

# FROXFIELD FRIDAY FLYER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Dear parents & carers,

Well, this certainly hasn't been the start to the new half term that we had been hoping for. However, with cases of coronavirus rising within our local area, it seemed bound to affect our community at some point.

Closing, or partially closing, a school is never something that a headteacher wants to have to do and it is not a decision that is ever taken lightly. I realise the impact on the whole family can be significant, and know children learn best when they are in school, alongside their peers, working with the teacher who knows where they are with their learning and what their next steps are. We hope that all children working at home remain safe and well and we look forward to seeing them back in school soon.

Despite the difficulties the last two weeks have presented, there have been some fantastic learning opportunities taking place. Class 1 enjoyed two engaging and educational history days learning about Florence Nightingale and the impact she had in the development of hospitals. Mrs Ingham Thomas throws herself fully into these special days and I hope you enjoy seeing the pictures of her in this newsletter.

Having had to cancel our Residential Visit to Tile Barn Activity Centre in June, it was fantastic to welcome some of their leaders to Froxfield last Friday. They led a fantastic day of outdoor education and teambuilding activities for Class 4. The weather was absolutely perfect and I witnessed children having to communicate, co-operate, listen to the ideas of others and work together to achieve a range of tasks. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all involved and it gives us some insight into what we might be able to expect should a Residential Visit to Tile Barn be possible next year.

Our Collective Worship value for this half-term is Compassion. I have talked to children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 about this value. We have defined it as 'understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it.' The children were able to talk about examples of times when they have shown this value and also when others have shown this value to them. Linking with the value of compassion, we are once again planning to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative in conjunction with the parish. Last year this was hugely successful and I know from speaking to volunteers from PACT Food Bank that our donations made a significant difference to the Christmases of many families within our local area. Details of how to get involved will be sent out next week.

Christmas in school is always one of my favourite times of year. Although things cannot be quite the same this year, we are working hard to ensure that it will still be a special time for the children. We are planning Christmas craft sessions led by Mollie from Field Farm Project as well as a virtual panto, Christmas lunch and, of course, Christmas Jumper Day. We are pleased to have developed a system that will enable the children to send Christmas cards to their friends, which is explained later in the newsletter, and we are also planning our annual house quiz! I am confident that, after all their hard work this term, the children will enjoy a bit of the festive spirit as we move towards the end of term.

Finally, I would like to end this newsletter by thanking all the amazing staff at Froxfield School for their hard work and dedication. Much as this is a challenging time for children and their families, so it is for staff. Throughout this term, they have shown nothing but hard work and total commitment, supporting me in every possible way to keep the school running smoothly and to ensure the children are happy, well cared for and learning. Each and every one of them goes over and above to make Froxfield the special place that it is. I am sure you will join me in offering our sincere gratitude to them all.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend. Although I will not be in school next week, I am very much still available so, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V. Farrow

**Head Teacher**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Scholastic Books

You will have received the most recent Scholastic Brochure at the end of last week. This represents a fantastic way to buy great books at brilliant prices, whilst also helping the school to expand its library! Don't forget to send back your payment and forms (found on p.12) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November - please note we cannot accept cash. Finally, do let us know if any orders are intended for Christmas so that we can help keep them a surprise!

## Christmas

 On the subject of Christmas, do have a look at the new diary entries which have been added to the end of this week's Friday Flyer. We are keen to celebrate, retaining as many of the festive elements that the children have traditionally enjoyed as possible - albeit it in a somewhat adjusted way!

A few details to note at this preliminary stage:

 We may not be able to go to the Panto this year, but the Panto is coming to us. Oh yes it is! This has been scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December and all of the information which you will need to know can be found in the letter attached along with this newsletter.

 To make the event even more special we will be enjoying a scrumptious Christmas feast on the same day. Please follow the link below to book your child's meal. All orders will need to be received by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eJuCgm8MnEuFa9EDolufqgDfgnuuKitHI - XRvA455JUMzBaOUtOTFZXVjFaNEw2UDdLVzIDMzhZVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eJuCgm8MnEuFa9EDolufqgDfgnuuKitHI-XRvA455JUMzBaOUtOTFZXVjFaNEw2UDdLVzIDMzhZVi4u)

 Should you be setting your thoughts to Christmas cards, please note that, this year, they will need to be limited to your child's class and brought in between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will allow time for them to be quarantined before distribution.

 Finally, do remember to return your forms for a Take-Away Christmas Fayre by 4th December. More details can be found in the FoFs news below.

