



# Frodsham Primary Academy Newsletter 24

# 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

This week in school, children have been completing their spring term assessments across a range of core subjects. We have been proud of their resilience and perseverance. Teachers will be using these assessments to identify next steps for individual children.

Our Y6 children attended a performance on Thursday called 'SnapTrap'. They explored some of the dangers of living in on online world and how to respond to peer pressure and coercive behaviour. Well done also goes to a group of our Y5/6 children who attended a volleyball competition with local Primary schools. They represented our school exceptionally well.

We have a range of events taking place next week, a KS2 dodgeball competition, EYFS/KS1 football competition, and Y5/6 girls football festival.

As you will all be aware, our lovely Mrs Price will be leaving to start her maternity leave soon. We have appointed a teacher, Mrs Harding who will take over as class teacher during Mrs Price's maternity leave. Mrs Harding is a very experienced teacher and is looking forward to starting. She has been into class to meet the children and will start an in-depth handover with Mrs Price next week. Mrs Atherton will still be present so we hope this will be a seamless transition for the class. I am sure Mrs Price will continue to pop her head in, she will be on hand to support during SATS for our Y6 and may also be a visitor to Menai.

We can't wait to see children's outfits for World Book Day on Thursday. Please speak with Mrs Price if you need any ideas.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Callaghan

# CLICKVIEW

Please ensure children are logging onto Click View as teachers will set weekly homework on here. Mrs Price runs a homework debt club on a Friday breaktime for children that have not completed it at home. Please encourage children to watch the full video and complete their questions.



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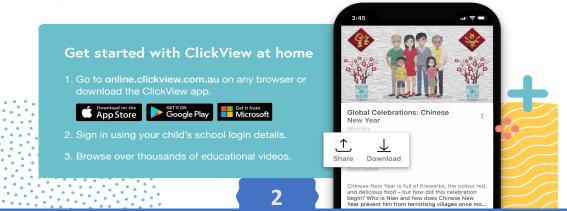
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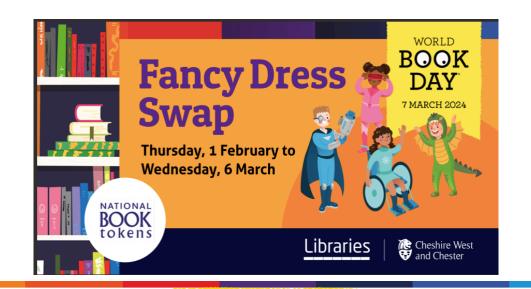
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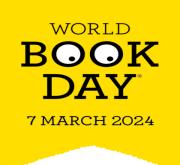


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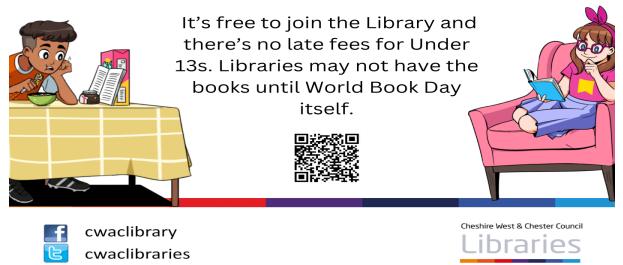




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# FREE EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

# **Everyone Welcome** Ideal For Families

Castle Park Frodsham Friday 5 April 10am - 2pm





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# Learning this week...

This week Snowy Owls have been practising retelling their class story verbally, exploring the language features in the example text and answering questions about the story too.

In Maths this week Reception have been looking at partitioning 6 and 7 to find all the different ways they can make the numbers. Year 1 have continued their work on marked and unmarked number lines to 20. They used their understanding of numbers to 10 to help them.

In Geography this week we have started our new topic on the United Kingdom. We used a map to find the different countries and seas of the UK.

Reception have been busy this week learning names of all the different body parts. They learnt a song and labelled each body part too!

Another great week! Well done everyone!

Miss Sands

This week in Hawk Owls, we have been completing lots of assessment papers! We have been showing what we can do in Maths, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Reading. The children really tried their hardest but were happy when they were over!

In Science, we have started our new unit of plants. We looked at what we already knew, then researched different types of wild plants, garden flowers and evergreen trees.

In RE we have learnt about the celebration of Pentecost and created our own storyboards ready for our stop-motion videos in ICT.

In Geography, we started to look at renewable and non-renewable types of resources, using click view we watched videos to research more about it.

We managed to complete our fish sculptures in Art, using tissue paper to create a coloured affect.

The Year 3 and 4 children are training well for cross country and thinking about their word costumes for world book day next week.

Miss Curtis

This week has been assessment week and all of the children have completed their Spring Term assessments.

Alongside the assessments, we have still managed to look at our new text 'The Promise' and the children have written some lovely atmosphere descriptions. The vocabulary that the children have been using has been fantastic!

We have also been multiplying decimals and will continue this next week as well as looking at dividing decimals.

In Science, the children have looked at reversible and irreversible changes and this will lead to us conducting an experiment next week.

The highlight of the week had to be our session with Opal the therapy dog on Monday. She was extremely gentle and loved listening to the children read (Myself and Mrs Atherton even got to go for a visit!)

We also had our Year 6 children attend a performance at another local school based on peer pressure and being online. The children had a series of situations to reflect on and the children represented school well. We also had some of the class go to the sports centre on Friday to take part in a volleyball session. The children were able to learn a bit about the sport and then test out their skills.

### Mrs Price

This week, Tawny Owls have thrown themselves into their story 'little red'. Children have been showing adults how they can retell the story in different forms such as drawing, story maps, sentences and verbally retelling the story. It has been tricky to stick to Little Red' and not retell the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' as they are slightly different.

