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Growing Together, Learning for Life






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Fryern Federation News #8

The results are in!! After one hundred and thirty-eight people responded to our newsletter poll, we have crunched the numbers and learned, well, what we always knew, really.... Trying to be all things to all people in a community of 400 families is not a simple task! The results are included below, and there is quite a bit to unpick if you like your survey data (guess what, I do!) The headline is that by far the most popular newsletter style – the first one we did that changed the format – was also by far the least popular as well....!! So there was no easy answer. In the end, we judged the popularity of the newsletters with the following formula:

(%age 'Love it!' + %age 'I'd be OK with this') - %age 'I hated this one'.

Can you guess which one won? (Spoiler Alert: You're looking at it now...). Thanks to everyone for getting involved and sharing your feedback.

| | LOVE IT. IT'S MY FAVOURITE. | I'D BE OK WITH THIS ONE. | MEH. | NO, I REALLY DIDN'T GET ON WITH THIS ONE | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|-------|
|  | 18.66% 25 | 45.52% 61 | 23.13% 31 | 12.69% 17 | 134 |
|  | 25.00% 34 | 27.21% 37 | 14.71% 20 | 33.09% 45 | 136 |
|  | 13.53% 18 | 39.85% 53 | 20.30% 27 | 26.32% 35 | 133 |
|  | 8.89% 12 | 51.11% 69 | 22.22% 30 | 17.78% 24 | 135 |
|  | 17.39% 24 | 45.65% 63 | 28.99% 40 | 7.97% 11 | 138 |

- **Superstar Writer!** We have a published author!! This talented young wordsmith entered a competition to write a story in the suspense/horror genre. He wrote about a boy who looked in the mirror and saw a second shadow behind him. He tried to find help but the adults and his friends didn't believe him, and that night when he was lying in bed, the shadow appeared again.....We are very proud – watch out Stephen King!!



- **Parents' Evenings refreshments next week.** Next week we have parents' evenings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We hope that you enjoy hearing how well your children are doing and looking at their recent learning. We're grateful to the PTA for providing tea and coffee to give you a little boost as you arrive, and also to ABM, our new catering team, who will be on hand to provide food samples of some of the fresh meals that all our children are able to enjoy at lunchtime. As one parent said this week when they tasted the food – *'it's not like it was in my day...!'*



- **Parent Workshop 'Meet the SENDCo'.** Yesterday we were delighted to welcome 18 parents into school for an informal opportunity to meet our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo), Mrs Ford. This was a chance to explain a little about how we support children with additional needs, why we are passionate about supporting every child's learning and opportunities in the future for further workshops to continue our partnership work together. These sessions are opportunities to get together with other parents for coffee, biscuits and a chat, while also learning more about our practice and building connections. The next few sessions are currently scheduled for:

- Thursday 21st March. Presentation by our Educational Psychologist on *'What is a child's behaviour communicating? How can we respond?'*. Meet at 1.30pm for coffee, talk from 2pm-3pm.
- Thursday 25th April. Presentation by our Educational Psychologist on *'Introduction to Neurodiversity – how children (and adults!) brains can work differently'*. Meet at 1.30pm for coffee, talk from 2pm-3pm.
- May – TBC
- Thursday 13th June. Presentation by our Educational Psychologist on *'Supporting your child with transitions'*. Meet at 1.30pm for coffee, talk from 2pm-3pm.
- July – TBC

- **Safer Internet use survey.** Before half term we asked if you could support our understanding of computer use by filling out a short survey. The response to this one was not great, so we're having another go. We hope to use the outcomes of this survey, alongside ones we conducted with children in school, to identify next steps in our curriculum, support and guidance for children as well as how we can support parents more to keep their children safe. Go on, you know you've got five spare minutes...!!!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVGLKY3>

- **Visit from our local MP, Steve Brine.** We were lucky enough to have a visit today from our local MP for Winchester, Steve Brine. He came in to meet Mr Payne, hear about our current position, have a tour of the schools and to meet our school council who were able to ask him some questions about the best and worst parts of being an MP (visits to schools and social media, respectively) what he does in his job, the cost of living crisis and pollution in our rivers and seas. Everyone listened beautifully and we all learned a lot. Thank you, Mr Brine, for spending the time with us and answering our questions!



