



# Frodsham Primary Academy

# **Newsletter 26**

31st March 2023

Welcome to the final newsletter of the spring term.

This week, we had our School Improvement Partner in school. This is someone that is commissioned to monitor and evaluate the quality of school improvement. He spent the whole day in school, observed phonics teaching throughout the school, observed all maths lessons and spent time in EYFS and our Resource Provision. He then looked through pupil workbooks and evaluated the curriculum that we have on offer for our children. This visit was very positive. The following points come directly from our report.

- The curriculum planning is broad, deep, and comprehensive. It acts an excellent foundation for a high-quality education offer.
- Pupils' behaviour for learning and general conduct are strengths. They work well together and respect adults.
- The learning environment is calm, consistent, and attractive throughout.
- The headteacher and her team have secured rapid improvement in a short time on a number of fronts, including quality of education, personal development, behaviour and attitudes and leadership and management
- Highly consistent phonics teaching is already impacting pupils' progress in reading.
- Subject leaders are enthusiastic, well-informed, and growing in confidence.
- Behaviour in lessons is positive all-round school. Pupils are polite and friendly. They work well with their peers.
- Pastoral care is a vital component of the school's core work,
- In the resourced provision, adults provide a nuanced and personalised approach to learning and pastoral care. As a result, pupils are happy and thriving in school, whilst making progress in their learning.

As always, we continue to work on developing our school even further.

Thank you to the parents our attended our curriculum workshop on Friday. It was great to share with you, our whole school curriculum offer and what this looks like and to give you an overview of the learning that takes place right across the school in all subjects.

Well done to our children who have all worked so hard this term. They all finished with an Easter egg hunt in the school grounds. I hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved two-week Easter break.

Have a great weekend everyone

Mrs Callaghan

#### **Uniform reminders**

## In the summer term, pale blue gingham summer dresses may be worn in school

Here is a reminder of correct school uniform. If parents have any unform that is now too small, we would like to start a uniform bank within school. If any items of uniform are too small, please wash them and send them into school and I will keep a running record of what we have available should there be any families in need.

Item of clothing	School agreed standard
Shirt	White buttoned cotton shirt
Bottoms	Mid or dark grey (not black)
	Trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore dress Summer Term options: Shorts/light blue checked summer dress
Jumper	Navy blue with logo <u>V Neck</u> Jumper or cardigan
Tie	Navy and white diagonal striped  Elasticated
Shoes	Sensible black flat school shoes or <u>plain black</u> trainers with no other colour/logo
Socks	White/grey/black Grey tights
Nursery	White polo top and grey or navy-blue joggers/leggings with Navy Blue school jumper or cardigan with Logo
PE	White plain t-shirt
	Navy blue shorts
	Black plimsolls Outdoor kit- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms/jumper and
	trainers.

Please note that trainers are permitted under our uniform policy, but these must be plain black. PE kits should be in school every Wednesday as all children will have PE on this day. Children will be asked to wear one of the spare kits if full kit is not in school.

#### Learning this week...

In our final week of the spring term, we have enjoyed lots of egg related activities! We made split pin eggs with our choice of egg laying animal inside, then wrote instructions on how to make one. We looked closely at our frogspawn and observed the first tadpoles to appear. Our favourite part of the week was Friday's egg hunt, we worked with our friends to find as many eggs as we could, counting out the final number! The EYFS team hope you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all ready for the Summer term! Miss Curtis

This week Snowy Owls have been writing their instructions for how to build a habitat for the mysterious creatures we found. They have been trying really hard to include all the language features we have been learning about. In Maths this week we have been focusing on division. The children have worked hard using the resources to show the sharing method and transferred this into their books with a written method too. In Music the children have enjoyed doing solos on the drums and learning new songs from Africa. Have a lovely half term Snowy Owls!

#### Miss Sands

Hawk Owls have had another busy week. They started off the week writing their own newspaper reports about a missing character being found safe and well. The children have worked hard to use formal language and to include speech punctuation. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions. Year 3 have been consolidating their work on placing fractions on a number lines. Year 4 have been converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. The children have learnt how to mummify a body in history. On Wednesday afternoon the children were invited to a racket skills session at the leisure centre, and they learnt a few skills for playing Badminton. On Friday, the children completed their DT project using air pressure, syringes and tubing! Check out our school Twitter account to see our products. We finished off the term with an Easter egg hunt, although the children had to work for their eggs and answer a timetable question and find the correct egg.

#### Mrs Price

Desert Owls have been working really hard all week. Year 6 have been working on a range of English and Maths revision activities in preparation for the SATs tests in May. Year 5 have also been working on revising key skills, so that they are really ready for Year 6! We have been using a new computer programme called Arithmagicians to help develop mental maths skills- this is proving very popular. Children will be bringing their logins home. The children have been publishing their twisted tales stories, as we are planning on making them into a book to give to the children in Years1-4. Our stories really are fantastic!

Our school trip to Main Street Church, to take part in the Easter Journey, was very enjoyable. The children engaged really well with the volunteers there and took part in an immersive experience to help them understand the events of Holy Week.

