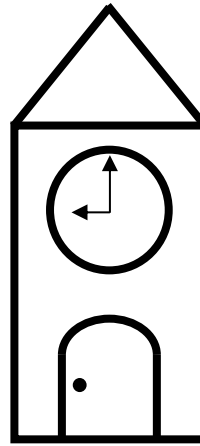


NEWSLETTER

8th November 2017



It was lovely to welcome the children back after half term, revitalised, refreshed and ready to learn! We have a very busy half term ahead leading up to the Christmas holidays and have lots of exciting things going on in school. Please keep your eyes open for further information which your children will be bringing home and of course check our website regularly to see the fantastic activities which have been taking place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the last half term. The final total raised from the Sponsored Walks was an amazing £1,870.86! I was particularly pleased to see so many of you at parents evening and was completely bowled over by the number of parents and family members who attended our end of term, Harvest Celebration Assembly! It is brilliant to see so many families showing such encouragement and support for our children and I will definitely be putting more chairs out for our next event!!

Following Class 2's successful Bird Afternoon, in which many of you joined children to share their topic learning, we have other events coming up this half term, where parents will again be invited to join us; including a Phonics Open Session for Class 1 and 2 parents, Greek Day in Class 3 and 4 and a whole school Maths afternoon!

Crowded Room Wisbech

Recently we were contacted by Tim Mann, a local artist, who is working with schools as part of an exciting community project. We will be visited by Tim on Friday 10th November who will work with all classes to offer each child the chance to contribute to a whole school piece of work which will then be showcased within the local community. This is an exciting enrichment opportunity, which involves many schools and businesses within the area. Please see the website for further details: <https://timmannartist.com/wisbech/>

Children in Need, Friday 17th November



School Council have decided to adapt the theme this year and have opted for a duck day. Children (and adults) can come to school dressed as a duck or in an item of yellow or white clothing.

Throughout the afternoon there will be duck based games and activities such as hunt the duck, catch a duck and a duck and spoon race. There is also an art competition, with the best picture or painting containing a duck chosen by the School Council; one from KS1 and one from KS2. There will be a box in each classroom for donations to this worthy cause, so let's raise as much as possible!



Phonics Open Sessions

We will be holding two separate Phonics Open Sessions:

- Reception parents are invited in on Thursday 23rd November, 9:15 - 9:45 am to hear how sounds are pronounced and to look at activities to support your child at home
- Year 1 parents are invited in on Friday 24th November, 9:15 - 9:45 am to look at new sounds and to discuss the phonics screening check

Greek Day, Friday 1st December

Class 3 and 4 will be participating in a Greek Theme Day to celebrate the learning that has occurred as part of their Greek Topic. The day will have a rota of activities including Greek dancing, drama, crafts and much more. To make the day memorable, we ask if you could support your child by sending them to school in costume (although this is not essential). On the day, we would love you to join us from 2:30 pm so the children can share their learning journey with you.



Possible costume ideas

Maths Week, 11th - 15th December

The whole school will be participating in an engaging Maths Week allowing the children to become completely engaged and excited by maths. The week will consist of a range of activities which will challenge the children and ignite their inquisitiveness. As well as this, the week will demonstrate to the children how important maths skills are in everyday life. We hope you will be able to join us from 2:15 pm on Thursday 14th to participate in some of the activities alongside your children.

Governing Body

The Governing Body are pleased to inform parents that Christina Turnell has joined as a Governor. Christina has an excellent background in education and has previously been Headteacher at Coates Primary School and then went on to lead Weston Hills C of E Primary School in Lincolnshire as Headteacher for 22 years. She has already visited the school on a number of occasions and is actively supporting school improvement as English Governor.

The Governors would also like to thank parents for their ongoing support following the Warning Notice received from County. We have submitted our plan for School Improvement and as soon as this is validated will publish the document on our website, ensuring that pupil and staff confidentiality is respected.

Reminder - 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

Our plans for our Christmas Fayre are now well underway with Miss Wiffen acting as our very own 'Mrs Christmas' in organising the event. Parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with the event and if anyone is able to offer some time either, before, during or after the event please let Mrs Robinson know by Monday 20th November. If anyone would like to hire a table in the school hall, the cost is £10 and booking has been extended to Monday 20th November.

School Website

Please remember to check out our website regularly for updates and information: www.fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk. You might like to view some of our documents that have either been put in place or updated recently, including the Curriculum Handbook, Feedback & Marking and Handwriting policies.

Dates

November

Thursday 9 th	pm Photographer in school
Friday 10 th	Crowded Room
Friday 17 th	Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd	Phonics Open Session (Reception)
Friday 24 th	Ditto (Year 1)

December

Friday 1 st	Class 3 & 4 Greek Day (parents invited from 2:30 pm)
Friday 8 th	Non-uniform day - bring a prize for tombola at Christmas Fayre 5:00 - 7:00 pm School Disco
11 th - 15 th	Maths Week (parents invited from 2:15 pm on Thurs 14 th)
Tuesday 12 th	9:15 am Christmas Assembly - Light & Life
Friday 15 th	3:30 - 5:30 pm Christmas Fayre
Monday 18 th	10:30 am & 2:00 pm Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19 th	3:15 pm Autumn Term closes

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