



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

16th April 2021

Welcome back! The summer term is always a fun time to be in school, packed as it is with special days, school trips, fun on the field, sports days, pond-dipping, performances and exciting learning; I'm so pleased we will all be able to enjoy it 'in real life' rather than via a computer link! There is lots to look forward to this term—this newsletter shows just how busy we are already. We hope the roadmap to further relaxing of lockdown restrictions will mean we are able to welcome you back into school later in the term to enjoy some of these events with us.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

Our school is about to embark on a journey to become a Rights Respecting School. This programme, run by UNICEF, puts children's rights at the heart of the curriculum. Led by the children, the project aims to create safe and inspiring places to learn where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive.

An invitation to a short zoom meeting to introduce the award will be circulated shortly, and I urge you to join me to find out more. If you are interested in being part of our RRSA Steering Committee, please contact the school or join us at the meeting.



RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

You may know that the national curriculum guidance for the teaching of RSE was recently amended. As such, our PSHE lead Ms Perry is launching a consultation about our RSE curriculum. We are really keen to hear your views about the proposed scheme of work (Jigsaw) we would like to adopt at Fressingfield Primary School. A power-point and questionnaire will shortly be sent home and we look forward to reading your responses.

BOTTLE TOPS

Please continue to collect all your plastic bottle tops and send them into school. We will need thousands for the sensory garden. Thank you.



SKIP-2-B-FIT

The Skip-2-B-Fit team will be in school on Wednesday 21st April. Every child from Reception to Year 6 will take part in one of these award-winning workshops which use special ropes that count the skips the children do.

Please could every child come to school in their PE Kit on Wednesday.



LEARNING CHARACTER OF THE WEEK:

THE CHANGING CHAMELEON



The Changing Chameleon loves to learn and has a sense of herself as a learner. She knows she can get better at things over time, that she can set goals for herself and that she will get there in the end. This learning dimension is called 'Changing and Learning' The opposite of this dimension is being 'stuck,' or demotivated and believing that learning power is 'fixed.' Successful learners instead are self-aware: they understand that we all change and adapt all the time, and that everything they do is a lesson learned. The Changing Chameleon shows us how to make sense of our learning by seeing it in a wider context, as part of our life story, or our 'learning journey.'

PARENTS' EVENING CONSULTATIONS

Parents Evening Consultations will take place between 26th April and 7th May. Please expect a phone call at some point during these two weeks. Some of the teachers will be calling from their mobile calls, so their numbers may appear as being 'withheld.' The EYFS consultations will be held face-to-face outside under the EY canopy on the evenings of 28th April and 5th May. Please sign up, by contacting the office for an appointment to see Miss Bennett and Mrs East from Thursday 22nd. Further details to follow.

REFLECTIVE SHED AND SENSORY GARDEN

I'm sure you've noticed the installation of our new Reflective Shed near the school gates. This space will soon be turned into a calm, reflective area where children can take time out to be still and thoughtful. We're grateful to Cllr Haddingham for providing the funding for this project.

The children of Yangtze Class have taken on the challenge of turning the area around the shed into a Sensory Garden. They started by researching the plants and features they would like to include, then they wrote persuasive letters to local businesses to ask for their support.

The children were delighted to receive letters of support and contributions from Surface Solutions East Anglia, Mr Peter Davidson, Central England Co-op, Middleton Nurseries, the Spar in Stradbroke, Cone Tree Nursery and Cam Planning, and they are still hoping to hear back from other businesses too. If you are able to support with the project—especially if you have any gardening expertise, please contact Mr Leicester.

TRAVERSING WALL

We are all very excited about our new traversing wall which was installed just before Easter. The children will shortly have an introduction session to teach them how to use the wall safely, after which it will form a daily part of our playtime activities.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Now the weather is improving, please can we urge all children to wear their normal school uniform and to avoid wearing hoodies. Thank you.

Our Value this term is :
PERSEVERANCE