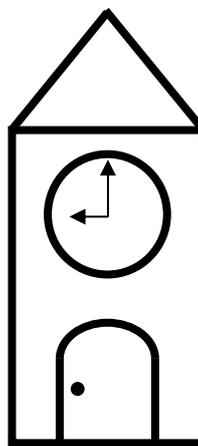


# NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018



Welcome Back and Happy New Year to you all!

I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas break. It has been lovely to hear about the wonderful treats and experiences which the children have enjoyed with family and friends over the festive period. I would like to say a huge thank you from myself and staff for all of your support and attendance at our Christmas events and for all of the lovely Christmas wishes, cards and gifts which families kindly sent to us all at Friday Bridge.

All classes have returned to school refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

Our Spring Term has got off to a really busy start but firstly some Thank Yous from last term:

- Entrance donations to performances of Angel Express amounted to £137.15; we donated £70.00 from this amount to St Mark's Church
- The final total for our Christmas Fayre is an amazing £584.67!!

## Attendance

Autumn Term whole school attendance was 94.22% - we realise there was quite a bit of illness around before Christmas. It would be great if this term we could keep the bugs at bay and achieve over 95%.

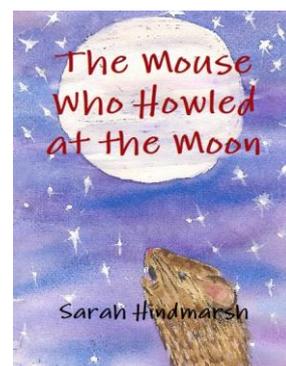
## Site Safety - Morning drop-off arrangements

Our new drop-off arrangements appear to be working smoothly; thanks for all your support and co-operation. An added bonus seems to be the new arrangements have eased traffic chaos and congestion outside school.

## Author in School: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Children's author, Sarah Hindmarsh, will be in school on 17<sup>th</sup> January delivering workshops with all classes. Sarah is the author of the award winning animal adventures series; her first book 'The Mouse Who Howled at the Moon' was released in 2014. It won the 2014 silver medal in the Wishing Shelf book awards.

Books by Sarah Hindmarsh will be available to purchase either on the day or order forms will be available following the visit.



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### **World Book Day: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in costumes of book characters to celebrate World Book Day - more details to follow.

### **Family Worker: Coffee Mornings**

You might well have seen Gail Jackets our Family Worker on the gate every Tuesday morning, however, from now on Gail will be offering her support at half-termly Coffee Mornings instead. The first one will be on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, between 9:00 - 10:00 am. Please come along for a chat and a coffee; you might want some support or advice on routines, rules, boundaries, health appointments, behaviour strategies, etc. Gail can continue to be contacted at other times, if you prefer or if something more urgent arises.

### **Family Music**

We are excited to let you know that Cambridgeshire Music are holding sessions in school for whole families to make music together. See attached poster for details; first session is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30 pm.

### **Class 1 Outdoor Area**

Class 1 would like to enhance their outdoor area and are asking for items to be donated. These include; crates (milk/bread/wooden), ropes, guttering, cable drums, stones, planks, poles, cobbles, tubing, tyres, outdoor material, a tent, outdoor cushions, jugs and other measuring containers. Please speak to Mrs Clarke if you are able to provide any of the above.

### **KS2 Samba & Choir**

We are very excited to be joined by Karl Gernert from Act II Theatre Company every Thursday afternoon. Karl is a qualified primary teacher, working for many years alongside myself in Lincolnshire schools. He now runs his own music and theatre company in Spalding for budding musicians and actors aged 5 plus. Karl will be running a lunchtime choir for Key Stage 2 pupils and will be teaching music until Easter in Classes 3 and 4, starting with Samba drumming! We will be organising performances for parents in the coming weeks, once the children have had some practise!

### **Spellings**

From the start of term we have implemented a new spelling scheme, Read Write Inc Spellings, for pupils in Years 2-6. From 9:00 - 9:30 am pupils will be split across the school into appropriate spelling groups for focused lessons. Each week there is a new spelling focus. Children will bring spellings home to practise each Monday ready to be tested the following Monday. I would like to thank you in advance for supporting your children with their home learning.

### **School Caterer**

CCS are currently recruiting for our replacement caterer; see attached poster for details.

### **School Website**

Please remember to check out our website regularly for updates and information: [www.fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk).

**Spring Term 2018****Dates****January**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Author in School: Sarah Hindmarsh

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Guide Dog in school - assembly for all pupils

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 - 10:00 am Family Worker: Coffee Morning

**February**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

9:10 am Celebration Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Half Term Week

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Spring Term B opens

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

3:30 - 5:00 pm Family Music (Session 1 of 5): see attached poster

**March**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

World Book Day

20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Scholastic Book Fayre (more details to follow)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sport Relief (more details to follow)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Spring Term closes

Sophie Foston

Headteacher



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**Family Music**  
**Mondays**  
**26 February – 26 March 2018**  
**3.30 – 5.00pm**

**Whole families invited**  
**Make music together**  
**Friday Bridge Primary School**

Cambridgeshire Music presents a wide variety of events for families to enjoy and participate in music together. From one-off events to weekly sessions, the aim is to bring families together in musical settings that inspire and engage them – perhaps experiencing types of music they have never heard before or developing musical skills they didn't realise they possessed.

Family music events help to engage parents in their children's learning, improve confidence and ability to work together as a family, and inspire lifelong interest in music for both parents and children.

**Quotes from Family Music sessions 2017**

***'Playing the instruments, loved the dancing too, everything was great fun!'***

***'Fun -easy to participate and join in'***

***'Spending time as a family learning something new together'***

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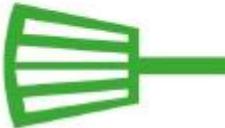
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## Would you like a part-time job that fits around family life?



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  - Generous pension scheme
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  - Previous catering experience desirable.
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