



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023

Welcome back to another new year at Fressingfield Primary School. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and a well-deserved rest. As teachers, we always love this time of the year—it is always a pleasure to get to know a new class of children, help them settle into their new routines and begin their learning journeys. As ever, we are particularly pleased to welcome the new children to Reception: I'm sure they will find it a friendly and supportive place. We hope the shuffle-up meetings were useful this year, to give everyone an introduction to what life is like for the children in their new classes. The powerpoints can be found on the website, so if you weren't able to make it you can see what was covered. As ever, there is a lot to look forward to this term including visits by a pair of well-being donkeys at the start of term, and a Christmas Panto at the end. We will try to keep you up to date every two weeks with this newsletter, but if you have any other compliments, questions or concerns, please catch your class teacher at the end of the day, and they will be happy to talk to you. Mr L

BONJOUR! HOLA! CIAO! EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On Tuesday 26th September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages once again. The focus for each class will be a different country. We will spend the day getting to know the language, the stories, the geography and the cultural life of each country. We would like the children to come dressed for the occasion in the colours of their class' country's flag.

Waveney: Italy (Green, White, Red)

Danube: Spain (Red and Yellow)

Colorado: Portugal (Green and Red)

Congo: Germany (Black, Red, Yellow)

Yangtze: Ukraine (Blue and Yellow)

Watch this space and the website to see photos of what we get up to.

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD AWARD

We are really proud to announce that we achieved a School Games Gold Award for our commitment to inter-school competition last year. A commitment to school sports flows from our second curriculum driver— *Healthy for Life*— and it is one of our strengths. Last year, we participated in over 80% of the available inter-school competitions including both Development and Compete level competitions and fully accessible events too. This figure was the second highest in the area. It is our aim that every child will represent the school at some point during their journey through our school and have the opportunity to take part in something fun and develop the sporting values of passion, teamwork, honesty, respect, self-belief and determination.



WELL-BEING DONKEYS

We are really looking forward to the visit of two miniature Well-Being Donkeys on Tuesday 19th September. The day will start with an introduction to the donkeys in a whole-school assembly at 9.30am. Each class will then visit the donkeys on the field to ask questions and get to know them better.

Please let us know if your child is allergic to horses or donkeys so we can take appropriate action.

We are really grateful to FOFSA for organising this special visit for us and we look forward to telling you all about it in due course.

JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY GOLD!

What a fantastic year for the Junior Road Safety Officers we had last year, culminating in a GOLD JRSO certificate from Ann Battershill and the JRSO Team at Suffolk County Council. Our dedicated team of four (Oliver, Hannah, Chloe and Melissa) officers organised a whole host of activities including: speed checks on the Stradbroke Road, logo competitions, posters about speed awareness and drink driving in the village and checks on who had left their engines running at drop-off and pick-up. This is the first year our JRSOs have ever achieved gold, so we are extremely proud.

This year, we are looking for four more passionate Year 5 or Year 6 pupils to take on the role. All you have to do is write to Mr Leicester by 29th September to explain why you think you would make a good JRSO and what you would want to do if you were given the job. Good luck!



POLYTUNNEL PARTY!

Can you help us put up our polytunnel? We need a team of willing helpers to stay for a few hours after school to finish putting the frame up, to use the timber to create the frame for the door, and to stretch over the plastic sheeting itself. It might need a few sessions, but the more people we have, the less time it will take. Please let us know if you can help, or simply turn up on the day.



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FIERCE OR FRIENDLY?



The children in Congo Class made some amazing creatures during DT last term that you can find on the website here: <http://www.fressingfield.suffolk.sch.uk/gallery/is-your-creature-fierce-or-friendly>.

It's worth checking the website once in a while to see what's new—the photos from Darwin Rocks, Sports Day, the Year 6 water fight and the Cups Winners are all on the news pages.

LIBRARY HELPERS & VOLUNTEER READERS

We are looking for a team of two volunteers to help each week with our library. We have



a very well-stocked library that is constantly being improved and each year we appoint a team of dedicated, enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 librarians. However, we desperately need adult help. Are you able to spare the time to support us with our library? Can you help the children change their reading books? Are you willing to listen to children read? An afternoon each week would make a massive difference. If you can help, please contact Mr Leicester on j.leicester@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

In order to make children's starts and ends of the day as happy and smooth as possible, please aim to be on time with morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am. Children invited to Early Birds are invited to come for 8.25am so they can start promptly at 8.30am. The school gates will be open from 8.40am ready for the school day to start at 8.45am.

At the end of the day, please be prompt with picking up at 3.15pm. Thank you.

After-school clubs finish at 4.15pm.

Remember, there is an after-school club for anyone who requires it until 5.15pm.

Please let the office know if you would like to sign up.

PUPIL MEDICATION

If your child needs medication during the school day, we require the Administration of Medication form to be completed. Please contact Mrs Drax for one.

Thank you.

DATE	EVENT
Tue 19th Sept	Well-Being Donkeys visiting the school AM
Thurs 21st Sept	Polytunnel Party (3.20—5.30pm)
Thurs 21st Sept	FOFSA Meeting at School (7.00pm)
Friday 22nd Sept	Polytunnel Party (3.20—5.00pm)
Tues 26th Sept	European Day of Languages Dress Up Day
Wed 27th Sept	Y6 Taster Morning at Stradbroke High School and Open Evening
Mon 2nd—Fri 6th Oct	Support Plan Update Meetings with parents
Wed 4th Oct	Sukkot Child-Led Assembly
Thurs 5th Oct	National Poetry Day
Fri 6th Oct	FOFSA Harvest Disco (After school)
Wed 18th—Thurs 19th Oct	Parents Evenings (3.30—6.00pm)
Thurs 19th Oct	Harvest Festival (9.30—10.30am)
Fri 20th Oct	Black History Month Celebration—Black Britons
23rd—27th Oct	HALF TERM
Wed 1st Nov	Curriculum Meeting for Parents in Waveney Class (5.30—6.30pm)
Mon 6th—Wed 8th Nov	Y4 Hilltop Residential
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need Dress Up Day
Mon 20th Nov	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 23rd Nov	VANCOLS Individual Photos
Tues 12th Dec	Waveney, Danube & Colorado Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal (9.30—10.30am)
Wed 13th—Thurs 14 Dec	Waveney, Danube & Colorado Christmas Nativity Double Bill (9.30—10.30am)
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Mon 18th Dec	Christmas Panto in School
Tues 19th Dec	Last Day for Pupils
Wed 20th Dec	PD DAY



WELLIES

Please bring in a pair of wellies to wear on the school field. Our intention is to use our lovely field throughout the winter, but the

children will need to wear wellies at playtime as the weather gets wetter. Please make sure the wellies are named with permanent marker. If you don't have a spare pair of wellies at home, simply let us know and we can give your child one of the very many pairs of spares we have in school.