



# Friday Flyer

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear All,

I hope you all had a wonderful break over half-term and managed to dodge the rain. It has been lovely this week to have glimpses of some beautiful spring weather.

Well done on another great week of home learning. I hope that the children enjoyed the Science Day yesterday. I have seen some fantastic work on Class Dojo as well as smiley faces, having a lot of fun. Thank you to Mrs Harriott for planning such a fun day of science learning for us all.

I am so impressed with how well children have coped during this closure – well done everyone! Only one more week until we can all return to school. Teachers are already planning the best ways to support this return to ensure it is a positive experience for all our children. Please do not worry if your child is feeling anxious, this is completely understandable after so long out of school. Rest assured, we will do all we can to support them.

Just in time to welcome everybody back, the new Astroturf is complete and has hugely increased the playing space available, particularly during the winter months. I know it will be enjoyed by all children from 8<sup>th</sup> March. The great thing is that it doesn't only need to be used for football. Some days teachers will put out other equipment on the space for the children to use. I am sure you will agree that this is a great additional facility for the children of Froxfield School.

I am delighted to report that, despite the impact of Covid, our Pre-school is thriving. In just 16 months of being open it has become a popular choice of Early Years provision within the local community, as well as an integral part of the school. Gillian, our Pre-school Manager, and Mrs Ingham Thomas work closely together, which in turn supports children's transition to Reception, enabling them to settle quickly and ensuring they are already familiar with many of the key adults and routines.

It is with sadness that I have to let you know that Katherine Pearson, one of our Pre-school staff, is leaving Froxfield on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. She has been an amazing asset to our team since September and I know she will be missed by staff, children and parents. We wish you every success for the future Katherine. Yesterday, we appointed two new Pre-school Assistants to join our team. We look forward to welcoming Rachel Bell and Corrine Dunmore to our Froxfield community.

Next Thursday we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. Remember to work on your costume over the weekend if you would like to enter the 'Dress-up as a Book Character' competition. More details of the day will follow early next week.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V Farrow

Clubs resuming w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March:

Aspire - Mondays

Active8 - Tuesdays

Art Club - Thursdays (Class 3)

Cindy's - Mon-Thurs (Essential places only.

Must be pre-booked on Scopay)

