

# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

27th September 2019



## THE BOOK FAIR

The Travelling Book Fair will be back in Fressingfield from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October immediately after school and throughout both parents' evenings.

The book fair is provided by the Travelling Book Company. They have a great selection of books for children of all ages, so I hope you can find something you like. The great thing is the more we spend at the fair, the more books they give the school for free at the end of the week! Last year, your incredible support raised hundreds of pounds for us to spend on books for our revamped library – so thank you. This year we will be spending the money on books for our new outside reading area.

If you can't make it to the fair, don't worry; books can be reserved for you. Simply look through the brochure or the website, write a list of the books you would like and send it back into school. Your books will be sent to you when the fair arrives.

## THE BIG CAMP OUT!

What a great evening we had last Friday! Weren't we lucky with the weather! Thank you to all of you who came and joined us for the Big Camp Out. It was such a pleasure to see the children enjoying themselves so much—building dens, pond-dipping and playing until after dark on the school field; and it was also a pleasure for us to spend time with you in a relaxed way.

I would like to say a special thank you to **all** who volunteered to make it run so smoothly, and in particular: FOFSA for the fabulous food; Erica for the lovely logo; and Mrs Drax for her epic all-nighter! Thank you all.



## HOLLOWFORD

It has been a week in which the World has seen the positive influence young people can have on society as a whole. I'm sure you have all been as impressed as the children in Yangtze class have been with Greta Thunberg's campaign and her speech at the United Nations. At Fressingfield Primary School, we believe our children should be given roles and responsibilities so that they can contribute positively to the way the school is run. Busy things are certainly happening: the new Year 5 and 6 Librarians have been selected and have introduced themselves in assembly; the school council has been elected and have shared their initial ideas; and we have plans to increase the roles and responsibilities our younger children play too—with a new Eco-group and a Road Safety Group. So, watch this space in the coming months to find out more.

## BOOK COMPETITION

Win a £5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Simply draw a picture of your favourite character and send it to school by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. There will be one winner in each class, and we will announce the results in Friday's celebration assembly. If you write the name of the character on the *back* of the picture (not the front), we will see if the other children can guess who the character is.

Winning entries will be displayed in the library.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

You should all have received details of the flu immunisations that will take place for all children from Reception to Year 6 on 29<sup>th</sup> October. The closing date for signing up for this is 15<sup>th</sup> October. Simply follow the link in the letter you were sent, or call 0300 555 5055.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well done to all of you who completed the Summer Reading Challenge with the local libraries. You should now all have received your certificates. Please bring them into school next week so that we can celebrate your achievement in Friday assembly and so you can get your

10 HOUSE POINTS!

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please put the 17<sup>th</sup> October in your diaries and join us at the church at 9.30am for our Harvest Festival. This is always a lovely occasion with super singing, lovely presentations and the opportunity to reflect on some serious issues too. As usual, we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank.

At the end of the year, children in Year 6 will visit the Hollowford Centre in the Peak District for their residential. There will be a meeting about the trip for all parents of Year 6 children on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

Parent consultations will be held after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please book a slot from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October by signing up in the entrance foyer, or email or call the school.

This will be our chance to share with you how well your child has settled in to the new academic year and for you to see the work in their books. We will also share individual targets for each child and talk about ways you can support your child at home. Our aim is to meet with the parents of **every** child, so if you can't make it to Parents evenings, please talk to your child's teacher to book an

## MR TAYLOR

Mr Taylor is making a good recovery following his operation and has been in contact with us all by phone. If all goes to plan, we hope to have him back with us towards the end of the week, or soon after.

## OPEN THE BOOK



The Open the Book team is looking for volunteers! They are a friendly bunch, and need a couple more people to help with our school assemblies (usually a couple each term). There's not a lot of work involved (a bit of planning, story-reading if you'd like to, and acting, if you'd like to)! The children enjoy these assemblies and get a lot from them. If you can spare a little time, please contact Jennifer Chetwynd, either by email: [jenniferchetwynd@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jenniferchetwynd@tiscali.co.uk) or by speaking to either Rev Susan Loxton or letting us know!