



Classes 1 and 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to Classes 1 and 2 and the start of your time at Frampton C E Primary School. All the children seem very happy and have already settled into the class, making new friends. Thank you for attending the drop in sessions which has ensured that your children have had a positive start to their first days at school.

Over the next few weeks we shall be playing with, observing and getting to know your child as well as establishing routines. We have had a fabulous time exploring the indoors and outside, playing under the trees and meeting the older children.

We have a few things to inform you about and will aim to send a newsletter at the beginning of every half term.

Blue Book Bags

Please could you attach ONE key ring to the handle of your child's blue bag so that it makes it easily identifiable and avoids the wrong book bags being taken home.

Tapestry

We have started to send out observations. This is an online journal recording all the learning and fun of your child's time in Class 1 and 2. In this way you will be able to see photographs and read about your child's daily experiences. You are also welcome to add their own observations which will be approved by staff.

We will also keep a paper based learning folder in the classroom so that children can add their own 'work', we can track their progress and you can also contribute using 'WOW' vouchers. We have attached 'WOW' vouchers so that you can inform us about special moments or learning at home. There are spare vouchers in the classroom but you are also welcome to make your own! You are also welcome to add photos of these wow moments using Tapestry.

Themes

The topics that we follow in class are taken from and led by the children's interests. However we will also cover seasonal related themes and important celebrations. If your child is particularly interested in something please tell us so we may develop this in our learning.

Outdoor Learning

We will be exploring all of the outdoor areas including the field, wildlife area, gazebo, orchard, peace garden. It would be helpful if children had a pair of named wellies to keep in school if possible.



Phonics

We have begun to teach phonics. This uses a multi-sensory approach for teaching children to read and write which is exciting and motivating. Initially this programme encourages the children to differentiate sounds in the environment, instrumental and rhyming sounds and alliteration. Please check bags regularly for a 'Blending book' which will include the sounds we have been introducing that week.

Learning in Classes 1 and 2 Information Meeting (Meet and Greet)

You are invited to attend a meeting with the Early Years teachers on Wednesday 27th September from 2.45pm to 3.15pm in the library. Please sign up on the board for attendance. At this meeting we will discuss our approach to learning through play, teaching phonics, cursive handwriting and our learning expectations.

Enjoyment for reading

Reading books will soon be introduced. Your child will usually read with an adult twice a week at school but they should bring their books to school every day.

It is important that they have daily reading practice with you at home. However, if your child is tired, or they've had a busy time after school, then read the book to them. You will probably find your child joining in with you or following the words with his or her finger as you read. The important thing is to enjoy reading with your child. We would appreciate a quick note in their Reading Diary. A comment on how your child got on is very useful to us.

PE lessons and ICT lessons

These will be on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please make sure the correct PE kit is at school. Children will have bare feet for indoor PE lessons this term. Children should practice getting dressed and undressed at home independently especially buttons and coats. Please could you label everything!

Class 1 and 2 'Watch me learn' workshop sessions

Each term we will hold a workshop centred on the Specific Areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. We invite you to come into the classroom, play and learn alongside your child and share your child's books and learning folder. You will need to sign up on the outside board to confirm attendance nearer to the dates of the workshops.

Dates:

Wednesday 15th November 2017 9.05 -9.45am - Mathematics. From 8.40am tea/coffee will be served in the library for parents.

Monday 22nd January 2018 (2.15-3.00pm) - Literacy

Thursday 15th March 2018 (9.05-9.45am) - Understanding the World. From 8.40am tea/coffee will be served in the library for parents.

Tuesday 15th May 2018 (2.15-3.00pm) - Expressive Arts and Design

We will provide you with further information before each workshop.

Other dates for your diary!

- **School Harvest Festival - Fri 29th Sept 2017** (Chocolate bars please - no nuts). Children only / not for parents to attend.
- **Bikeability Balance Bike Session - Class 2 - Wednesday 4th 2017**
- **Bikeability Balance Bike Sessions - Class 1 - Thursday Oct 5th 2017**
- **FRIENDS QUIZ NIGHT - Fri 13th Oct 2017 - 7pm**
- **Class 1 and 2 Parents Evening Weds 1st or Thurs 2nd Nov 3.30-6pm** - online bookings (You will be sent a link).
- **INSET DAY - Children do not come to school. Friday 3rd Nov 2017**
- **FRIENDS SCHOOL DISCO - Friday 10th Nov 2017 3.15pm**
- **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCE 1 - Tues 12th Dec - 2pm**
- **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PERFORMANCE 2 - Weds 13th Dec - 9.15am**

Bikeability Balance Bike Training

We would like to offer all the children an opportunity to participate in Balance Bike Training. This is provided free of charge through South Gloucestershire Local Authority. Bikeability balance sessions run for 45 min sessions with 2-3 instructors with 10 children. The children play games and learn about control and safety. They will provide all bikes and helmets. Children can wear their school uniform however might want to wear joggers rather than skirts on this day. A coat will also be required. Sessions will be on Wednesday 4th October (Class 2) and Thursday 5th October (Class 1).

Well done for making such a smooth start to your child's time at school. We know it is a big change for parents as well as children, so if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to chat to us. If a longer chat is needed we can arrange an appropriate meeting time.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The Early Years Team

Mrs Hannah R. Hornig - Class 1 Teacher	Mrs Lucie Hudson - Class 2 Teacher
Mrs Cathy Walker - Class 1 Teacher	Mrs Sandra Lakeman - Class 2 Teacher
Mrs Claire Coney - Class 1 TA	Mrs Deb Mustafa - Class 2 TA.
Mrs Sam Puddy - Class 1 TA	Mrs Tash Bispham - Class 2 TA
	Mrs Claire King - Class 1 and 2 TA