, it is not going to be possible to take the children on any trips at least until after Christmas. We know that this is incredibly disappointing for the children (and staff) as these visits form such a fundamental part of life and learning and Froxfield and really do bring the curriculum to life. We are exploring the possibility of bringing visits to the school to reduce the risk and have started to make provisional bookings for visits in the new year, in the hope that the situation will have improved by then.

I would like to thank the FoFs Team for their continued fundraising efforts despite the limitations on possible events. Today, they held a very successful mufti-day, raising £135.35. The annual Christmas Cards, designed by the children have proved very popular again and tea towels will also be available to purchase in the coming weeks. With the Christmas Fayre unable to go ahead, the Christmas Fayre Take-a-Way is a lovely idea and it would be great if families could support this initiative. The packages will be exciting for the children to receive and should hopefully add some much-needed festive cheer to the end of term events.

On this final newsletter of the half term, I would also like to formally thank all of our staff who continue to work tirelessly to provide the best possible learning opportunities for every child, despite the challenging circumstances in which we find ourselves. Froxfield is blessed with a talented, dedicated staff team, who support me, the children and the school in so many ways. So, thank you all!

Finally, I would like to thank the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and energy. I know I am biased but Froxfield School really does have the most amazing children who love to learn and share their knowledge. Every child in the school has progressed and developed greatly this half term, which I hope you have also seen at home. So well done to you all and have a well-deserved break!

Please support us in ensuring that *Government Guidance* is adhered to over the half-term break so that we can support the national effort to reduce transmission rates and do our best to ensure that our school continues to be a safe place for the children when we return.

With warmest wishes,  
Mrs V Farrow  
**Headteacher**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Hampshire  
County Council

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you all:

Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level.

We need **your help** to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue following national public health guidance this half term.

Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6: which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors.

Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.



## INSET Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

A reminder that the first day back after half term will be an INSET day and that the school office will be closed.

### A mufti thank you from FoFs

For all of your generous contributions today. We have managed to raise a fantastic £135.25.

### Half-term fun

The Kings Arms Youth Centre in Petersfield will be holding a fundraising Treasure Hunt between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October. The event will start at The Kings Arms HQ and cover the whole town with clues a-plenty along the way and a chance to win some amazing prizes. Further details can be found in the accompanying flyer.



### Something to look out for....

The Petersfield Post will be featuring local Year R classes in their annual reception supplement. We have submitted a photo of the Wrens, taken by our very talented parent photographer, Gemma Klein. The exact date is yet to be confirmed, but it has been provisionally set for October 29<sup>th</sup> or November 5<sup>th</sup>. Do keep an eye out - we're really proud of how it captures the Froxfield spirit!

# HARVEST THANKFULNESS



A really big thank you and very well done for all of the wonderful harvest donations which have been gratefully received by the Petersfield Food Bank.

Have a look at **What We've Been Up To** below to see how the Wrens and Larks celebrated "thanking" in the context of "harvest" for this half term's concept day.

# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO





## Froxfield Pre-School News

I can hardly believe that half-term is upon us! We have been so busy over the past couple of weeks that the time has simply flown past.

Last week, it was an interest in worms that led our learning, following the discovery of several rather long and wiggly ones underneath the tree stumps



in our garden. The children were fascinated with the different worms that kept coming up to the surface. They became rather concerned that they might get hurt when the time came to put the tree stumps back in place and so they decided that they would like to create a wormery, to keep them safe. Our children showed a great deal of compassion and empathy in handling and caring for the worms over the next few days and eventually independently resolved that it might be kinder to put them all back where they had found them after all. Monty said "I think they might need to see their mummies now!"



This week has been all about pumpkins! A selection of different sized/shaped pumpkins were placed in a tuff tray as an invitation to explore. This led to a host of rich learning opportunities. The children used hammers to tap golf tees into the skin of the pumpkins, then elastic bands were introduced and used to twist around the tees. The pumpkins were also used as a subject for observational drawings after which they were cut up and the seeds were extracted. These



seeds were then used to count, compare and sort, they were also moved about with tweezers. The left over pumpkin was turned into soup, which our children enjoyed at snack time. There was even a little pumpkin left to pop out for the birds!



Finally, we created a very special card, which our children posted a few days ago. I shall hopefully be able to share a little more about this in the next flyer....

Have a wonderful half-term!

# NEWS FROM FOFs



As we are all aware, this year there will be no Christmas Fayre. However the FoFs elves have been busy working behind the scenes to provide all the children with a taste of Christmas.

This year our aim is to provide a Christmas Fayre at home for each child. Our Christmas Fayre take-a-way option for this year will have all the things we love about the event, including.....

Bring a bottle tombola, hot chocolate and treats, a teddy bear raffle, a craft and of course a letter and gift from the man in red himself.

We want to reassure you all that packing will take place at least a week in advance and that every care will be taken to spread the Christmas cheer as safely as possible.



This Year has been a tough one for all our little ones and we plan to provide a pack for each and every child to spread a little Christmas joy. Even though at this time we cannot celebrate together, we can in spirit.

To make it possible for every child to receive a take-a-way version we are asking for a suggested minimum donation of £7. We are aware that sometimes money can be tight for families in the run up to Christmas and so if, when donating, anyone is in a position to give a little more to cover any extra boxes, we would be very grateful.

This will mean that every child in Froxfield Primary will receive a Christmas Fayre to go!

If you would like your child's Christmas letter personalised, please let FoFs know their name, age and class, plus something you are proud of them having done this year, using the form sent by Parent Mail.



## CLASS REPS

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## SCHOOL DIARY 2020 / 2021

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Mufti Day - £1 donation for FoFs
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	INSET Day - School Closed
Monday December 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	INSET Day - School Closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day - School Closed
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of the Summer Term
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day - School Closed

## SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club	Times	Available To	Dates
Monday	Toast Club	8.00am - 8.30am	Everyone welcome if spaces available	No booking required
Monday	Aspire Football Club	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years 1 - 6	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Monday	Cindy's Club	3.15pm - 6pm Bookings in 15 min blocks	Everyone welcome if spaces available	Book by 4pm previous Friday via School Office
Tuesday	Toast Club	8.00am - 8.30am	Everyone welcome if spaces available	No booking required
Tuesday	Active8 Minds	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years R - 6	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
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Wednesday	Toast Club	8.00am - 8.30am	Everyone welcome if spaces available	No booking required
Wednesday	Cindy's Club	3.15pm - 6pm Bookings in 15 min blocks	Everyone welcome if spaces available	Book by 4pm previous Friday via School Office
Thursday	Toast Club	8.00am - 8.30am	Everyone welcome if spaces available	No booking required
Thursday	Art Club	3.15 - 4.45	Years 3 & 4	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept - tbc
Thursday	Cindy's Club	3.15pm - 6pm Bookings in 15 min blocks	Everyone welcome if spaces available	Book by 4pm previous Friday via School Office
Friday	Toast Club	8.00am - 8.30am	Everyone welcome if spaces available	No booking required