



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

30th March 2023

Over the last half term, we have experienced a significant amount of sporting success: go Fressingfield! You'll read below about our netballers, hockey stars, cross-country runners, gymnasts and swimmers, and they have all experienced success. For the first time in a very long time, we have won both an individual and a team competition, and the school has also picked up a flurry of silver medals. Great stuff! Most pleasing though is the attitude of our players every time we take a team out to represent our school—their Fressingfield spirit comes with us. Our children are encouraging of others, passionate, enthusiastic, determined and sporting. It's nice to be able to hang medals around their necks. Happy Easter everyone. Enjoy the break!

THE BIG CAMP OUT

Save the date! A new date for the Big Camp Out has been decided: Friday 9th June. Letters will come out shortly after Easter, but please put the dates in your diaries. We invite you to come and join us for a cook-up, games, crafts and late-night stories around the bonfire before snuggling down in our sleeping bags and camping out on the school field. It was lovely last time to have older brothers and sisters back, so please feel free to come as a whole family.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

We took two teams to the netball tournament at Brandeston School last week and came away with a Silver Medal in the Compete Competition. This was a fantastic result in the face of stiff, very organised competition. Having got off to a rocky start, the compete team won their next matches and progressed through to the semi-finals. This match was full of drama and was delicately poised throughout; but despite numerous shots on both sides, the match remained locked at 0-0. A game of rock, paper, scissors eventually put the team through to the final where they were confronted with the same team they had played at the start of the afternoon. A silver medal was very well earned! Well done to both teams!



SWIMMING GALA

Well done to Jacob, Tobie, Sonny, Oscar, Summer, Poppy, Nancy and Melissa who took part in the Swimming Gala at Framlingham College this week. There were 15 teams in total—so many in fact that races were run in heats. We performed very well in our heats, finishing often in the top two or three and winning one first-place in the freestyle (well done Summer!) and we finished tenth overall.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Next term we will be fulfilling the long-held ambition of taking our older children to a university. Sometimes, living in our beautiful but isolated corner of the UK, it can be difficult to see clearly the possibilities and life-paths available to our children. For children living in cities, their choices and options are much more visible. We would like our children to know that university is an achievable and realistic prospect for many of them and are delighted to be able to take them to one of the world's very best. The trip will include a speech, a tour and a workshop and will be followed, in the afternoon, by a visit to a local museum. Letters will come out after Easter.

EASTER SERVICE

Thank you for joining us for our Easter Service at the Baptist Chapel. The children performed really well and sang beautifully. Happy Easter everyone.

RE VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL MOSQUE

Next term, on 16th June, there will be an opportunity for children across Key Stage 2 to visit the Central Mosque in Cambridge as we resume our programme of visits to Places of Worship that was interrupted by COVID. These trips (which have included the synagogue in Norwich, a gurdwara in Ipswich, an Orthodox church and the Catholic Cathedral) have been fantastic in the past and we are very much looking forward to this one. The trip will be voluntary and places will be given on a first-come-first-served basis so look out for the letter which will be sent out after the holidays.

PLEASE HELP US PUT UP A POLYTUNNEL

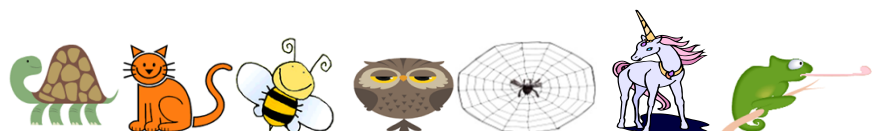
Thanks to the incredible efforts of Mrs Lindsey, a new polytunnel has been purchased for the school garden to replace the ripped one. And we need your help! Can you join us after school on Friday 28th April until 5pm to take down the old one, prepare the ground and start to put up its replacement? If you let us know in advance, we will be able to look after your children whilst you help with the work. If we have a big enough group, we will be able to both take down the old polytunnel and assemble the new one at the same time. We promise to keep you stocked up on tea and biscuits as you work. Please contact the office to let us know if you are able to help. A follow-up works evening will be held on Tuesday 16th May 3.15—5pm. Thank you.

KEY STAGE 2 EASTER REVISION: 10-4-10

I have explained to the children in Year 6 that, following a term of intensive hard work (and great progress), their brains are currently purring like the engines of Aston Martins. I really want to keep them this way. So, instead of turning the engines off for two weeks and letting them seize up, I would like the children to keep things ticking over gently through the Easter holidays. It's important because their SATs will take place shortly after they get back. The key to avoid spluttering starts and clouds of black smoke as they try to crank things back up again is the 10-4-10 Easter revision package. Over the 16 days of the Easter break, I would like them to spend ten minutes answering ten questions on ten days. There are arithmetic and reasoning questions to work through and some SPAG questions too. This is the best way of preparing so children can approach these tests with confidence. And furthermore, all children completing the booklets will win 10 points for their house and get the new term off to a flying start.

