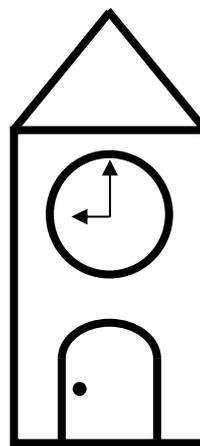


NEWSLETTER

18th December 2017



Lots of Thank Yous!!

With only one more day until the end of term I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support and for making my first few months as Headteacher at Friday Bridge Primary School so fantastic.

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and we were truly overwhelmed by the outstanding level of support shown by our families and staff across the school. A special thanks to our very own Mrs Christmas aka Miss Wiffen! We have raised over £520 for the school and are very excited about the enrichment activities which will be coming to Friday Bridge Primary School in the new year as a result of our fundraising. Thank you!!

Your support for **Christmas Jumper Day** is appreciated; we raised £69.45 for Save the Children.



Staffing

At the end of this term, Rachel, our school cook, will sadly be leaving us. Rachel has made lunchtime experiences for all children tasty and enjoyable for the past two years yet now has exciting projects to focus on outside of school. We wish her every success and hope that she will visit us in the New Year. In the meantime, we will be working with CCS to appoint someone to her post.

I am delighted to inform parents that Mrs Janet Robinson has accepted a new position as Office Manager and is a key member of the leadership team. Janet has worked at Friday Bridge Primary School for over 23 years, always demonstrating the upmost dedication and professionalism. I'm sure all will agree that this is greatly deserved and will wish her well in her new role.

Site Safety - Morning drop-off arrangements

Now that our children are settled into their routines and following internal review and advice from the Local Authority, we will be making changes to our morning drop-off arrangements. From January, classroom doors at the rear of the building will be open from 8:50 - 9:00 am, where your child will be greeted by their teacher, saying goodbye to parents in the playground. Class 4 will continue to enter via the door next to my office.

Members of staff will be on the playground at the main gate and at the gate to Class 1's outdoor area to ensure that children are welcomed and guided to their classrooms safely. They will be helped to organise themselves and their belongings and develop a real sense of responsibility and independence. This also ensures that the route is clearer to walk through, thereby ensuring greater site safety and security. We will run through these new arrangements during the school day tomorrow with the children to begin to practise our new routine.

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We encourage all parents to liaise with their child's teacher at the end of the day where possible and staff at the gates or in the office are more than happy to pass on messages to teachers at the start of the day.

We thank you for your support and co-operation while these necessary changes are embedded and look forward to welcoming the children in the New Year on **Friday January 5th 2018**.



Once again myself, staff and governors would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and would like to take the opportunity to reiterate what we all know ... that our children really are truly amazing!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sophie Foston
Headteacher