



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

20th January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new year at Fressingfield Primary School. The Spring Term is always so purposeful and productive—the children are comfortable in their classes and know the routines and expectations, and the learning seems to rattle along at a fine pace. There is lots going on as always, not least of which is a full calendar of sporting events (details overleaf). Newsletters should now have come home about the topics being covered in each class along with the appropriate knowledge organisers so you can keep abreast of what the children are learning. Please come to us if you have any queries or questions—we are only too happy to help. Finally, all the staff would like to say thank you for the Christmas pressies—they were very gratefully received.

WONDERDOME

During Science Week, which will take place from 13th—17th March, we will be hosting the

Wonderdome, a travelling planetarium that will be set up in the school hall. Each class will visit the Wonderdome for a specially tailored workshop about the Earth, the Moon, the Sun, the planets, the stars and all things Space! You can find out more about the Wonderdome here (<https://wonderdome.co.uk>)

The Wonderdome is being paid for entirely by FOFSA, so thank you very much. We can't wait!



NATIONAL STRIKE ACTION

As I'm sure you're aware, the National Education Union will be calling four days of strike action in our area on the 1st February and 1st, 15th and 16th March. At this stage, we don't know how this will affect the running of the school, but we will keep you informed as soon as we can about any possible disruption.

SAFER PARKING

Our Junior Road Safety Officers would like to remind parents that there should be no parking on the ring outside school, and especially in front of the school where the buses park. Please park in the Baptist Chapel car park instead. Thank you.

PARENTS EVENINGS

We will be holding parents evenings after school on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. If your child has a Learning Support Plan, we are holding additional meetings prior to this date to review the progress and to set new targets. We hope you are able to join us.

PC SIMON GREEN

The JRSOs were delighted to welcome PC Simon Green to school last Wednesday to lead an assembly about road safety. The children learnt about safe places to cross the road and how to be safe near traffic.

The JRSOs are putting together a portfolio of all the work they have done to improve Road Safety Awareness at Fressingfield in the hope of achieving one of the JRSO Awards later in the year. They are looking forward to meeting Ann Battershill, who manages the JRSO programme in Suffolk at the end of this month.



FOODBANK

If you and your family are struggling and you need some food, please contact Rev Susan on 01379 388493.



SAFEGUARDING

Thank you to all who came to the Safeguarding Training at the start of term, and especially the FOFSA team who attended in force. One of the key messages of the training is that safeguarding the welfare of children is the responsibility of all adults: we all need to know the impact of abuse or neglect and our responsibilities if we encounter it. This video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYBUY1kZpf8>) gives a powerful insight into the impact of childhood trauma on the developing brain.



SOCIAL MEDIA

It has come to our attention that occasionally class Whatsapp groups are being used by some parents to raise concerns. We would suggest that this is not the best place to discuss sensitive issues. We would also like to make it clear that some of the comments on these groups about incidents or the school are not factually correct.

If you have any comments, queries or concerns, please raise them with the class teacher, with Mr Leicester or with Mr Taylor. Thank you.

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ATHLETICS AT FRAMLINGHAM

A mixed team of children from across Key Stage 2 went to Thomas Mills High School for an Athletics Competition on Tuesday after school. Following a very successful round of Field events, including some first places in the javelin, triple-jump and standing long-jump, we were in second position overall, but following the Track events we finally ended up in fourth. Mrs Vauden, Ms Tuthill and I were really pleased with the team's commitment, determination and enthusiasm—especially considering how late the event finished.

Well done all.



BIKEABILITY

Bikeability Training for Year 5 and Year 6 will take place next week. There will be two courses—one on Monday and Tuesday, the second on Wednesday and Thursday. If your child is taking part, they will have come home with a letter detailing which group they are in and the clothes and equipment they need. Please check your bikes over the weekend to ensure they are road-worthy and make sure you have completed the permission slips and returned them to school. The children are welcome to leave their bikes at school overnight this week.

THE GREAT CHARITY SHOP BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT!

We have achieved our target: the pile of donated books has reached the Red Hot target on our Book-o-meter. Thank you to everyone who contributed a book. The Librarians are now going through the Essential Guides again to work out exactly what we have in school and what we still need to buy, then FOFSA will be buying the books we don't have.

PE KITS

Please make sure your child has their PE Kit in school on the day they are doing PE. PE Kits can be kept in school, but you are also welcome to bring them back and forth as long as they have them on the right days. Thank you.

MEDICINE IN ORIGINAL PACKETS

If you need to send medicine in for your child, please send it in the original packet. A permission slip will also need to be completed to allow us to administer it. Thank you.



DATE	EVENT
Fri 20th Jan	Chinese New Year
Mon 23rd—Thurs 26th Jan	Bikeability for Year 5 and Year 6
Thurs 26th Jan	School Nurse Checks Year Reception
Fri 27th—Sun 29th Jan	Big School's Bird Watch Weekend
Mon 30th Jan	Boccia
Tue 31st Jan	Junior Road Safety Officers meeting Ann Battershill from Suffolk CC
Fri 3rd Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Tue 7th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tue 7th Feb	Y5/6 Orienteering Event Hartismere 12.45pm—3pm
Wed 8th -Thurs 9th Feb	Parents Evenings
Mon 13th—Frid 17th Feb	HALF TERM
Fri 3rd March	World Book Day
Fri 3rd March	FOFSA Film Night 3.15pm— 5.30pm
Mon 13th—Fri 17th March	Science Week
Tue 14th March	Wonderdome (Whole School)
Fri 17th March	Sports Relief Day
Fri 17th March	Key Steps Gymnastics 9.30am—12.30pm Teams from KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6
Tue 21st March	'Bee' Netball 12pm—2.45pm
Mon 27th March	Swimming Gala Framlingham 9.30am—12pm
Wed 29th March	Quicksticks Hockey Magpies 12pm—2.45pm
Thur 30th March	Easter Service and Cups 9.30—10.30am
Fri 31st March	PD Day—School Closed
Mon 1st— Fri 16th April	Easter Holidays
Thurs 20th April	Suffolk Farm and Country Fair Y3/4 10am—2pm

OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS: COMPASSION