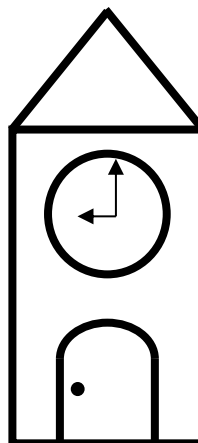


NEWSLETTER

4th October 2017



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and children for making me feel so welcome at Friday Bridge Primary School. We have had a fantastic and very busy first few weeks; children have settled back into school routines well, showing keenness to learn and working hard towards their targets.

Our first Talk and Write was a huge success and high levels of parental involvement and encouragement from home have had a great impact upon the quality of your children's writing- Thank you.

You may have noticed our celebration board in the front entrance. Each week three children are chosen from each class: Mathematician of the Week, Writer of the Week and Superstar of the Week. The children selected for their superb effort in class will receive a special mention in our Friday assembly and their photo is displayed that week. Please take the opportunity to take a look and support us in celebrating our children's successes.

We thank all parents for their ongoing support and engagement and look forward to discussing your child's learning in more detail at our Pupil Progress Meetings on Monday 16th October.

Sponsored Walks

Both the Sponsored Walks were a huge success and we are extremely grateful for the contributions from home in support of the children's efforts. So far we have raised over £450 towards our school fund which will be used to support enrichment activities later on in the year. Please could any outstanding contributions be paid by Friday 13th October.

Attendance

An updated Attendance Policy is currently being produced by the Wisbech Schools' Partnership. We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality and will follow the latest guidance from the Local Authority:

“UNAUTHORISED TERM TIME LEAVE (includes Holiday): Any parent who takes a child out of school for term time leave for 6 consecutive sessions (3 days) or more over a 4 week period, not authorised by the school (under exceptional circumstances rule), may receive a Penalty Notice. **Therefore Penalty Notices will be issued for single event absences of at least 3 consecutive school days or more where these absences are unauthorised because they are neither exceptional nor unavoidable.”**

Head Lice

Please help us to keep head lice at bay by checking your child regularly and treating if necessary. Advice is available from the NHS: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice>

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Governing Body

At a recent meeting, Leonard Veenendaal was appointed as Chair and Sara Rogers as Vice Chair of the Full Governing Body.

At the end of the Summer Term, Melanie Hudson decided to resign from the Governing Body. Many of you will know Melanie as a former teacher here and this marks the end of a nearly 30 year association with our school. Melanie will, of course, remain a friend of the school and plans to attend the Assembly on 20th October.

PE

As a result of guidance from the School Sport and Physical Education Advisor of Cambridgeshire County Council, we do not allow children to participate in PE lessons with taped earrings:

The national guidance is that jewellery should not be worn for PE, and where it is not possible to remove the item participants should remain in the lesson, participating in low risk activities but where the potential risk is raised, alternative activities may be pursued.

CCC advises strongly against the taping of earrings because there have been anecdotal cases of young people being injured and the tape has offered no protection.

Celebration Assemblies

The Celebration Assembly planned for 9:15 am on Friday 20th October will also be our Harvest Celebration.

That day Families are invited to donate to the



Their website advises they urgently need:

- tinned fruit (400 gms)
- teabags (80's)
- dried pasta (500 gms)
- UHT milk (1 litre)
- breakfast cereals

But have plenty of:

- beans
- sugar

Photographs

The school photographer will be in on the afternoon of Thursday 9th November for individual and family photographs. Proofs are sent home that day and, if returned with payment to school within 10 days, can be processed in the school bulk order and will be received in time for Christmas. Parents can still order after this time but would need to pay their own postage. If you would like to bring your pre-school children in for a family photo, you are welcome to come along at 2:45 pm.

Christmas Fayre

We plan to hold a Christmas Fayre in our hall on Friday, 15th December between 3:30 - 5:30 pm: more details will follow near the time. Anyone wishing to hire a table (£10 per table) should contact the school office by Monday 6th November.

School Website

Several documents on our website have been updated this term: www.fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk

The following Policies have either been put in place or updated recently and can be viewed on the website:

- Behaviour & Discipline
- Equality Duty
- Homework
- Safeguarding & Child Protection
- Teaching, Learning & Assessment

Dates

October

Monday 16th pm Pupil Progress Meetings
 Friday 20th 9:15 am Celebration Harvest Assembly
 3:15 pm Autumn Term A closes

Half Term Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Monday 30th Autumn Term B opens

November

Thursday 9th pm Photographer in school
 Friday 17th Children in Need - details to follow

December

Friday 8th 5:00 - 7:00 pm Disco
 Tuesday 12th 9:15 am Christmas Assembly
 Friday 15th 3:30 - 5:30 pm Christmas Fayre
 Monday 18th 10:30 am & 2:00 pm Christmas Performances

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