## INSET Day Change

Please be aware that 7<sup>th</sup> June will no longer be an INSET day. This has been replaced by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, meaning that the first day back after the Christmas break will now be Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## Call out for Year 5 Class Reps

We are on the lookout for one, or even possibly two volunteers to take on the role of Class Rep for Year 5. This role is a great way to become further involved in the school community and provides an invaluable link between FoFs and the parent body. Do contact the FoFs leads or the School Office for further information.

## Request for Spare Clothing

Unfortunately our supplies are running a little low! We are particularly in need of both boys' and girls' underwear and also tracksuit bottoms, especially in smaller sizes. If you happen to have anything suitable that you are able to donate we would be very grateful.

# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

## Class Four Outdoor Activities Day



Last Friday, staff from the Tile Barn Outdoor Activities Centre led Class 4 in an action-packed day of activities designed to promote team-work and map-reading skills. The weather was kind and the children learned a great deal from the experience:

"It was a good experience to work with other people who we don't usually work with." Gigi D.

"It helped us realise how important teamwork is." Oscar M.

It was really fun, enjoyable and I would like to do it again!" Mischa M.

## Class One History Day



Meanwhile, Class One thoroughly enjoyed learning about Florence Nightingale and looking at historical artefacts that helped them to learn more about her. They were even able to ask her some questions as she came to visit! Mrs Ingham Thomas was very impressed with how much they learnt.



## Froxfield Pre-School News

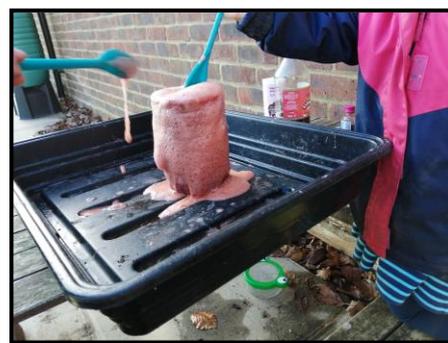
We have been very lucky to have Mrs Ingham Thomas and Mrs Haines join us during the past week. Our children have really enjoyed showing them how we play to learn.

During the week, our children have engaged in a variety of activities, which have included: a trip to the woods where we collected different sized leaves, messy play with spaghetti and the use of loose parts to create poppies for Remembrance Day.

There has been a consistent interest in construction throughout the week and this has been evident both indoors and outdoors. Our children have needed to use a great deal of critical and creative thinking, whilst also working collaboratively to complete their constructions. This has been truly wondrous to witness. Their structures have ranged from: a long waterway consisting of tyres, guttering and bamboo tunnelling, to a huge volcano using fabrics and cable reels. The children's fascination with volcanos continued to develop over the course of the week and culminated in their undertaking a basic science experiment using vinegar and baking powder to create their very own eruption!



Gillian Jones  
Pre-School Manager



# 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 will include 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 that all the preparations will take place a week before the packs are given out and that every care will be taken to spread the Christmas cheer as safely as possible.

Please complete the slip below and return with payment for your Christmas Fayre-to-go by the 4th December. Payment can be made:

- With cheque or cash in an envelope and returned to the school
- By bacs: Santander / Friends of Froxfield School  
Sort code 09-01-29  
Account number 45761544

Personalisation details can be emailed to : [Tashaclayton1993@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Tashaclayton1993@hotmail.co.uk)

Name	Class	Age	Something you are proud of that they have achieved / done this year



## CLASS REPS

Year Group	Class Rep	Email Contact
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	TBC	
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	Sam Day (Sophia's mum)	sammyoakley11@gmail.com
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Year 4	Rachel Nicholson (Alex Q's mum)	<a href="mailto:rachel99971@yahoo.co.uk">rachel99971@yahoo.co.uk</a>
	Emma Plumbe (Heidi's mum)	<a href="mailto:ems@plumbe.net">ems@plumbe.net</a>
Year 5	TBC	
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Year 6	Sally Ismay (Leo's mum)	<a href="mailto:sally.ismay@btinternet.com">sally.ismay@btinternet.com</a>
	Emily Vickery (Islay's mum)	<a href="mailto:emilyvickerynct@gmail.com">emilyvickerynct@gmail.com</a>

## SCHOOL DIARY 2020 / 2021

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Deadline FoFs Take-away Christmas Faryre
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Delivery of Christmas Cards to school. Class Bubbles only.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch and Virtual Panto
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Crafts
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Crafts
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm End of Term
Monday December 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day - School Closed
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
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of the Summer Term
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day - School Closed