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Friday Bridge Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have quite a few updates for you, so have produced an additional newsletter.

Training Day – Change of date

Due to unforeseen circumstances the 7th January will become a staff training day, therefore the children should not return to school until 8th January 2024. The 23rd July will now be a school day and all children will be expected to be in school.

Staffing:

We are sorry to tell you that our lovely Ms Suttle, Robins Class Teacher and SENDCo, will be moving on to an important job with Special Educational Needs in the local authority after Christmas. She is so excited to be taking this next step in her career although she is sad to leave the children and families here. Ms Suttle has been a highly valued member of staff and will be greatly missed, however I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well in her new post. We are delighted that she will be staying on as a Governor at Friday Bridge and so her fantastic knowledge, and passion to support the school, will be retained.

We are recruiting a class teacher for Robins and SEND support has already been arranged with the Local Authority to support the school. We will share any further news about the recruitment process in due course.

Safeguarding



Have you noticed our new lanyards?

Staff wear a staff lanyard. If you see an adult in school wearing a yellow DBS lanyard, this means the adult has the necessary safeguarding checks to work with the children and has been included on our Single Central

Record. Governors have their own orange lanyards and then visitors are given a red one. This makes it clear to everyone what level of checks are in place for adults in school.

Curriculum

We are really delighted to inform you of some exciting changes to our curriculum from January. We are introducing CUSP, which is an evidence informed, carefully sequenced curriculum, which maps core content in subjects across the primary journey, ensuring that learning is taught and revisited over time so that pupils commit their understanding to the long-term memory. CUSP Writing draws on taught content from CUSP History, Geography and Science and from the in-depth study of core texts from the literature spine. Expert subject knowledge is carefully woven into each writing module which gives teachers the opportunity to teach and rehearse key knowledge and skills before applying this learning to meaningful extended outcomes. The careful architecture of this curriculum ensures that pupils build on prior learning and maximise purposeful curriculum connections to become writers for life. We have been fortunate enough to secure £10,000 in funding from the Priority Area to purchase the curriculum, but need your help to raise funds to purchase the books we would like to use for guided reading so children can have a copy of each text to share during lessons. Below are Amazon Wishlists for each class, if you could help us by buying a book from the list we would be very grateful. It is important that each child has the same copy of each text which is why we have organised it like this.

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

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

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

Attendance

Please ensure your child arrives in school before 08:50, as they should be in class ready to learn by then. We will be closing the gate at 08:49 to ensure this can happen. If you are concerned about your child let us know. As a school we want to work with you to ensure your child has excellent attendance. If you are worried about your child's attendance please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance, as there are lots of ways we can support you. You can find the government guidance here [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK](#)

If you are not sure if your child is well enough to attend school, the NHS has some helpful guidance here [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

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Changes in circumstances:

If your family have a change in circumstances, please do let us know. Changes to family set-ups often affect how children feel and we can help them with that if we know about it. Please also keep us up to date with contact details of family and emergency contacts.

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

Norfolk Owls

Wrens Class really enjoyed their visit from Norfolk Owls this week! Lots of the children were able to hold the owls, do ask your child about the session.



Christmas Tree:

Thank you, we received several offers of tree donations. We have accepted an offer of a tree so are all sorted for now. It's beginning to feel a *little* like Christmas, 3 weeks to go.....!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Higgins & Mrs Talbot

Diary Dates

Friday 6th December – RNLI water safety session

Thursday 12th December – Roots to Food

Friday 13th December – Author visit to school, details to follow

Tuesday 17th December –EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 18th December – Santa Dash, Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

Friday 20th December – 2pm Carols Around the Christmas Tree, more information to follow