

**Learning Together: Working as One**

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**Friday Bridge Primary School**

# **Newsletter**

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## **Dear Parents & Carers,**

Our new curriculum is developing well across the school – we have been auditing our maths resources and have purchased some new equipment to support number and place value. We think these new resources will help ensure all children make fantastic progress in their learning.

## **Home School Partnership and the Conduct of Adults**

At Friday Bridge we believe it is crucial that we work in partnership with parents and carers to support children in their learning. Part of this includes creating a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all who are involved with the school. As part of this we expect all parents and carers to treat all members of the school community with respect. Aggressive behaviour towards staff, children or other parents and carers will not be tolerated.

**The full parental code of conduct can be seen as a separate attachment to this email.**

## **Governor Corner**



My name is Sue Rudge and I'd like to introduce myself to you as one of your new Friday Bridge governors. Like Mrs Higgins, I've come in from Townley, where I'm Chair of Governors. Before I retired, I was Headteacher in a large London primary school and since moving to the Fens, have supported Cambridgeshire in a governor role in a handful of struggling schools – all now graded as Ofsted 'good'! When I joined Friday Bridge in October there were only 3 Governors (there should be 10!) and we now are a body of 9, all keen to make Friday Bridge a really good school for everyone. Over the coming weeks, we'll be writing these little 'blogs' to help you get to know us better. With more regular newsletters and our Interim Headteachers, Mrs Higgins and Mr Brough, we hope you will feel more involved with your children's school life at Friday Bridge, and I look forward to meeting with more of you soon – you can't miss us, we're the ones with the orange lanyards!

## **FRIDAY BRIDGE GOVERNING BODY**

Maggie Barwell (Chair)

Sue Rudge (Vice Chair)

Matt Crawford

Connor Jackson

Sonia Harwood

Danielle Burton

Sharon McAnespie (Mrs Mac)

Donna Suttle

Mrs Higgins/Mr Brough

+1 needed....if you know of anyone interested, particularly with finance skills, please get in touch with Maggie or our Interim Heads!

## **Online Safety**

Is Whats App safe for my child?

### **What is WhatsApp?**

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number.

### **What age rating is WhatsApp?**

The app is rated 13+.

### **Features of WhatsApp**

To connect you with others, WhatsApp checks your phone's address book for other users and automatically suggests these as your WhatsApp contacts. It also updates your WhatsApp contact list whenever your phone contacts sign up to the app. This is an optional feature, and you can switch it off, but this puts limits on the app's functionality. When you are using WhatsApp, certain information is shared with your contacts:

- Status – this allows you to share updates on your profile in the form of text, photo, video, or GIF that disappears after 24 hours.
- Last seen – this tells your contacts what time you last used the app.
- Online – this tells your contacts if you are currently using the app.
- Read receipts – this allows users to see if the message has been sent, delivered, and read.

Through the privacy settings in the app, you can help your child control who can see this information.

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## **Amazon Wishlist**

Please keep sharing our wishlist!

Hawks Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/cPpTUd3>

Kestrels Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/6inNx3C>

Robins & Wrens Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/4z1G4Dw>

## **Bag2School**

A reminder that the donations for Bag2School are being collected on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The half term would be an ideal time to sort out any clothes/shoes/handbags that are no longer needed. School will receive funding for the items donated. The original letter containing full details, which was sent out to parents recently, is attached with this newsletter.

## **Attendance**

We are following the statutory guidance around attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 97% or your child is frequently late you will receive letters from us. You can find our policy [Friday Bridge Primary - Policies.](#)

Thank you for continuing to ensure your children are on the playground each day before 08:49 so they are in class ready to learn at 08:50, this will ensure your child makes the best possible progress.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything, please contact either of us using [office@fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk) or call the school office. It is important that you use the office email address to ensure your emails are quickly directed to the right person.

Mrs Higgins & Mr Brough

## **Diary Dates**

### **February**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Gymnastics Festival (Wisbech Grammar School)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Bag2School collection – see poster attached

### **March**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Careers Event at TCA  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Hockey Festival (Wisbech Grammar School)  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Class Photographs

### **April**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pupil Progress Meetings

### **June**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Vision Screening (Reception class)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – STEM Conference (Year 5)

### **July**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – TCA Transition Day