



The Federation of
**Fryern Infant &
Junior Schools**

Growing Together, Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Fryern Federation News #5

We have made it through to February... slowly, subtly the mornings are getting lighter and the evenings are getting longer. The future is getting brighter in more ways than one. Alongside today's newsletter are the full results from the parent survey you were kind enough to contribute to a couple of weeks ago. 183 responses was a positive and representative sample from all across our Federation and there is much to take away from the answers. Although we have been able to make some quick and identifiable changes, school improvement takes both time and planning to work well, and I thank you in advance for your support and patience as we continue to get better every day. We're still trying out new newsletter formats and there have been a range of opinions about our attempts... so today is a more traditional, simplified version and at half term we will go to the forum of public opinion to see which style is most popular. Kind of like a newsletter version of 'Gladiators', only without the muscles, lycra or budget....

- **Parent Questionnaire Results.** As stated above, the opinions are in and have been collated. We're doing analysis within our schools and considering how we can proceed effectively. It is clear that enough of you would like more information on what your child is learning, and how well they are doing - we have heard you. I hope the upcoming parents' evenings will give you confidence that the quality of feedback you are getting is on the up and please bear with us while we make further improvements in the future.

- **New gate opening/locking timings.** There are two factors driving this upcoming change - safeguarding all children and punctuality of attendance. As much as there are oodles of great things about Fryern, there are also some things that we can all tighten up on and now's a great time to start. In the Junior school, classroom doors open at 08.40am and close at 08.50am with registers and learning happening straight away. In the Infant school doors open at 08.45am and close for learning and registers at 08.55am. Ideally, all children should arrive at school **when the doors open** so that they can be sorted out in time for the start of the day. From Monday, I have asked Mr Gamblin to lock the gates to the Junior school from 08.50am, and walk around to lock the gates to the Infants, including the alleyway, at 08.55am. Anyone arriving after that time will have to go through the office to sign in as late - which will mean a longer walk if you are coming up the alleyway. Open gates mean children can escape, and

late children mean they are missing learning - both things that we are very keen to avoid. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation getting your children into school as close to 08.40am (Juniors) and 08.45am (Infants).

- **Governor Update.** The Full Governing Body met on Monday 29 January - formally welcoming Jeremy Payne as the new Executive Head Teacher and also Hannah Wickens, our new Business Manager. We look forward to working with and supporting them in this new chapter for the Fryern Federation. The Governors also formally thanked Miss Piggini and Miss Roberts for their work as interim Head Teachers including safeguarding policies and procedures, improving the website and continuing to develop the Quality of Education. Jeremy was able to update Governors on his first month in role, concentrating on safeguarding, the Quality of Education, behaviour, pupil outcomes, the raw results from the staff survey, increasing our community visibility and plotting a path of development and improvement to enhance everyone's learning experience across our Federation.
- **Parents' Evenings.** Booking for parents evening will open next week and the dates have been added to the 'Dates for the Diary' below. Year 2 parents evening will take place Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February with the remaining sessions scheduled over Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th March. Further information regarding how to book, timings, etc will be communicated next week.
- **Safer Internet Day 2024.** Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day, and all of next week our learning will be driven by a focus on helping children to understand and navigate the perils and possibilities of this cyber world. We will be joining a national online assembly on the subject on Tuesday, gathering children's opinions and learning in age appropriate ways about online safety. To help us, we also need to understand your voice so we can tailor materials and support for parents as well - it's hard work to juggle the way your children use their devices and we all need to work together. So, please could you take five minutes to fill out the following survey - ideally one per child if you have more than one...
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVGLKY3>
- **Children's Mental Health Week 2024.** Next week is also [Children's Mental Health Week](#) and this year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. As part of this important learning, children will be exploring ideas around how they can feel empowered and equipped to express themselves. Monday's whole Federation assembly will be based on this theme also.
- **Science Workshops.** This week saw the whole school working scientifically. Every child enjoyed a workshop delivered by 'Sparky', the scientist [from Sublime Science](#). This was organised in November and kindly paid for by Fryern Acorns (our PTA) who do amazing things for our community and provide additional activities and financial support to allow us to put on great opportunities like this. The children also enjoyed a day exploring different aspects of science, including the Fryern Grand Prix and We Are Scientists - you will see more about this on our [social media channels](#) and on the website.

- **Valentine's Raffle.** A reminder that Mrs Herrick's valentine's raffle is now open. Tickets can be purchased from the school office and the cost is £1 for a strip of five tickets. The winner will receive a beautiful hamper which is available to view in Reception.

So, spoiler alert... I'm human. I know many children think that my colleagues and I live in school in a cupboard somewhere and don't exist like normal people in the real world - wheeled out in the daytime to project forth learning before being shoved back into the dark recesses when the night closes in. However, not true! So I'm not too proud to openly admit that whenever I send out one of those surveys, there's a decent part of me that scans the responses with the human instinct to question 'do they like me?', 'am I doing a good job?' or 'have they figured out that I am Payne not Pain, yet?' Well, anyway, thank you for some of your kind and thoughtful comments.