SATs revision materials will be coming home with the Year 6 children for the holidays. I would like to invite Year 6 parents to a meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, when I will give you some ideas for supporting your child through their SATS tests. I hope you all have a really lovely Easter holiday.

#### Mrs Hayes

Tawny Owls have been learning all about Easter this week. Not only have the KS2 learnt all about the Easter at their Easter journey trip, they were also able to support the KS1 children in their understanding. Our KS2 children were fantastic on their walk up to Main Street for our school visit to church, well done. We then learnt about some important values linking to Easter, such as forgiveness.

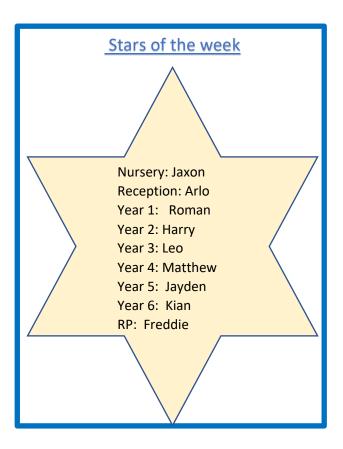
#### Miss Pemberton

# **Attendance News**

Please can we try and ensure a big push on our positive attendance over the final summer term. Our attendance lead has been so pleased with the improvements of some children through sustained attendance at school. Well done!

It is also the run up to KS1 phonics check, KS1 SATS, Y4 multiplication check and KS2 SATS.

Every day is critical in ensuring children are as prepared as possible.



## **Dojo Champions**

Nursery: Kacper Reception: Levi Year 1: Ayden Year 2: Charlie Year 3: Malika Year 4: Charlotte Year 5: McKenzie Year 6: Sofia RP: Jack



Birthdays this week and over Easter

Teddy (8) Amelia-Jayde (5) Kinsley (4) Lexi (5) Archie (4)



# Healthy breaks for schools

#### A guide for pupils and parents









school

# What is included in healthy breaks for schools?

#### Drinks

It is important that children drink enough during the day, so that they don't become dehydrated and tired. Water should be freely available throughout the school day and drinks should always be included for break time and lunch. Water and milk are the most suitable drinks for children.

Water: tap water or unflavoured, still, bottled water.

Milk: all whole, semi-skimmed or skimmed unflavoured milk.

Not suitable: fruit juices (including pure fruit juice), smoothies, sparkling water, squash or fizzy drinks, even those labelled 'no added sugar', 'diet' or 'zero'.





#### Fruit and vegetables

Help your child get their five a day by including some fruit or vegetables as a snack for their morning break.

This includes all fresh fruit and vegetables and pots or tins of fruit in fruit juice, but not in syrup.

A portion could be:

- 1 medium sized piece of fruit, eg apple, orange, banana, pear
- 2 small fruits, eg kiwi fruits, satsumas, plums
- 1 cup of grapes, cherries or berries
- 1 large slice of pineapple or melon
- 1 cereal bowl of salad, eg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and celery
- 3 heaped tablespoons of fresh veg, eg chopped or sliced carrots, peppers or sugar-snap peas
- 3 heaped tablespoons of fruit salad (fresh or tinned in fruit juice)

For younger children (4–6 years), reduce these portion sizes by about half, then increase the amount as they grow. Older primary school children should be eating full portions. To reduce the risk of choking in young children, halve smaller fruits and vegetables like grapes and cherry tomatoes by cutting lengthways.

Not suitable: fruit tinned in syrup, dried fruit (eg raisins, sultanas) and processed fruit bars (eg fruit winders, fruit flakes etc). These are high in sugar and can cause tooth decay, so are not suitable as between-meal snacks.

#### Bread-based snacks

Children need more or less energy (calories) depending on their age and stage of development. Bread-based snacks can help to meet these extra energy needs and help your child feel more satisfied.

This includes white or wholemeal bread, rolls or baguettes, toast, plain bagels, wheaten, soda, potato or pitta bread, spread thinly with a little margarine, low-fat spread or butter; plain bread sticks, plain crackers or plain unsalted rice cakes; or a small sandwich with a sugar-free filling such as tomato, tuna, chicken, cheese etc.

Not suitable: Sugary spreads, including jam, honey, marmalade or chocolate spread as these are harmful to teeth.

Peanut butter is high in fat and salt so is not recommended.

No cereal bars, or sweetened breads and pastries, eg pancakes, scones (plain and fruit), fruit bread, malt loaf, brioche, croissants and Danish pastries as these contain a lot of sugar and/or fat and salt.