- **Would you like to join a parent forum to help improve our school?** Much like our SEND group, I am very keen to find a pool of parents who would be interested in coming to occasional meetings to discuss aspects of school life and provide feedback and consultation so that we can identify ways to continually get better. Your voice is very important, so if you would be interested in joining us (if you are a parent of a child in our schools then you are qualified and welcome!) then please add your name to the form below and we will be in touch. Thank you in advance – please don't be shy, everyone is welcome! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/986VXJ2>

- Easter Holiday Club.** We are delighted that we are hosting Easter Tech Olympiad holiday club from 9:00-3:30pm on 2-5th April. The EasterTech Olympiad, brought to you by ComputerXplorers is for young enthusiasts aged 5 -13. Our camp promises a thrilling adventure into the world of STEM, where innovation meets physical activity in a festive, fun-filled environment. At the EasterTech Olympiad, your child will embark on a journey of discovery and excitement, exploring the latest in coding, robotics, and digital arts, all while engaging in dynamic sports activities that promote teamwork, health, and well-being. Our unique program is crafted to spark creativity, foster critical thinking, and build essential skills for the digital age, setting the stage for future success. See the attached flyer for details of how to book. For children eligible for Free School meals, there are limited free spaces available.
- World Book Day** We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and are looking forward to seeing the children (and staff!) dressed up as a character from a book! As many classes have dressing up days during the year, we don't want parents to have to buy extra costumes for this day) so if your child wishes to just come in cosy clothes instead for our reading time they can. We will ask every child to bring in a bag of junk modelling with them!

Our day will be based around the books by Andy Seed – 'Interview with...'. Andy interviews animals using a 'tranimalator' and we would like the children to build their own 'tranimalator' to be able to interview an animal. Years 1 – 6 will be mixing up during the day to spend the day being creative and collaborative together!

As Part of World Book Week, each year group are also going to be visiting the Library to explore different types of books and authors. The times are as follows:

Monday 4th March: 9.30-10.00 am - **Dragons**, 11-11.30am - **Griffins** and 2-2.30pm - **Phoenix**

Tuesday 5th March: 1.30-2.00pm - **Faun** and 2-2.30pm - **Leviathan**

Wednesday 6th March: 9.30-10.00am - **Werewolf**, 10.30-11.00am - **Thunderbird**,
11-11.30am **Year 2**, 1.30-2.00pm **Sea Serpent** and 2-2.30pm - **Pegasus**

Thursday 7th March: 1.30-2.00pm **Pixies** and 2-2.30pm - **Elf**

Friday 8th March: 9.30-10.00am **Year 3**

So, we started the week with school closures and have finished it with sunshine, showers and some optimism. Next week we are going to be introducing some new systems and opportunities into the Junior school to enhance our offer to all children during lunchtime. It is the start of a process, but we hope it will give more purpose to this free time. I hope that you all manage to have a lovely weekend, as always, and look forward to another week of loveliness as we break open the season of Spring!

With my best wishes,

Jeremy
Executive Headteacher

#fryernfamily
#thanksagainforlastMonday
#onestepatatime

Workers of the Week

YR: Alexa, Ivy, William, Phoebe

Y1: Winnie, Lewis, Sophia, Oliver

Y2: Isla, Ava-May, Marnie, Luke

Y3: Jess, Lola, Rosie, Cohen, Mya, Sara

Y4: Rhys, Evie, Freyja, Daniel, Holly, Ella, Sophie, Harry

Y5: Charlotte, Lily, Aria, Jamie, Leila, Gabrielle, Daisy, Katie

Y6: Michal, Sophie, William, Toby, Rayann, Harry, Millie M

Head Teacher Awards

YR: Alexis, Alexa, Summer, Niyansh, Reeva, Gracie, Sophia, Phoebe, Emilia, Oliver, Ruby, Charlotte

Y1: Betty, Ruby, Sophia, Lewis, Ezra, Winnie, Harley, Karolina, Priscilla, Scarlett

Y2: Isaac, Lev, Molly

Y3: Florence, Annie,

Y4: Harriet, Sophie

Y5: Hannah, Lara

Y6: William, Aryian

Dates for the Diary**March**

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| 5th Tuesday | Parents evening |
| 6th Wednesday | Parents evening |
| 7th Thursday | Parents evening |
| 7th Thursday | World Book Day |
| 12th Tuesday | Year R spring height, weight & vision check |
| 12th Tuesday | Year 2 Titanic dress up day |
| 13th Wednesday | Rock Steady concert - 9.30am |
| 14th Thursday | Year 2 Listen to Me concert - 2.15p |
| 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 |
| 22nd Friday | Choir concert at the Mayflower Theatre - 12pm |
| 25th Monday | Easter service – Willow & Oak – 1.30pm |
| 25th Monday | Home Learning due in |
| 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

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