

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear All,

I am sure, as I write this, the Coronavirus and its impact will be at the forefront of many of our minds. We are in a completely unprecedented and rapidly changing situation with new guidance being released daily. There is currently no indication of imminent school closures; however, we are preparing for this possibility and a letter will be sent out on Monday giving information about our plans to ensure children can continue learning should the Government move to this course of action.

The past couple of weeks at Froxfield have been filled with a wide variety of opportunities on offer for our children. These have included enrichment activities (a Jazz day at Dunhurst, Hampshire Cross Country Championships and rehearsals for Petersfield Music Festival), several visits (including Class One's visit to the Library and bookshop and Class Two's trip to Winchester Science Centre), a Poetry Recital as part of our World Book Day celebrations and a sports afternoon for Sports Relief.

Over the next few weeks, all children across the school will have their 1:1 conference with their class teacher. During these sessions they talk about their learning over the last term, what is going well and their next steps along their learning journey. Both the teachers and the children find these sessions really valuable so please do ask your child about it.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that Mrs Haines has been shortlisted for the Hampshire Teaching Support Award 2020, in recognition of her hard work and commitment to our children and the school. Mrs Haines consistently goes above and beyond, every day, in so many ways, making a huge contribution to our school - from cleaning, to Toast Club, to Cookery Club, to working in Class One. She ensures a safe environment for the children, knows them all as individuals and provides nurture, education and support. She has endless energy and clearly loves being with the children. I am delighted that her efforts have been recognised and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her.

The next few weeks continue to look full and exciting - Class One's eggs are due to hatch on Wednesday, Class Four children will perform at the Petersfield Music Festival, we will be rehearsing for our Easter Service and Year Six will continue to work on their Peace Pole.

Please can I ask that all parents keep an eye out for dates at the end of the newsletter, and if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask. Teachers are looking forward to meeting all parents before the end of term, to discuss their children's learning and progress. Please book an appointment through the online booking system following the invitation sent out last week.

Thank you as always for all your support.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V.Farrow

Head Teacher



#### World Book Day Trip for Class One

Class One had a busy morning in Petersfield to celebrate World Book Day last week. To start, they visited One Tree Books where time was spent colouring in bookmarks or creating a book cover for The Monkey Puzzle. Mrs Ingham Thomas explained about the different books in the shop and the children looked for books by Julia Donaldson. One Tree Books very kindly gave each of the children a special World Book Day fiction book to take home and keep. After a snack and a drink under the tree in The Square, the children had a very educational session in the library with one of the librarians, learning about the wide variety of books available and how to find them in the children's section. They finished the visit by listening to a story read by one of the Librarians.









All the children were invited to borrow one book of their choice from Petersfield Library. These books were brought home last week. Please ensure they are returned to Petersfield Library before the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you.

#### Class Two Visit to Winchester Science Centre

As part of this term's Learning Cluster, 'To Infinity and Beyond', Class Two had a wonderful time at the Winchester Science Centre last Thursday. The children enjoyed an exciting and very lively 'Rockets Workshop' as well as spending time in the Planetarium.



We went into the Planetarium where we sat in very big chairs that made us lie back and look at the sky. We saw lots of planets like Neptune and Venus. In our workshop, we made rockets with a plastic bottle and then we stuck things to it with Velcro. We worked out that the rockets needed to be light to make them fly really well. The man put some purple fuel into our rockets and then put some fire into the lid and then the rockets flew all across the room!

Grace B, Class Two













#### Jazz Festival, Dunhust

A group of Class Three and Four children attended a Dave Brubeck Jazz Festival at Dunhurst last week, together with a number of other local schools. The children learned a few of Brubeck's songs, some jazz rhythms and created their own piece of music in groups which they then performed.

Everyone at the Festival was given a kazoo which we played altogether as part of an introduction. We had a really, really brilliant day!

Phoebe, Class Four

#### Class One Science

Earlier this week, as part of their Science learning, Class One enjoyed being outside where they spent time collecting frog spawn from the school pond which they then put into a tank, to keep in the covered outside area. Throughout the coming weeks, the children will observe the changes that will take place. Please do remember to ask your children about what they see each week!







# Whole School Poetry Recital









Photographer - Kair Mitchener, Class Four



#### School Council Eco Challenge

A focus for our School Council this year is to think about environmental issues and the small things we can do as a school or as individuals that make a difference. A suggestion by the School Council was to set an Eco Challenge for children and their families, once a fortnight, through the fortnightly Friday Flyer. Here is our next challenge. Please look out for the new challenge on each newsletter!

# ECO CHALLENGE FORTNIGHTLY TIP

Use re-usable beeswax to wrap sandwiches in

www.beeswaxwraps.co.uk discount code: Bees10

#### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete and return our Parent Questionnaire. There is a box in the School Office for any further forms or alternatively put them in your child's book bag or the playground post box. As we previously mentioned, we will share the results of the survey after Easter.



#### Clothing Request

We would be most grateful to receive any boys' pants and socks you may no longer need at home, particularly for the younger children, to keep in our 'spares' bag. In addition, girls' socks would be most welcome too. Thank you.

#### **ParentMail**

Please be reminded, as from Sunday, we will be moving over to our new ParentMail communication system. Please can you download the free App onto your smart phone, simply searching for 'ParentMail' in your App store. Should you have any queries, please do ask the School Office.

#### Lunches

To help reduce the number of reminders we send out each month, we would be most grateful if lunch accounts, as well as Cindy's and Toast Club accounts, could remain in credit at all times. Thank you.