FOODBANK

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



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A WONDERFUL TERM

Well done Niall, Eva and Lorellai who have been presented with the Key Stage certificates for this term. These special awards are presented to children who have really impressed us with their attitude to learning over the course of the term. Well done. The awards in full:

- The Spice Awards for Art and D&T were presented to Jack, Daniel and Martha.
- The Mrs Tuthill Cup for Good Manners was presented to Stanley.
- The Reading Certificates were presented to Harper, Alfie, Jax, Sophia, Hector, Korbyn and Charlotte.



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT GOLD!

Both Hockey teams competing at the tournament at Magpies, Harleston did fantastically well. The 'develop' team progressed through to the semi-final having finished top of their round and the 'compete' team won the entire thing! The team's technical skills and experience shone through in some very one-sided games and a fiercely contested final which, ending as it did 0-0, resulted in joint gold medals being awarded. Well done all!



CROSS-COUNTRY GOLD!

Over thirty children from across Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the re-scheduled cross-country competition on Mellis Common last Friday.

The course, which stretches roughly 2km around the common, was particularly challenging this year due to the slippery mud. There were fun runs for those who preferred a more relaxed approach, and competitive races for others. Well done all for taking part and completing the course and well-done to Edward and Tobie who finished in the top five (thereby progressing to further competitions); and a special well-done to Liam who won his race. Fantastic!

BEGINNER WIND BAND

All children in Yangtze and Congo learning wind instruments are invited by the Suffolk Music Service to a summer series of rehearsals for the Beginner Wind Band free of charge. There will be seven free sessions from 8th May which will lead to a performance later in the summer. This is a fantastic opportunity for any of our clarinet or flute players who are keen to work towards a performance piece with others. Flyers will come out after the holidays with details of how to apply.



| DATE | EVENT |
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| Mon 17th April | Term Starts |
| Thu 20th April | Y3/4 Suffolk Farm and Country Park (all day) |
| Fri 21st April | Star of the Week Assembly resumes |
| Mon 24th April | FOFSA Uniform Sale 3.15pm Come and buy your summer dresses! |
| Wed 26th April | Colorado Class First Swim |
| Wed 26th April | Year 5 Science Morning at Stradbroke High School |
| Fri 28th April | Work Party to put up the new polytunnel 3.15-5pm Free childcare available |
| Fri 5th May | Coronation Day Celebrations all day. Special lunch. |
| Mon 8th May | Coronation Bank Holiday |
| Tues 9th—Fri 12th May | Key Stage 2 SATs Week. |
| Mon 15th—Fri 19th May | Walk to School Week |
| Mon 15th May | Cross-country finals will be held this week. |
| Tue 16th May | Works Evening to finish putting up the new polytunnel 3.15pm—5pm Free child care available. |
| Thurs 18th May | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Mon 22nd May | HSSSP Tennis Tournament 12-2.45pm |
| Wed 24th—Frid 26th May | Year 6 Residential Hilltop |
| Tue 6th June | HSSSP Cricket Dynamos |
| Wed 7th June | Colorado Last Swim |
| Fri 9th June | The Big Camp Out |
| Wed 14th June | Danube First Swim |
| Thur 15th June | Quadkids Athletics Thomas Mills 9.30—5pm (depending on year group) |
| Mon 19th June | Crucial Crew Life Skills Stowmarket Year 6 12pm—5pm |
| Thur 29th June | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Mon 3rd July | Rounders Tournament Hartismere 12pm—2.45pm |
| Tue 4th July | Y6 Trip to Cambridge University |
| Frid 7th July | SPORTS DAY and FOFSA SUMMER FAIR 1pm—4pm |
| Mon 10th July | KS2 Summer Performance Dress Rehearsal |
| Tues 11th July | HSSSP Footgolf and Just Dance Hartismere 12.15pm—2.30pm |
| Tues 11th and Wed 12th July | KS2 Summer Performance 6pm |
| Fri 14th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Wed 19th July | Leavers Rounders Match and BBQ |
| Thurs 20th July | 9.30am Summer Church Service 2.30pm Leavers Service in school |
| Fri 21st July | PD Day |

A BEAUTIFUL BENCH

Thank you Ted and Mr Cossey for our beautiful garden bench. As the first signs of spring appear in our sensory garden, the children now have a wonderful bench to sit on and admire it all.