I objected to one however, which said that 'It is refreshing to see a new head bringing new life blood to the school.' and I'm not being falsely modest here. Blood is what courses through the veins of a person or, in this situation, an organisation. The Fryern Federation of Schools. It was evident from minute one of my interview here that there was a sleeping giant of community, passion, creativity and positivity running through the whole double act of schools. Colleagues, children, parents and Governors. If we're being completely honest, all I've done is stood on the gate and made silly noises at children, or fist bumped them, and turned the newsletter into a flashy cartoon (today's version exempted). What's made the difference is that you have stepped up - our community has looked in the mirror and decided that 'today is going to be a good day'. I feed off that energy and so do the whole of the Federation team. YOU, and the children, are the existing life-blood and heart beat of our school and I am grateful you've given me a chance to join you. Thanks again, I'm scared about how much fun we could have. Let's keep that momentum going!

One more set of five school days and then you can have them back for a whole week... How have we nearly completed a half term already??

With my best wishes,

Jeremy
Executive Headteacher

#fryernfamily
#positivityisastateofmind
#toomuchfuntocallitwork

Workers of the Week

YR: Phoebe, Florrie, Casper & Holly

Y1: Arlo, Grace, Felix & Jacob B

Y2: Amelia, Jessica, Eliza J, Francesca, Dave & Luke

Y3: Rosie, William, Ella, Elliott, Isabella, Alan, Niamh, George, Felicity, Ava, Felix & Austin

Y4: Freddie, Haizea, Holly, Kacey & Tabitha

Y5: Georgia K, Bethany, Georgia C, Liela, Freddie, Hannah & Phoebe

Y6: Khushi, Sofia, Orla, Mubeen, Freya, Riya, Kayla, Eduard Nitu & Shivanshi

Head Teacher Awards

YR: Reeva, Gracie, Florrie, Charlotte, Remi & Millie

Y1: Ruby, Harley, Grace S, Tommie

Y2: Jacob S, Myna, Francesca, Nancy S, Isaac, Amelia, Elizabeth, Eliza, Isla, Liam, Ewan, Ava-May

Y6: Blake, Chloe, Edward, William F, Setayesh, Eli & Jayden

Dates for the Diary

February

7th Wednesday	Year 4 Show – 2pm & 6pm
7th Wednesday	Year 6 Winchester Science Museum trip
8th Thursday	Year 2 Roald Dahl dress up day
9th Friday	Last day of term
12th Monday	Half term – school closed
19th Mon	Return to school
20th Tuesday	Year 6 Careers Day
27th Tuesday	Parents evening for Year 2 - details to follow
29th Thursday	Parents evening for Year 2 - details to follow

March

5th Tuesday	Parents evening - details to follow
6th Wednesday	Parents evening - details to follow
7th Thursday	Parents evening - details to follow
7th Thursday	World Book Day
12th Tuesday	Year R spring height, weight & vision check
13th Wednesday	Rock Steady concert - 9.30am
14th Thursday	Year 2 Listen to Me concert - 2.15pm*
15th Friday	Year 2 hockey tournament
18th Monday	Year 3 Marwell trip
20th Wednesday	Year 2 SeaCity Museum
20th Wednesday	Year 5 show – 2pm & 6pm
21st Thursday	Year 4 Listen to Me concert - 9.30am
22nd Friday	Rock Steady concert - 9.30am
25th Monday	Easter service – Willow & Oak – 1.30pm
26th Tuesday	Easter service – Cherry & Chestnut – 1.30pm
28th Thursday	Easter Bonnet Parade – time TBC
28th Thursday	Last day of term
29th Friday	Easter Holidays – school closed

April

15th Monday	Return to school
16th Tuesday	Year R Hilliers trip

May

3rd Friday	Year 1 trip to Arundel Castle
6th Monday	Bank holiday – school closed
6th Monday	Maypole dancing for Fryern Funtasia
13th Monday	SATS week
22nd Wednesday	Choir show – 6pm
24th Friday	Last day of term
27th Mon	Half term – school closed

June

3rd Monday	Return to school
5th Wednesday	Year R Church visit – 9am
7th Friday	Year 1 Church visit – 9am
10th Monday	Enterprise Week
17th Monday	Year 5 trip to Stubbington
25th Tuesday	Toynbee Induction Evening - 5.30-7.30pm
26th Wednesday	Toynbee Induction Evening - 5.30-7.30pm

July

1st Monday	Toynbee Induction Day - full school day
11th Thursday	Year 2 end of year show – 9.15am & 2pm
11th Thursday	Year 6 show - 1.30pm
12th Friday	Year 6 show - 1.30pm
15th Monday	Year 6 leavers party
19th Friday	Whole school picnic – 12pm, parents welcome (weather permitting)
19th Friday	Last day – school finishes at 1pm. BOOM!!
22nd Monday	INSET day – school closed
23rd Tuesday	INSET day – school closed

* **date amended**