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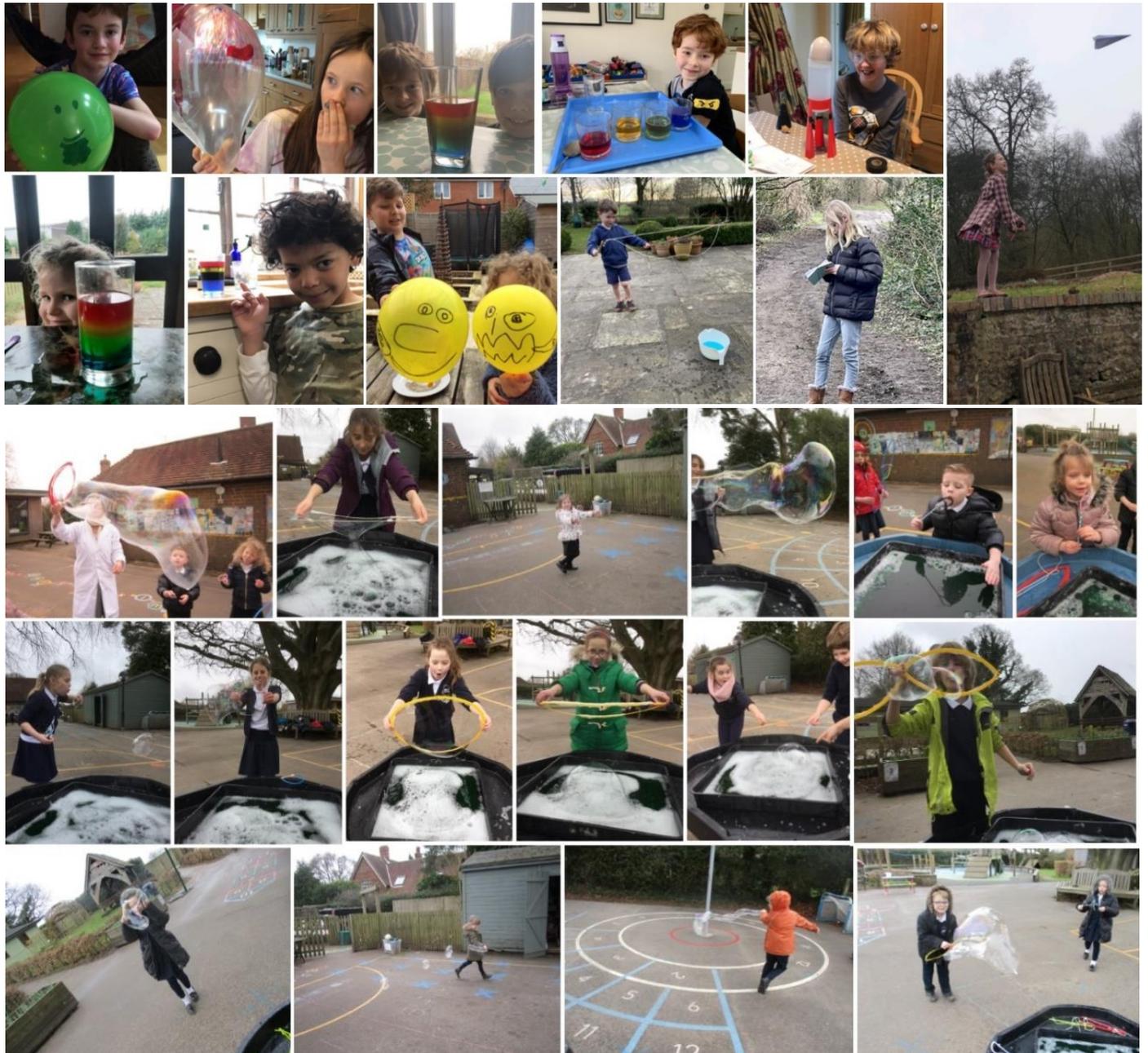
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# What We've Been Up To

## Science Day





# Pre-School News

It would appear that spring is finally on its way and what a welcome relief. Our children have noticed the different signs that are beginning to appear, in particular the daffodils in our garden which are now making an appearance after their winter sleep. It is an exciting time of the year and this has most definitely been reflected in our start to this half term.

This morning, our children enjoyed a campfire in the wooded area at the top of the field. This activity has been a little while in the planning as we have been working to develop listening skills, along with an understanding of how to stay safe around a campfire. We had originally hoped to tie it in with our first birthday celebrations. Unfortunately, as with many things this past year, Covid restrictions meant this resulted in a short delay. Today, however, we managed to celebrate in a manner truly in keeping with all that makes Froxfield so special. Our children were simply amazing and this led to an incredible experience for all. They used sticks to toast marshmallows and sang a few songs around the fire. It was an absolute delight to watch the children so engaged and filled with a true sense of awe and wonder. What better way to start a weekend!

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Katherine who will, very sadly, be leaving us next week due to family commitments. She has been a valued member of our Pre-school team. Her dedication, passion and love for the children has shone throughout her time with us. We will all miss her greatly.

We shall be welcoming two new members of staff, Mrs Rachel Bell and Mrs Corrine Dunmore, both of whom are excited to be joining our Pre-school family.

Gillian Jones

Pre-School Manager



# Reasons to be cheerful...

## A Spring Poem

Spring has come  
the birds have sung  
every bright and sunny day.

I am here  
and it's crystal clear,  
that spring has really sprung.

It's come with daffodils, snowdrops  
and beautiful blossom,  
their pretty petals bring smiles  
and cheer to everyone who's near.

The flowers beaming  
in everybody's faces as our  
dogs chase the deer and pheasants.

Spring has brought  
some cheer to everyone's  
faces this year.

By Heidi Plumbé, age 9

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And our Astro is finished!

