

#### 8.45am DROP OFF

Please aim to get to school as close to 8.45am as possible. Our Early Morning Tasks start as soon as the children arrive at 8.45am so, if children arrive after this time, they often don't have the time to complete or to get themselves ready before Guided Reading starts at 9am. Thank you.

#### JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY

I'm sure you might be wondering why the school's Jubilee Bank Holiday was reset for Friday 18th Feb. We were asked to reschedule to align with the rest of Suffolk and the School Transport Service.

### IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year to all our families. We love the Spring Term at Fressingfield Primary School: the children are familiar with their teachers and all their class routines and they work purposefully and enthusiastically; we all get excited about our new topics; and the days are getting longer and warmer. This year, we have lots to look forward to - Forest Schools for our youngest children, the Hilltop Residential for the Year 4s and trips to Colchester Castle for Key Stage 2. Keep an eye on the website for photos and updates of everything that's going on.

#### **NEW SCHOOL EMAIL**

Please note, the school email will be changing on 28th February to office@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk Please update your address book and send all future correspondence to our new email. Thank you.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Parent Consultations will take place after school on 15th, 16th and 17th of February. Booking forms will be made available shortly.

### **EARLY YEARS BOOK START**

21st January 2022

If you have a child in Nursery or Reception, please join us on the morning of 4th March for a Book Start workshop. The Book Start charity provides free books to Reception children across the country every year. Come and join Mrs Wright, Mrs East and the children for a learning workshop and join in with lots of activities linked to the book. You will also find out how we support our children with their first steps in reading. We are hoping every child will have a family member to work with so, if you aren't able to make it, please talk to grandparents, uncles or aunts and ask them to reserve the date.

#### **BUG CLUB PHONICS**

We have recently purchased the Bug Club of phonics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1. As part of the scheme, children will soon have digital reading books assigned to them in addition to their physical books. The books will be very closely matched to their current reading ability and their progression through the phonics phases. Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will shortly be issued



with their personal log-in where they will be able to find their reading books and complete the linked games.

### **ODD SOCKS DAY**

Thank you to our brilliant Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for organising assemblies throughout Anti-Bullying Week and the Joke Competition on Odd Socks day. My

favourite joke of the day was: What's the best way to count cows? With a cow-culator!



#### LENDING LIBRARY

Thank you for the generous donations of good quality books over the last few months. Mrs Phonics resources to support the teaching Johnson will be sorting through these to relaunch our Lending Library over this half term. In addition to their reading books, your child will be able to bring back a book of their choice each week chosen from the brand-new books in our lending library. We will be trying to stock as many of the books on the Essential Guide to Books for each year group.

### UNDERCRACKERS **NEEDED!**

Please could we have any clean pants and socks your child has grown out of for our stockpile. We have a shortage in our emergency reserves! Thank you.

#### **DONATIONS**

Thank you for all your contributions to Children In Need, Save the Children and The Children's Society. Another joke for you (from Mrs Buckenham): Why couldn't Pudsey finish his dinner? Because he was stuffed!



#### **COLCHESTER CASTLE**

Years 2-6 will be visiting Colchester Castle on Monday 7th March to learn about the Romans in Britain and Queen Boudicca's rebellion. Further details will come out shortly but, if you are available and would like to join us, you might want to put the date in the diary. Thank you.

#### WELLIES

Thank you for bringing in wellies. We are now on the school field every lunchtime. If you haven't already done so, please make sure your child has wellies so they can join in too.













#### HOME-SCHOOL BOOKS

At Fressingfield Primary School, it is our expectation that children will read at home every day. Please make sure the Home-School Books are kept up-to-date and are signed. We review each child's Home-School Book every week and hand out certificates for regular reading.

### **TINY TALES STORYTELLER**

We are delighted to welcome back Hannah Brailsford of www.tinytalesstorytellers.co.uk on 2nd February to work with Waveney and Danube classes and the Year 2 children in Colorado Class. The children loved this last year. The session will support the children's work on Winter and Cold Places. We are grateful to FOFSA for funding this once again.



# WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

We have a new date for the Walk on the Wild Side which was unfortunately postponed due to poor weather in the Autumn. We have booked the last day of term—Thursday 7th April—as the new date. This is a family event: we are hoping all children in Nursery and Reception will have an accompanying adult, and we would love as many families of our older children to join us too. More details to follow.



#### **NEW WEBSITE**

Fressingfield Primary School website was the class teachers and has lots of lovely is also a useful source of information—the school's curriculum and progression is explained, the ELLI powerpoints are there, details about governors and all the latest liked and if you think there is anything we



Have you seen our new website? The recently relaunched and is now much easier to navigate. It is being updated regularly by photos of our children working and playing. It newsletters. Once you've explored, we'd love to hear what you think. Let us know what you could still add. Thank you.

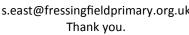
### FRESSINGFIELD FRIDAY **BOOK WORMS**

We are really looking forward to the launch of our Friday Book Worms initiative. On Friday afternoon, straight after lunch, every child will pair up with a child from another class to spend 20 minutes reading quietly together. This is a chance for older children to support the younger ones with their reading, and for the older readers to share a short story with the younger ones.



# **CLIMBING FRAME**

Are you handy? We need your help. FOFSA have bought a wonderful wooden climbing frame for the EYFS Garden, but we need help putting it together. If you think you could help, please contact Mrs East on s.east@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk











HILLTOP VISIT The children in Year 4 are getting very excited about the forthcoming visit to Hilltop on the North Norfolk Coast. Remember, if you have any concerns or questions, or need to let us

know about any medical issues,

please do so straight away and complete

the form sent home today. We are

intending to post photos and updates on

the website each day (they usually appear

first thing in the morning) so you can keep

in touch with all the fun and games.



## FOFSA'S FEELGOOD FRIDAY STALL & FILM **CLUB**

To support the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, FOFSA will be running a Feelgood Friday Treat Stall at the end of the day on the first Friday of each month. They will be selling snacks and treats. If you would like to contribute a plate of cookies, or a box of cupcakes, please bring them in on the morning of the sale. Thank you.

FOFSA have also organised a film club afterschool on Friday 11th February. Details to follow.