# **Events for Spring 1 Term**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 5-6pm	Whole School Open Day	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	SEND coffee morning in the hall with our SENCO Mrs Arnaud	
9-10am		
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2-	Phonics workshop with Miss Curtis	
<del>3pm</del> <del>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and</del>	Whole School Parents evening	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> -February	Whole School Farents evening	
3.30-6pm		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -March 2.30-	World Book Day- parents to come in for hot chocolate and story time	
3.00		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	RED NOSE DAY	
FULL DAY	WEAR RED AND DONATE £1 on PARENTPAY	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration for world Science week	
<del>3.30-4.30 pm</del>	Parents to come and look at the work the children have produced	
	for science week.	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Active Travel breakfast in school with Sustrans for parents and	
<del>8.00-8.30 am</del>	children Breakfast from 8.00-8.30am	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -March	Dr Bike in school to carry out bike repairs on children's bikes.	
FULL DAY	Letter to follow from Miss Pemberton	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Curriculum workshop with Mrs Callaghan	
<del>9-10.30 am</del>	Opportunity to learn about our whole school curriculum.	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	SCHOOL CLOSES at 3.20 for EASTER	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens at 8.40am	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	SEND coffee morning	
9-10am	SENCO Mrs Arnaud will be present	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 and 2 Safety Central visits	
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	
Parents will be invited to King Charles Coronation celebration.		
More information to follow.		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th-</sup> May-	KS2 SATS week	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	SPORTS DAY	
	Weather permitting- More information to follow	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports go home	
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer at 1.15pm	



Our new Facebook page is now live.

# Frodsham Primary Academy

Our new page will be used to share learning from each class and will also be used to keep you updated with events within school.

# Why do we want to do this?

- The children do so many great things in school and much of this you don't get to see or hear about.
- We would love to be able to share photos and videos of things happening in the school day
- We want to make our communications more timely and share more with you.
- It's a useful way to share important information with you, such as school closure due to bad weather.
- Sometimes we update information on our website or on Twitter, so we want a better way to inform you of this.
- It's a great way to share other important information and links with you that wouldn't normally be a part of our standard letters or termly newsletter.



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Support your child to build positive sleep

habits. Develop a

environment with

# **ROLE MODEL**

Be a positive mental health role model. Demonstrate positive behaviours which your child can learn from you



# **TALKING**

Support your child to talk about their problems and how they are feeling



Work with your child to develop coping skills. Support your child to learn skills such as problem solving and thought challenging

# WELLBEING

Promote healthy eating and physical activity. Exercise is a great tool to boost mood and reduce stress and anxiety

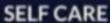
# PLAY

SLEEP

good sleep

your child

Promote play and creativity among your child. Allow them to explore



Make sure your child has time and space to look after themselves. Involve yourself in their hobbies

### AUTONOMY

Allow your child to make their own decisions. This will help to build resilience

### RELATIONSHIPS

Support your child to build positive relationships with friends and family



Help your child to relax. Teach them relaxation skills such as deep breathing





# SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

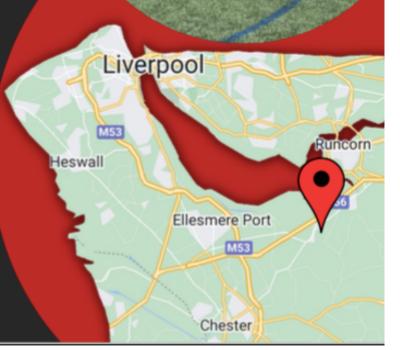
# Helsby Community Sports Centre

Holiday Camp Football

Callender Way, Helsby, WA6 0FX Reception - Year 6

APRIL 3RD - 6TH & 11TH - 14TH

Our action packed sports holiday clubs are specifically designed to engage all children from reception- year 6. They are a great way of sustaining your children's activity levels, along with providing the opportunity to gain new friends and learn new skills.



## TIMES & PRICES

## MAIN SESSION

9:00am - 15:00pm £20.00

# WRAPAROUND

8:00am - 9:00am 15:00pm - 16:00pm £6.00

20% Discount

When you book & pay before 26th March. Use code

EAST23

# DAY TO DAY STRUCTURE

8:00 - 9:00 EARLY RISER GAMES AND ACTIVITES

9:00 - 9:15 REGISTRAION

9:15 - 10.30 FUN WARM UP GAMES AND SKILLS SESSION

10:30 - 10:45 BREAK

10:45 - 12:00 SMALL SIDED GAMES

12:00 - 12:30 LUNCH BREAK

12:30 - 13:45 SKILL SESSION AND COMPETITIONS

13:45 - 15:00 TOURNAMENTS

FREE PLAY 15:00 - 16:00

#### WHAT TO BRING

- Bring suitable clothing and footware for indoor and outdoor activities
- Packed lunch and plenty of drinks.

#### **HOW TO BOOK**

- Log in at s4yc.schoolipal.co.uk and select MAKE BOOKINGS and select holiday clubs.
- Follow the booking flow School Activity Dates Child.
- Select payment method If paying by childcare voucher, you will need to login to the voucher providers account and make the payment manually to \$4YC. These can take up to 5 days to be verified.
- Receive confirmation email This may go into junk, please mark it as safe for future



#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**



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# <u>Easter</u> <u>at</u>





Kids Craft Workshops

Live Music
Refreshments
Raffle
Tombola
Easter Egg Hunt
on Good Friday

Tues, Wed, Thurs
4th, 5th, 6th April
1.00 - 3.00pm
Good Friday 7th
11.00 - 3.00pm
Booking required
in Lavender Rose in the
Courtyard
or Tel: 07982 598065

All children must be accompanied by an appropriate adult

Childrens lunch boxes available to order when booking.

