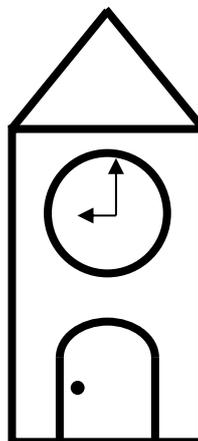


NEWSLETTER

6th September 2017



Hello and welcome back to an exciting new year at Friday Bridge Primary School!

I am greatly looking forward to working with parents, children, staff and governors as Headteacher and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for welcoming me into the school community. From the moment, Mrs Williams showed me around the school I knew that this school was a special place and that it was where I wanted to be.

Having worked in several schools across Lincolnshire, I have had the privilege of teaching so many wonderful young people over the past 10 years. I am now fortunate to have the opportunity to lead our school, working together to encourage all children to learn, aspire and achieve within an environment which focuses upon the value and well-being of the whole child; providing all with opportunities to excel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have anything to discuss or should any concerns arise.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome Naomi Fitzpatrick as our Class 4 Teacher, I'm sure many of our Class 4 parents will meet Naomi at the Welcome Session next week.

Also, I am pleased to advise you that, in addition to her role in Class 1, Ronnie Clarke has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher. I know that Ronnie and the rest of the staff team will be a great support to Naomi and myself.

Welcome Sessions

I hope many of you are able to attend the planned Welcome Sessions. Here's a reminder of when they are happening:

Welcome Sessions: September			
Date	Time	Class	Teacher
Friday 8 th	2:45 pm	2	Mrs Jo Evans
Monday 11 th	2:45 pm	1	Mrs Ronnie Clarke
Tuesday 12 th	2:45 pm	3	Mr Tony Pallett
Thursday 14 th	2:45 pm	4	Miss Naomi Fitzpatrick

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Attendance

Once again attendance for the last school year showed an improvement. I'm sure I can rely on your continued support.

Talk and Write



We will be introducing a new, exciting initiative to develop creative writing, encourage parental involvement and provide further evidence to support teacher assessment of independent writing.

On Wednesday 13th September you are invited to a workshop at 2:45 pm to explain more about Talk and Write and how you can support your child with their writing at home in preparation for this. Myself and Mrs Clarke will be available to answer any questions and describe how the tasks will work across each key stage.

Each month one independent writing task will be set. This will be based on styles of writing with which the children are familiar. The week before the independent writing assessment your child will bring home **Talk Homework** with details of the task provided and prompt questions. This homework task will not be marked, but is designed for you to discuss ideas with your child. If they wish, children can make notes which they can use as their planning and to assist in generating ideas, but this is not compulsory. Often there will be an image or a film clip to stimulate discussion. When the task is set, this will also be shown in class with an opportunity to share ideas and ask questions.

Please do not encourage your child complete the written task in its entirety, as they will not be able to use this in class and this may be counter productive.

If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Extreme Reading



We are hoping to create a fantastic display in our library area showing just how fun reading can be! We would like a photograph of each child. Please bring in a photograph of your child reading in an 'Extreme' and unusual place.

How about a cupboard, the washing basket, a wheelbarrow? Or those children who want to show off their computer wizardry could even superimpose their image onto the moon, on the roof of Buckingham Palace or where ever their imagination takes them ...

Please can we have all photographs in by Monday 18th September 2017

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Celebration Assemblies

We plan to hold a Celebration Assembly at the end of each half-term. Please join us at 9:15 am on Friday 20th October when we will be looking at what we have achieved together during this half-term.

Birthdays

Children's birthdays will continue to be celebrated in school but slightly differently this year. We will celebrate in class and in our weekly assemblies. This way birthdays will be celebrated nearer the actual event.

Fundraising

We are going to hold a Sponsored Walk on Monday, 2nd October (weather permitting!) to raise funds for curriculum enrichment later this school year. Look out for further details.

Nut Allergy

One of our pupils has been diagnosed with a nut allergy. Please can I ask that children do not bring nuts into school either as a snack or as part of their packed lunch. Also, please be mindful of products that may contain nuts. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

Children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to eat at morning break; this can help them concentrate in the latter part of the morning.

School Website

Please remember to check out our website regularly for updates and information: www.fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk. Meanwhile here are dates for some of what is happening this half term:

September

Friday 8 th	2:45 pm Class 2 Autumn Term Welcome Session
Tuesday 12 th	2:45 pm GWC Meeting for Parents of Pupils attending residential visit POSH Club: Years 1, 2 & 3 (1 of 6)
Wednesday 13 th	KS2 Swimming (1/10) 2:45 pm Talk and Write Workshop All4Sports Club (1 of 6)
Thursday 14 th	POSH Club: Years 4, 5 & 6 (1 of 6)
Wednesday 20 th	GWC Residential Visit (Day 1 of 3)

October

Monday 2 nd	Sponsored Walk
Friday 20 th	9:15 am Celebration Assembly 3:15 pm Autumn Term A closes

Half Term Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

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