

**Frampton Cotterell CE Primary School.
January Newsletter.**

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year! Although Christmas has passed, I wanted to thank all parents and friends for supporting all the events we had leading up to the end of term. The Nativity and the KS2 Carol service were wonderful, and our choirs took part in the Big Sing and St Peter's Carols for All. Many thank also, for all the kind wishes you sent staff at the end of the term.

Christmas collection

The children decide which charity to support each Christmas and this year they chose Wallace and Gromit's Grand appeal. Thanks to your generosity we collected £356.11. Thank you for your support.

Friends events

The Christmas Fair was very successful and raised £1 319.90. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Learning to be an active learner

This term we are launching a new award for all the children in school. This is a "Successful learner" award. Over the next few weeks we will focus on 8 behaviours that will enable the children to learn most successfully. These are:-

- Concentrate
- Don't give up
- Improve
- Understand others
- Work hard
- Try new things
- Imagine
- Push yourself

Unless the children actively engage in learning, there is a limit to the amount of progress they will make. This is an award which seeks to help them become more active learners. Each child will have their own chart, which can be signed by a member of staff each time one of these behaviours is demonstrated in a lesson. When they have 4 signatures for each behaviour they will receive an award in our celebration Assembly. This is something you can support your child in at home by helping them to realise when they have an opportunity to learn. To find out more, please come to a coffee afternoon on **Tuesday 17th January at 2:45p.m.** where I will be giving more information and answering any questions you may have about this initiative.

Eco competition

For the last few years Mrs Koeller has done a brilliant job of further develop the wildlife area at the end of the school car park. The Eco reps have decided to run a competition to further develop this area. They have given the following brief to the children:

You can enter your ideas for the competition any way you like, here are some suggestions below

- *A plan or drawing*
- *A 3D model using recycled materials*
- *A model using Lego, or other construction materials*
- *Photographs*

Or any other way you can think of.....(we encourage you to be as creative as possible)

Designs need to be finished by **Tuesday 21st February 2012**. Entries to be handed into class teachers

There will be an overall winner, in addition to this there will be a prize for
Reception
Year 1/2
Year 3/4
Year 5/6

Clubs

Children will still have a place in any club they have been attending but there is an opportunity to start one of the clubs if they are not listed as fully subscribed on the attached letter. Please inform the school office by Friday if your child would like to start one of the clubs. Clubs will start w/c 9th January unless otherwise stated.

Calendars

The children produced beautiful pictures to go onto our School 2012 Calendar. We would like to make this an annual feature in school as the children have enjoyed making and seeing their work in print. It is also a really useful reminder as all the key school dates are included. In order to make this cost effective we need to sell more of this year's calendars so we are selling them at a reduced price £6.50 as we are already into the new year. Please see Kathryn or Verona in the office.

Uniform sale

We accumulate large amounts of unnamed lost property and donated items of uniform. As you are aware unnamed lost property is displayed at the front of the school termly for parents to reclaim. All **named** property is returned to the owners during the term. (PLEASE TRY TO NAME ALL PROPERTY)

Please be aware we sell the donated/unnamed uniform at all times in the office, but we hold a sale during the first week of every term in the school hall.

Dates for your diary:-

Wednesday 4th January – No Brass or String lessons
Monday 9th January – Harmonica and Spanish lessons start
Tuesday 10th Jan - Friends of Frampton meeting 7p.m. All very welcome to come and join us.
Tuesday 17th January 2:45p.m. Coffee afternoon/ Learning to learn information
Friday 20th January 9:10a.m. Class 7 Assembly to parents
Wednesday 1st February – newsletter
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February – Parents Evening
Friday 3rd February 9:10a.m. Class 8 Assembly to parents
Friday 10th February – end of Term 3
13-17 February – Half term
Monday 20th February – INSET day
Wednesday 22nd February – Class 6 start swimming for 6 weeks
Friday 30th March – End of Term 4
Monday 16th April – Start of Term 5

Best wishes,

Rosie Brydon