



# Frodsham Primary Academy

## Newsletter 4

### 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

This week, we were part of the 'Frodsham Academy Film Making Day'. We had a videographer in school for the day and he videoed both inside and outside the classroom to showcase what a typical day in Frodsham Academy would look like to prospective new families. This will be shown on our school website. I will let you know when this is ready for viewing! We also had a drone taking images of our stunning school grounds. Our younger children were amazed to see a flying camera in the sky!

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET, INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY IS ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK**

I would like to introduce our new Head Boy and Head Girl for the autumn term



Welcome to our school council for the academic year 2023-2024



I have put an information page around 'Fortnite' on the back page. Please be advised this is suitable for **age 13+** and is not suitable for primary school children. We have noticed that disagreements that take in school tend to stem from what has taken place on Fortnite the night before. Please can we ask that game time is closely monitored.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Mrs Callaghan

## Attendance News

This week's school attendance is: **87%**

Overall school attendance for full Year: 93%

### Class attendance

We have had a few illnesses travelling around this week. Let's hope we are back to full fitness next week!

3 weeks left until half term!

Please remember, holidays in term time are not permitted and will have a negative impact on your child's attainment in school.

We have two weeks holiday this October so that is a perfect time to take holidays when other schools will still be open.  
**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

### Stars of the week

Nursery: Lilly  
Reception: Heidi  
Year 1: Suzannah  
Year 2: Nancy  
Year 3: Charlie  
Year 4: Paul-Cruise  
Year 5: Jacob  
Year 6: Jayden  
RP: Indianna

### Dojo Champions

Reception: Carter  
Year 1: Blake  
Year 2: Evie-May  
Year 3: Rosie  
Year 4: Ruby  
Year 5: Esmail  
Year 6: Lucas  
RP: Noah



### Birthdays this week

Jack (8) Cooper (4) Matthew (10)

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

## Learning this week...

Barn Owls have continued to have fun in nursery. We have been learning to come together as a group and joining in with our morning routine songs. We have also enjoyed having snack time together as a group. We have been trying hard to use our manners of 'please' and 'thank you'. We will be starting our new class text next week 'Happy to Be Me'. and we are excited to show you all our learning from this book! Well done for a fantastic week nursery!

Mrs Sutton

This week Snowy Owls have been working hard to complete all of their tasks! In Maths Reception have been working on their numbers to 5 and recognising the digits. In Year 1 they have been focusing on finding one more and one less of numbers up to 10. We have also shown great maths skills in our outdoor area this week, counting the amount of each exercise we did, counting hits with a bat and ball, drawing numicon and matching with correct digits too! In Science this week we have been learning all the names for our body parts and labelling them! Children also showed a great understanding of their senses from the previous week and linked their learning to the body parts we use for each sense! Well done everyone!

Miss Sands

In Hawk Owls this week, we were able to complete our setting descriptions in English. In Maths we have looked at finding 10/100/1000 more or less than a given number, and celebrated European day of Languages on Tuesday with an escape room activity, we managed to crack the code! In History we have started to find out all about The Great Fire of London, looking at the key facts that we need to remember. Can the children tell you the date that it started and how long before it was put out? In Art we have looked at tonal shading of objects, and then completed a study of ancient Egyptian art with a focus on the eye of Horus. We became movie stars as we took part in the recording for our school film for the website. We will let you know when the premiere is!

Miss Curtis

This week has been a fantastic week in Desert Owls. The children have been really engaged and focused while writing their narrative. They have used some fantastic vocabulary and some children have added a lot of detail when describing how the monster was defeated! In maths, the children have come to the end of the place value unit and are ready to start addition and subtraction next week. We have been completing 20 fluency questions at the start of the day as the children come in so they can build up their speed when solving arithmetic questions. In history, Desert Owls

have been investigating the types of houses that the ancient romans lived in. They then discussed what type of house they would like to live in. The highlight of the week had to be our filming day on Tuesday! We showcased history, geography, science, music and reading in our class and we can't wait to see the final piece.

Mrs Price

This week, Tawny Owls began their extra-curricular football session. This is a session they will take part in every week on a Monday afternoon as we know not every child has the opportunity to attend an after-school club. Children learnt how to dribble with the ball at different paces and even got to have a go at scoring some goals! They continued with their geography work too this week and have created a street map of Ship Street. Children we able to complete the map with things such as houses, our school, trees, rivers and bridges. We also carried on with our science this week, we have learnt all about our 5 senses.

Miss Pemberton



## THE GOLDEN LOCK AWARD

We are introducing a new award to our celebration assembly on a Monday morning to celebrate the amount of children that travel to school on their bikes and their scooters called the Golden Lock award. We are hoping that this will encourage children to want to travel to school in an active manner where possible.