#### Den Building

Mrs Ingham Thomas would like to make a request for any items no longer needed at home that could be suitable for den building. Items could include camouflage nets, tarpaulins, long ropes, large sheets. In addition, if anyone should have a large, weather-proof, outdoor storage box that would be suitable to keep den building equipment in, we would certainly take it off your hands should you no longer need it at home. Thank you!



#### **Diary Dates**

The following dates have been added to the calendar at that end of the Friday Flyer; please make a note in your diaries.

Parents of our Wrens are invited into school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm to share the children's Learning Journals. Please use the School Office entrance.



The Pre-School would like to invite Pre-School parents into the Village Hall on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March to view the children's Learning Journey Books. Times have already been passed to individuals. Pre-School parents, please also be sure to put the date of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April into your diaries as Pre-School children will be having an Easter Bonnet parade to which you are invited.

We are delighted to invite all parents to an e-safety workshop which will take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 3.30pm - 4.30pm, led by Phil Bagge, Computing Advisor for the Local Authority. Should you wish to make Cindy's Club reservations during this time, please let us know in advance. Thank you.





# Friends of Froxfield School

FoFs

**FoFs** 

Thank you so much to Year Two for braving the weather to hold a very successful cake sale raising over £145!

Look out for Easter raffle tickets in your children's book bags to be in with a chance to win a 3kg Easter Egg, together with a number of other prizes

In the pipeline...

Don't forget the FoFs meeting at the Trooper Pub this evening at 7.30pm. We very much look forward to seeing you there

Set us up as your charity donation

# Set FoFs up as a charity donation ... or ask family and friends to

If every family in the school gave £2 per month, that would be an additional £2,500 which would go directly to benefit your child.

Account Name: FoFs Sort Code: 09-01-29 Account Number: 45761544

Current Fundraising

- Astroturfing the football pitch
- Giant World Map painting on the playground
- Bouldering Wall
- Drumming workshop day (school wide)

We're Hiring!

We are looking for a treasurer, no previous experience needed, just able to spend a maximum of a couple of hours a month keeping our finances up to date. You will also have to attend our annual AGM in September.

If you are interested, please contact one of the Team or email <a href="mailto:team@fofs.org.uk">team@fofs.org.uk</a> We are very grateful to Heather Farrell who has been a fantastic treasurer for FoFs and is very happy to do a full handover.

Contact us: team@fofs.org.uk

Our aim is to have fun fundraising to benefit all our children





#### Froxfield Pre-School News

We celebrated World Book Day with 'Books at Breakfast'. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into Pre-School for breakfast and it was truly magical to hear them sharing their favourite stories with their children.

Last week also saw the children make a very exciting discovery on their arrival into Pre-School ... 'something' had left a nest with a rather large blue egg inside. After much discussion, it was decided that it must belong to a dinosaur! Over the following days the children watched and waited, looking after the egg until at last it began to crack. Finally, on Friday morning the children came in, to find giant footsteps leading out into the garden, where the children found a thank you letter from Mummy Dinosaur, who had returned to collect her baby.

So many rich learning opportunities unfolded as a result of the 'egg' provocation, with the children demonstrating a real sense of awe and wonder, which was a total joy to behold!

Gillian Jones

Pre-School Manager















Mrs Farrow nominated Ed Newton and Lucy Eagles for the Gold Book award last week. Ed was chosen for being so smiley and enthusiastic about all aspects of school life. Lucy was selected for being so confident and articulate in School Council Meetings. Well done Ed and Lucy!



This week's Gold Book winners, voted by Mrs Haines, and announced this afternoon, were Alysia Eldridge and Emily Rush. Alysia was nominated for her cheerfulness in the mornings and Emily was chosen for her mature attitude in Toast Club each morning. Well done Alysia and Emily!



#### SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club	Times	Available To	Dates	
Monday	French Club	Lunch Time	Years 1 - 6	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Monday	Aspire Football Club	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years 1 - 6	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	
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	Mindful Colouring	12.40pm - 1pm	Years 3 - 4	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Tuesday	Active8 Minds	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years R - 6	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan- 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	
Tuesday	Wild Child	3.15 - 4.30pm	Contact Mollie MacMillan	25 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	
Tuesday	Cindy's Club	3.15pm - 6pm Bookings in 15 min blocks	Everyone welcome if spaces available	Book by 4pm previous Friday via School Office	
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	
Wednesday	Adventurers	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Contact Debbie Cooke	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Thursday	Choir	12pm - 12.30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Thursday	Jackanory	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 1 & 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Thursday	Cookery	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Years 3 & 4	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Thursday	Board Games	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 5 & 6	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan – 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
Thursday	Dance Club	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 4 & 5	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
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	Russian Club	2.45pm - 3.15pm	Years 3, 4, 5, 6	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan – 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	

### SCHOOL DIARY 2020

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Froxfield Pre-School Parent & Toddler Session, 9.30 - 11am		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Pre-School Parents invited to share Learning Journey Books		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Parent Questionnaire due back		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Froxfield Pre-School Parent & Toddler Session, 9.30 - 11am		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents of Wrens invited to share Learning Journals, 3pm		
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Tile Barn Residential Meeting, 3.15pm		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Froxfield Pre-School Parent & Toddler Session, 9.30 - 11am		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service, St Peter's Church, High Cross, 2.45pm		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Evening, 4pm - 8pm		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Class One Petersfield Library books due back to Petersfield Library		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parents' Evening, 3.20pm - 5.30pm		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Pre-School Easter Bonnet Parade, further details to follow		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term - term ends at 1.30pm		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term, 8.30am		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday, school closed		
Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six SATS		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	E-Safety Workshop for Parents, 3.30pm - 4.30pm		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day - School Closed		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Production		
Tuesday 21st July	Leavers' Service		
Tuesday 21st July	Last Day of the Summer Term		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day - School Closed		

## CLASS REPS

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