



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

21st January 2022

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.

## 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.

## BUG CLUB PHONICS

We have recently purchased the Bug Club Phonics resources to support the teaching 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!



## NEW SCHOOL EMAIL

Please note, the school email will be changing on 28th February to [office@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk](mailto: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.

## LENDING LIBRARY

Thank you for the generous donations of good quality books over the last few months. Mrs 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!



## EARLY YEARS BOOK START

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.



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## 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.



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## 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](http://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

Have you seen our new website? The Fressingfield Primary School website was recently relaunched and is now much easier to navigate. It is being updated regularly by the class teachers and has lots of lovely photos of our children working and playing. It 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 newsletters. Once you've explored, we'd love to hear what you think. Let us know what you liked and if you think there is anything we could still add. Thank you.



## 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.



## 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](mailto:s.east@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk) 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.

## 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.

