



Fryern Infant and Junior Schools  
Newsletter  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**February Half Term**

The school will be closed to all children over the February half term, including those of key workers and vulnerable children. This is due to building works taking place. We are really pleased with the progress of the new build; the next phase is the connection of the main utilities to the new building. In order to do this the contractors will need to bring services in from the main road therefore trenches will be dug down the front drive and between the infant and junior schools. All power will have to be cut for the week during half term. The contractors have asked for the site to be vacant while this takes place.

**Inset Day**

There will be an INSET day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Both schools will be closed to all children including those of key workers and vulnerable children.

**Remote Learning**

Thank you to everyone who has engaged in the learning provided on Google Classroom this week. As you are aware the government expectations for home learning are so different from last March and we appreciate your support. We fully appreciate that many of you are trying to work from home and are having to juggle your own work with supporting your child with their learning. Just remember that you are doing the best you can in these circumstances and that we are still here if you have any questions.

We are continuing to improve our remote learning provision and hopefully you have enjoyed the videos the teachers are adding to lessons. We are planning to have a weekly live class meeting/assembly. More details to follow.

Please do contact the teacher responsible for home learning through Google Classroom should your child have any queries about the learning tasks or require any support and email [homelearning@fryern.net](mailto:homelearning@fryern.net) with any technical difficulties. We will continue to follow up any children who aren't engaging in the learning.

**Critical Worker Places**

We continue to have high numbers of children attending school so would just like to remind you to only send your child to school if it is absolutely necessary. We are keen that a balance is struck between enabling parents who are critical workers to get to work and keeping the numbers of children in schools to a minimum. By doing so, not only will we be helping to reduce the spread of infection, but we will also avoid putting additional pressure on the NHS. It is also important to remember that the purpose of the national lockdown and being required to stay at home is to minimise the transmission of Coronavirus. With the number of adults and children testing positive within the area continuing to be high, it is important that we all continue to do our bit.

Where possible please could you let us know what days you require each week. It doesn't mean that you will lose your place on these days should you require them in the future, it just enables us to arrange staffing. Thank you for your continued support with this. As a school we would also like to say 'Thank you' to all those frontline workers who are continuing to work tirelessly in the country's battle against the virus.

### **Hampshire Libraries Winter Reading Challenge**

Hampshire Libraries are currently running a winter reading challenge which children are able to do online. The details are as follows:

#### **Winter Reading Challenge**

This year, the Public Libraries' Winter Reading Challenge is all about getting cosy together to share the love of reading.

It kicks-off on 11th January 2021 and runs for six weeks, until the end of the spring half-term. Why not encourage your child to take part - they can join in through the Hampshire Libraries website.

Children can read or listen to any four books to complete the challenge. This includes books they read or listen to for school, with family members and friends over Zoom, bedtime stories, non-fiction books, eBooks and audiobooks.

Those who take part online will automatically be sent a certificate when they complete the challenge, but the most important thing is that your pupils enjoy some winter reading for pleasure!

### **School Nursing Team**

Parents can contact the School Nursing Team at any time about any issues they are having with their children such as vision, hearing, toiletry, anxiety etc.

Eastleigh school nursing team - 02380 475844.

### **Bad weather**

In the event of bad weather in the coming months, where there may be doubt whether the school is open for key children, we ask that you follow the procedures shown below. There is a list of school closures on the Hampshire Education website,

<http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures> however, this may take some time to update. If you have given us your email address or mobile phone number we will attempt to email or text you as soon as possible. We will post a link on the news section of our school website.

<http://www.fryern.hants.sch.uk> If there is some doubt as to whether the school is open please telephone the school from 8.30am onwards, obviously if there is no reply we are likely to be closed. If you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a member of the teaching staff on the premises before you leave. We all have some distance to travel and may be a little late in arriving due to the inclement weather! For up to date weather information and severe weather warnings take a look at the Met Office website:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>

### **Dates for your Diary**

Please note that some of these dates may change. Please check the most recent newsletter for up to date information.

#### **February**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Half Term - BOTH SCHOOLS CLOSED**

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