Tawny owls have been looking at Christianity and the church in RE, children have been learning about baptisms and what they are, and how they are important to some Christians.

We also had a focus on the leap year on Thursday with it being the 29th February!

### **Miss Pemberton**

# **Diary of events for Spring Term**

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Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to School	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Opal the dog- First session in school.	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of assessment week for Y1-Y6	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception vision and hearing screener	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 SNAP TRAP performance trip	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5/6 Volleyball festival	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Rec / Y1 Football tournament	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Dodgeball tournament	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day- Fancy Dress	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 / 6 Girls Football Festival	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Rec / Year 1 Athletics tournament	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Mini Kickers tournament	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Geography Local Area Visit	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	COLOUR RUN!!!!	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Enrichment Day- Bumblebees (more to follow)	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Addvanced solutions in for coffee morning 9am	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	FULL school reports sent out for Reception- Year 6	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	KS2 Cross Country Competition	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Easter Journey trip	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening (plus one afternoon slot)	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bingo! 5.30-8.00pm	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Final day of school	
Please NOTE: One week off for Easter break		

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school

Please take a note of term dates These are also on the school website Frodsham Primary Academy

School Term Dates 2023-2024



## Autumn Term 2023

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
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# Spring Term 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
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# Summer term 2024

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>
April	May	June	July
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TEACHER TRAINING DAYS: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024



#### School Term Dates for Frodsham Primary Academy September 2024 - July 2025

	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October
October Half Term	Monday 21" October – Friday 1" November	
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Break	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Decem	ber – Friday 3 <sup>°d</sup> January
Spring Term 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
February Half Term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21th February	
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Break	Monday 14th April - Monday 21st April	
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Whit Holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Summer Term 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July

#### INSET TRAINING DAYS (staff only – children are not in school)

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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# Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

In a DfE survey, 36% of parents said that their child had been bullied in the past year, while 29% of secondary school headteachers reported bullying among students. Public Health England states that young people who maintain positive communication with their family were less likely to experience bullying - so it's important that parents, carers and educators know how to talk to children about bullying.

#### **1. WATCH FOR BEHAVIOURAL CHANGES**

Children who are experiencing bullying may become quiet, withdrawn, or anxious; however, they may also act on the pain and anger that they're feeling. A shift in attitude towards their existing friends (or not mentioning them any more at all) or alluding to new friendships which seem notably different could also be warning signs. It's important to be alert to such changes and talk to your child about them if they occur.

#### 2. THINK THINGS THROUGH

Before acting, ask yourself if this is the right time and place to address concerns about bullying. Might your worries trigger strong feelings -perhaps from your own experiences - that could discourage your child from opening up to you? You could try discussing what you've noticed with another trusted adult who knows your child well with anotl child well.

#### 3. BE OPEN AND **UNDERSTANDING**

Try to outline to your child the changes that you've noticed in their body language, appearance, behaviour, or tone of voice – and do so without sounding judgemental. Help them to describe what they're feeling – be it anger, sadness, fear or something else – as accurately as possible. If they say they're "angry", do they mean "enraged" or "frustrated"? This will help them to understand how they're feeling and why.

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#### 4. LET THEM SPEAK FREELY

Use open questions and a welcoming tone to encourage your child to talk. Listen closely and summarise what they've said at appropriate points (ideally without interrupting) to demonstrate that you're understanding clearly. Bullying may have understanding clearly. Bullying may have undermined your child's sense of control, and they may fear that you'll judge them, overreact or impose consequences – so this conversation can reassure them being honest with you was the right decision.

#### 5. CALL A TIME OUT

A conversation about bullying could leave both you and your child feeling distressed. It's important to recognise this and pause at suitable moments to calm down. Take deep breaths, enjoy a hot drink or even have a cathartic cry. This can reinforce trust, while also helping you both feel that you have control over the situation and the emotions that you're feeling.

#### Meet Our Expert

Bob Basley is the Director of Anti-Bullying Quality Mark-UK, which challenges and supports schools to develop sustainable whole-school approaches to prevent bullying, including working with parents and carers. More than 80 schools in England and Wales currently hold the quality ma

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8. SUMMARISE YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE

6. STAY

INFORMED

Make sure you know your child's school's definition of, response to and relevant contacts for bullying. This information should be in their anti-bullying policy, which ought to be availabh on the school's website. Class teachers or form tutors are usually the first point of contact, though there may be dedicated support teams or key workers to help your child, depending on the specific situation.

7. PREP YOUR CHILD FOR

Schools' responses to bullying vary depending on whether they're resolving disagreements and arguments, or addressing unintended verbal or physical harm and so on. It's important to work out with your child whether any harm was intentional, how much control they had over the situation and how often such incidents have occurred. Reporting concerns accurately will get the best outcome for your child more quickly.

THE RESPONSE

When you contact the school, make sure you've precisely described what your child experienced: what happened; when; where; and who was involved. This will help the school to investigate further, identifying any witnesses, as well as those who were directly involved. It can also help the school to know how your child is feeling and how they'd like the matter to be resolved.

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9. LIAISE WITH

Any school has a duty to ensure that the members of its community feel safe and included. It's important for children to learn their role in this. The school must determine how best to restore these feelings of safety and respect. It's often best for schools to keep parents and carers informed of any action taken – and for families to avoid taking matters into their own hands.

10. CHECK IN







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Once the issue has been resolved and the bullying behaviour has stopped, your child may still feel anxious and might find it difficut to rebuild relationships or develop new ones. Parents, carers and the school should all keep an eye on how the child is feeling and acting over the following months. Any relevant information should be shared, so that further support can be planned if necessary.