

# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

5th February 2020



**FRESSINGFIELD  
COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## SHARE AFTERNOON

We would like to invite you to our Share afternoon, which will be on Friday 14th February—Safer Internet Day. The focus will be on ways we can ensure our children's safety when they are online.

There will be a presentation and general talk by Mr Taylor, which includes some genuinely shocking statistics, in particular about the ages children are exposed to inappropriate content online.

The session is designed to give practical ideas and advice and to provide a forum for parents to share their ideas. As parents ourselves, we know that it is helpful to all have a consistent answer when confronted by the line: "All my friends are allowed to go on it!"

Children from across the school will also be sharing the work they have done in the lead up to the day.

We hope you will be able to join us.



## BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Basketball team who came 4th in their competition on Wednesday. The team drew each of their first three pool matches, thereby qualifying for the play-off places. Our reporter on the scene says that all played extremely well and in a good spirit. Well done team Fressingfield!



Welcome back to a new decade at Fressingfield Primary School. The spring term is always a great time to be in school: the children are settled and confident; the routines are established; friendships are rekindled after the Christmas break; and the children work incredibly hard. It is wonderful how much they seem to achieve in these two short half-terms. Already, we have seen excellent examples of work in assembly: messages to the Bear That Can't Sleep in Reception, clearly written instructions in Danube, wonderful Robin Hood legends in Colorado class, incredible playscripts in Congo and vividly-described diaries from the slopes of Everest in Yangtze class. We can't wait to share it all with you at Parents' Evening!

## HILLTOP RESIDENTIAL

Letters for the Year 4 Residential have now gone out.

This trip, to the marvellous Hilltop Centre ([www.hilltopoutdoorcentre.co.uk](http://www.hilltopoutdoorcentre.co.uk)) on the North Norfolk Coast, is for children in Year 4 and, for this first year only, Year 5 (children who will be in Year 4 and 5 in the autumn term 2020). We are delighted to finally be able to offer this trip as it has been in discussion for a long time.

The centre is full of exciting activities, such as mega zip wires, huge swings, archery, etc in a beautiful woodland setting. The activities are designed to help children take risks (in a safe environment), to challenge themselves, to work cooperatively with peers, and to grow in confidence and self-esteem.

We also think it would be excellent preparation for the week-long trip children to the Hollowford Centre in the Peak District that children undertake in Year 6. If you have any questions at all about payment schedules, dates, etc, please contact Ms Perry or Mrs Drax.

## READING

We have a small team of dedicated volunteers who come and listen to the children read in school, to whom we offer our thanks. However, we are still a little short, and some classes don't have an adult to hear readers at all. Reading with children can be a very rewarding experience, especially as you start to see the progress they are making over time. If you are able to offer an afternoon or a morning each week, or you know someone who can, please contact Mrs Drax or Mr Leicester who will be only too keen to give you further details. Thank you.

Our Value this term is  
**COMPASSION**

## GUINEA PIGS

If you are able to care for our guinea pigs over the holiday periods, please come and see Mr Leicester to add your name to our list. Thank you.

## PARENTS EVENINGS

Parent consultations will be held after school on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February. Please book a slot from Tuesday 4th February by signing up in the entrance foyer, or by emailing or calling the school.

This will be our chance to share with you the progress your child has made over the last term and 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 alternative appointment.

## ANNIE—LITTLE STARS

Many Fressingfield children (and former Fressingfield children) are taking part in the Little Stars performance of Annie on Saturday 22nd February at 2.30pm and 7.30pm at the Cut in Halesworth. They always put on a good show and I'm sure they'd love your support. Tickets are available from Mrs Drax.

## END OF THE DAY

The end of the day is always a busy time in class as the children gather their things and get ready to go home. In some classes (especially in Key Stage 1), the children will be still changing from PE in their classes right up until the end of the day. Please could all parents stand a little way back from the window at this time so that the children can concentrate on what they need to do, and so that they can get changed in private. Thank you.