How the golden lock scheme works:

1. Have your child travel to school on a bike or a scooter as often as you can - if you cannot travel this way because of the distance away you live, parking further down Ship Street and biking or scooting up to school would also work.
2. Store your child's bike or scooter in our bike store near the bottom gate.
3. On a random day each week, a child from our eco- committee will go and place a big laminated golden padlock on a bike or scooter.
4. At the end of the day, if your child's bike or scooter has the golden lock, ask them to take it to Miss Pemberton.
5. Your child will then receive the golden lock certificate in our celebration assembly on a Monday morning.
6. At the end of each term, a prize will be given to the child who has received the most golden lock awards



## Applying for a Primary School place in **September 2024**



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Cheshire West and Chester

Important information for parents or carers

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Applications received after this deadline will be processed after all on time applications



Cheshire West and Chester

Nursery parents, please call the school office if you would like help to apply for a reception place for September 2024

## Applying for a Secondary School place – Year 7 September 2024



The closing date for applying for a secondary school place is **Tuesday, 31 October 2023**



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Year 6 parents, please check the dates on the back of the newsletter for Helsby High open evening.



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## Diary of events for Autumn Term

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2.30-3.00	Reception and Year 1 welcome event. Come and find out about the curriculum this term with Miss Sands
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2.30-3.00	Year 2,3,4 welcome event. Come and find out about the curriculum this term with Miss Curtis
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00-10.00	Coffee morning attended by Sarah for Weaver Vale Housing Trust
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2.30-3.00	Year 5 and 6 welcome event. Come and find out about the curriculum this term with Mrs Price.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00-10.00	Coffee morning attended by Ice Cats (Additional letter sent last week)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	School videographer in school for the full day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00-10.00	McMillan Coffee morning
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Helsby High Open evening for Y6 5.30-7.30
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School photograph day- ALL children individual images
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Helsby High Opening Evening for Year 6
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30-4.00	Class open book look. Come and see your child's learning so far this year.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 4.30-5.45	Halloween discos for Reception-Year 6
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for half term- 2 weeks
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30-3.00	Reception and Year 1 welcome event. Come and find out about the curriculum this term with Miss Sands
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30-3.00	Year 2,3,4 welcome event. Come and find out about the curriculum this term with Miss Curtis
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30-3.00	Year 5 and 6 welcome event. Come and find out about the curriculum this term with Mrs Price.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Own clothes day- More to follow
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30	Christmas BINGO night for adults
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> December- Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas performance- More to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4.00	Class open book look. Come and see your child's learning so far this year.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4.30	Christmas fair in school- Children's class stalls only. Classes will each set up their own stall
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas at 1.20pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Children return to school

Our poster for school open days and stay and plays for prospective new families



# Frodsham Primary Academy



**Ship Street Frodsham Wa67PZ**

Our school is part of Warrington Primary Academy Trust. The impact of the work continues to be seen in the progress and performance of the children in all the schools. WPAT provides its schools with a range of benefits; schools get the support, expertise and professional development from staff from across the trust so that they can provide the very best educational standards for all children.

The school has recently undergone a transformation with large investment in our environment, learning resources and staff development.

We provide



- ✓ Highly effective leadership with an Executive Headteacher and Head of School experienced in raising standards
- ✓ A safe environment with a kind and nurturing staff team who will bring out the potential in each child.
- ✓ An ambitious curriculum written by educational experts
- ✓ English and maths specialists working on site
- ✓ Quality, stimulating indoor and outdoor EYFS classrooms
- ✓ Regular engagement in sporting events and competitions
- ✓ Well-resourced learning environments
- ✓ PE specialists delivering across the school
- ✓ Modern Foreign Language expert
- ✓ A forest School in our grounds and trained forest school lead
- ✓ Awards for 'Outstanding conservation work'
- ✓ Gold School Games award
- ✓ Partnership work with Chester Zoo
- ✓ A specialist SEND resource provision



**Our school values**

**Children First - Resilience - Pioneering**

**Come and take a tour of our wonderful, welcoming school and meet our enthusiastic team of staff and see the school for yourself.**

**Open Day**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm**

**Stay and Play Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-2.30**

If you would like a more personalised 1-1 tour, please give us a call.

Please email [Frodsham.office@wpat.uk](mailto:Frodsham.office@wpat.uk) to book a slot or call **01928 249840** for more information or to request a call from our Head of School, Mrs Gemma Callaghan. If you would like to know more about our trust, please go to [www.wpat.warrington.sch.uk](http://www.wpat.warrington.sch.uk)





There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.



**BATTLE ROYALE**

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.

**IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?**

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.

**FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?**

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.

**SEASONAL UPDATES**

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.

**CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE**

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.

**IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?**

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoonish violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



## Top Tips For Parents

**BUYING V-BUCKS**

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.

**GAMING WITH STRANGERS**

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.

**LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE**

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns; that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.

**TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS**

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.

**CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS**

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communications that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.

**PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF**

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!

Meet our expert **#1 VICTORY ROYALE**

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

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