



# Frodsham Primary Academy

## Newsletter 10

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

What a busy week we have had again!

Firstly, thank you to all of the parents who came and attended for parents evening this week. It was great to see so many attend! Our teachers really enjoyed being able to discuss each child and walk you through the progress they are making.

I spent time in classes observing lessons this week and was very impressed with children engagement all the way through school. It has been lovely to also see the improvement of children's handwriting all the way through school.

We have spent some time this week making crafts and decorations for our float for the Frodsham Festival and singing our Christmas songs. Please come along to join us if you can. We would welcome as many children as possible to sing on the stage and then to join us in the parade.

Our meeting point is Sign 9 - Kingsway Left hand side. We are closer to the front this year so not as far to walk! The road closes at 5:30pm and the parade starts at 6:00pm. We will meet at 5:30pm to get the children ready on the float and give out the lanterns and props that the children will be carrying. We need to be in place by 5:45pm ready to shuffle forward with everyone else once in position.

The parade starts at 6:00pm and will finish where Marsh Lane meets Main Street. Children can disembark the float by the railway bridge / Castle Park.

Children will need to be accompanied by an adult as part of the parade whether they are on the float or walking with the lanterns. School staff are not responsible for the children on the day.

The theme this year for all groups is 'Let it Shine' and we have chosen 'Wish upon a Star'. If you happen to have any fairy wings, flower garland headbands, fairy lights, wands - please wear them. You could accessorise with glittery / jewelled hair and faces, anything to make us shine and light up the parade! We will be making some wands in school also.

We encourage as many children and families to walk in the parade with us and join us on the float, the more the merrier, let's really represent our fantastic school!

Don't forget if you are joining us to sing as part of our choir, we are meeting at 2:35pm by the stage at the Leisure centre ready for our 2:45pm start.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to join us on Saturday.

Mrs Callaghan

## Attendance News

Rec: 82%  
Year 1: 84.6%  
Year 2: 89%  
Year 3: 93%  
Year 4: 85%  
Year 5: 88%  
Year 6: 86%

We have had a few nasty bugs in school this week causing illness absences. Fingers crossed, we are all back to full fitness for next week and the run up to Christmas.

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

**EVERY DAY  
COUNTS**

### Stars of the week

Nursery: Diasy  
Reception: Carter  
Year 1: Thea  
Year 2: Jack-Desire  
Year 3: Harry  
Year 4: Louise  
Year 5: Harriet  
Year 6: Mica  
RP: Eva

### Dojo Champions

Reception: Logan  
Year 1: Isla-May  
Year 2: Nancy  
Year 3: Izzy  
Year 4: Toby  
Year 5: Malakai  
Year 6: Mckenzie  
RP: Marley



Kai (10) Minnie (5) Louise (9)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Learning this week...

Over the last couple of weeks Snowy Owls have been retelling our class story 'Star in a jar' in different ways. We have done this through role play, with pictures and we are also working our way through writing it too. The children have learnt the story song really well and have been creating the different settings in our story in our small world area too. In Science we have been learning all about Autumn. We went on an Autumn walk and spoke about all the changes that happen in this season. In Music the children have been learning about the difference between pulse and rhythm. In Geography we have been thinking about where we live and learning how to write our own addresses. We have also explored different maps and discussed the difference between towns and countries. In Spanish we have been learning about the days of the week. We have been practising the order in English and trying to match the names in English and Spanish too. We have also started to learn our songs for the Christmas performances!

### Miss Sands

This week we have been building up our vocabulary ready to write our 'approaching threat' narrative based on the story of 'The Iron Man'. The children are becoming experts at thinking up imagery that has an effect on the reader. In Maths we have focused on addition and subtraction, using number lines to help solve problems, scaling numbers up and down to solve calculations and using equipment such as bead strings to help us count on or back. In RE we have looked at the 12 disciples of Jesus and why they might have followed him. We thought about what we look for in a friend and the qualities that they may have had. Forest school continues to be a popular afternoon for all of our children, they have really enjoyed the games they have played and the outside learning opportunities the forest has to offer. In Geography we have started to look at the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the World, using atlases and the internet to locate them. Thank you to all those that attended Parent's evening. If you would still like an appointment, I am more than happy to arrange one after school.

