



Friday Flyer

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by saying well done to all our families working at home. We have made it through to the middle of this half-term with three weeks to go until the break. We really do appreciate how difficult the current situation is for both children and parents; many children will be missing the routine of school and the structure that this gives to their days. They will miss the camaraderie of interacting with their friends as well as the many extra-curricular opportunities they are usually involved in. Added to this is the fact that it is much easier for the children to focus on their learning in the classroom environment, alongside their peers. Despite all the challenges, there has been some fantastic home learning taking place. Teachers are extremely grateful for all the support you are giving the children and the efforts that you are making to keep in touch with the school – we are in close contact with all of our families which is fantastic.

I am sure that many children will experience a dip in their enthusiasm as time goes on; we are aware of this, so please do not worry if things do not go to plan some days and do get in touch if we can support you in any way. There will be opportunities planned over the next few weeks, to give the children a break from the usual routine; these will include Holocaust Memorial Day, Internet Safety & Well-being Day and Concept Days. More details will be available on Dojo nearer the time. We hope that the activities planned will be informative and enjoyable for the children.

With everything that is currently going on, it is so lovely to be able to share some good news. Next week, work will begin on installing the new Astroturf, replacing the grass on the football pitch behind the Adventure Playground. This will make a huge difference to our outside space, particularly in winter where space to enjoy a game of football is an issue; use of the wet, muddy grass is simply not an option at this time of year. From next half-term, we will have a designated area that we will be able to use all year round, which will be safe and practical, enabling children to really spread out and make the most of the space. It will certainly be something for the children to look forward to on their return to school – we will keep you updated with photographs!

Next week sees the start of Lateral Flow Testing for school and nursery staff. The aim of this is to identify asymptomatic cases of the virus, in order to break the chain of transmission, and make our school and pre-school as safe as possible for everyone. Staff will carry out twice weekly testing at home, results being available within 30 minutes, enabling anyone carrying the virus to quickly isolate and for track and trace procedures to be followed. There is currently no indication that these tests will be expanded to use with pupils. I hope that, as we move towards the spring, this process should help support the safe return of all children to their classrooms.

Being terribly British, I will end by talking about the weather! After a somewhat wet and windy week, the forecast for the weekend looks cold and bright – with possibly some snow on Sunday. I hope you are all able to wrap up warm and spend some time outside in the fresh air. I know I always feel better for it.

With huge thanks and appreciation for your dedication and support during this time. The community of Froxfield School is a truly special one – one I am immensely proud and grateful to be part of.

With warmest wishes,

Mrs V Farrow

Important Dates & Information

27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day

We are inviting pupils, both in school and at home, to wear an item of yellow, as a symbol of remembrance. This might be a hairband, a pair of socks or even a t-shirt.

9th February - E-Safety and Well-being Day

Information to follow.

22nd February – INSET Day

What We've All Been Up To





Pre-School News

It has been a soggy couple of weeks in pre-school. The very changeable weather has provided us with lots of amazing learning opportunities and a great deal of fun! We put on our wellies, donned our waterproofs and embraced the downpours. As a result, learning unfolded naturally - with the children excitedly talking about the trees swaying in the breeze, the darker colours in the sky, and the feel of the wind and rain on their faces.

To inject a little colour into the damp proceedings, we introduced powder paints to the outdoor area and the children explored what happened as they dropped the different colours into the puddles. Brushes and paint rollers were then added, and a host of colourful patterns evolved. On Wednesday, we made a raindrop band by using different pots and pans to catch both the rain and the overflowing water from the guttering. Our children were particularly interested in how the sound of the water would change, depending which pan it was caught in?

The resulting mud from all the rain has also proved an irresistible invitation. One that the children were just unable to ignore...so, this Friday we gave into temptation and made mud pies!

Gillian Jones

Pre-School Manager



And Finally...

Preparing for our new Astro. Watch this space!