### Miss Curtis

We have had a busy few weeks in Desert Owls. In English, we have been focusing on our endurance narrative. The children have planned their own story and are currently writing them. In maths, we have been using known facts to multiply increasingly large numbers and more recently multiplying decimals. We have finished our circulation and digestion unit in science by dissecting an ox heart and investigating a pair of lungs. The children were able to inflate them with tubing and a bike pump! There were a lot of eager children wanting to help dissect! Our Year 6 pupils we invited to Big Maths by Liverpool university and

Helsby High School this week and they took part in several maths related challenges. The children represented the school well and worked well in teams to problem solve. We have practising the songs ready for the parade on Saturday and we can't wait to show off the lanterns we made last week!

Mrs Price

This week, Tawny Owls have been busy beginning their writing for the recount of 'little star'. Each child has been able to plan out their piece of writing with pictures and writing and have begun, using great description too. In Science, children created their weather diaries that they will be adding to every day for 2 weeks. They had to learn the symbols for each weather and discuss how they felt in each weather. In Geography, they also looked at weather. Here, they were understanding the different seasons and what we wear in each of these seasons. In History, children looked at transport in the past and present, and used the junk modelling materials to build their own mode of transport.

Miss Pemberton



## RP CHRISTMAS STAY AND PLAY

*On Friday 8th December, we are inviting parents from our resource provision to join us at school for a 'stay and play session' in our classroom. This will give you the opportunity to spend time with your children in their learning environment. After the stay and play session, we would like to invite parents to spend some time together enjoying some tea/ coffee and cake. This will give you chance to meet other parents.*

**WHEN: FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER**  
**STAY AND PLAY: 2.00- 2.30**  
**TEA / COFFEE AND CAKE: 2.30- 3.00**

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE MESSAGE MISS PEMBERTON ON SEESAW.**

We have started a new reading initiative in school. Each class has a reading tree on their window close to their class reading areas. Parents of younger children are encouraged to write in children's planners each time they read at home and older children are encouraged to record when they have read. For each read, children will receive a leaf on the reading tree. We will then have a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class for the most reads at the end of the term. These children will be taken out of school to purchase their reading reward. Please support your child to read at home.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." -Dr Seuss

Read Write Inc sound video links. Please watch at home linked to your child's phonic sounds.

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## **Online home learning support**

As a school, we have invested in online subscriptions to engage and support the children's learning both in school and at home.

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will have log in details for the following:

**Reading Plus**- To support reading fluency and comprehension

**Rollama**- A themed universe of mini-games and teaching tools for spelling, punctuation, and grammar, with medals, leader boards, avatars, competitions, and more.

**Timetable Rockstars (TTRS)**- a maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.

### **Reception and Year 1**

**Read Write Inc**- Phonics programme that supports blending and segmenting of words to support reading, writing and spelling. Links are attached above.

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



The closing date for applying for a primary school place is **Monday, 15 January 2024**



Cheshire West and Chester

Important information for parents or carers

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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

## Diary of events for Autumn Term

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.
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Sock Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day ( Letter sent my Miss Curtis)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00	ADDvanced Solutions Coffee morning
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Stay and Play 11am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y 2,3,4 Parent meetings afternoon slots 1.30-3.30
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm WHOLE SCHOOL
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year Rec and Year 1 Parent meetings Parent meetings afternoon slots 1.30-3.30
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Small School football competition
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5 and Year 6 Parent meetings Parent meetings afternoon slots 1.30-3.30
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Frodsham Festival
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Own clothes day- More to follow
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Y2- Christmas Journey Trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30	Christmas BINGO night for adults
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Panto Trip
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm	Resource Provision Stay and Play
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

Year 2/3/4- Forest School clothes needed each Thursday

## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the event's sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

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