

Frampton Cotterell CE Primary School.
September Newsletter.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a really enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Welcome to all our new Reception children and parents, and we also extend our welcome to children that have started with us in various years. I hope you soon feel part of our school community. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Stone to our teaching staff. Mrs Russell is taking a year out from teaching this year. Her classes will be covered by Mrs Kay Ross.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to complete the parents reply slip on the reports and the annual parents questionnaire. The annual parent questionnaires were largely extremely positive. The main issue flagged up by parents this year is concern about the danger to children from the **parking at the start and end of the day**. The problem has been eased in the morning as a result of changing the playground routines, however, it is bad just before the 8:55a.m. bell and at the end of school. I share parental concerns about the potential for accidents involving one of the children. Please try to ease this situation if you are able, by walking to school.

Another issue that was mentioned by several parents was the arrangements for **after school clubs**. Whilst parents feel there is a good choice of clubs available, the current system for notifying parents of cancellations could be better. To address this, decisions about clubs that are weather dependant, will be made by 2:15p.m. at the latest. A list of children in each club will be kept in the office, and Kathryn will e mail or text parents affected by cancellations. If you are not contactable by either of these methods, then please phone to listen to the daily updates on the answer machine.

South Glos has asked every school to distribute a questionnaire concerning disability, so that they understand the nature of the disabled pupil population for whom they are responsible and to help in planning and monitoring provision and improving outcomes. We are enclosing a questionnaire that we would like you to complete and return to the office. Guidance notes are available including the forms at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/specialeducationalneeds/a0065985/disability-toolkit>

Finally, Kathryn will be distributing the personnel details sheet over the coming days, please check this carefully to ensure all numbers are current including mobile numbers and e-mails.

Arriving and Leaving school

Please could you ensure that you don't leave children unattended in the playground before 8.40 in the morning as there is no supervision by teachers until that time.

At the end of the day some children are still in the grounds well after 3.15pm. Children must be supervised by their parents unless they are attending a club as there is no-one outside after the end of school. Also some parts of the building are cleaned and locked after 3.30pm so please ensure children are not left unattended in the grounds.

Parents of pupils new to the school

There will be a meeting at 9:00a.m. on Monday 3rd October for any parents new to our school. This will provide the opportunity to find out about the events that take place during our school year and clarify any issues or questions you may have. Everyone is welcome to attend and I look forward to meeting you.

PTA

The PTA AGM is on Thursday 22nd Sept at 7 p.m. In addition to fundraising, the PTA organise activities and events for the enjoyment of all pupils. Everyone is very welcome to attend to find out more about how the PTA has supported the school and how parents can help. The PTA always welcomes new members, however, attending the meeting does not commit you to joining.

Church service

Our value this term is Thankfulness. Children in Year 1 to 6 will be visiting the church for a service at 10:30a.m. on Friday 9th September. The children will be thanking God for our summer holiday and for the opportunities in the coming year. The service should last no more than half an hour. Please could you ensure you return the local walk permission slip for your child so they are able to attend. We will need a considerable number of parents to accompany the children on the journey to and from the church and would be **very grateful** to hear from anyone who can help. Please let the class teacher or Kathryn know as soon as possible if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Parent helpers

We have been really grateful to have so many willing parent helpers in classes last year. If you would like to help this year then please see your child's class teacher and Kathryn in the office as she is responsible for maintaining our CRB checklist. Parents can help in many ways from hearing readers on a weekly basis, to helping with particular things on an ad hoc basis.

Lunch Money

The cost of a school lunch has risen this term to £1.70 per day, £8.50 per week.

Cost for whole term will be: £59.50

Cost for September will be:- £34.00

Cost for October will be:- £25.50

Please ensure that you clearly mark the envelope with your child's name, class number and which days the money is paying for.

Many families may be eligible for free school meals. You may be eligible for help if you fall into one of the following categories:

- You are in receipt of income support or a Job Seekers Allowance (income-based)
- You are entitled to child tax credits with income no greater than £16,190 as shown on your TC602 from the Inland Revenue. If you receive working tax credit then you are not eligible
- You receive the guarantee element of state pension credit
- You get support from the national asylum support service

If this applies to you please come and speak to the school office, or for further information please see the link below:-

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/NR/exeres/23d39760-49c7-44da-b1f2-396e7e19088c>

Cream rises to the top.....

.....Baly's Cream that is. Paul Baly's renowned band is playing a fundraising concert at the school on Saturday 8th October. Paul, of course, is a former class teacher here and still teaches music to many of our children. His band is well known for its live performances, playing a mix of Jazz, Blues and other styles. A hog roast will be available as well as a bar. Tickets are £8 in advance (ages 14+), available from the office.

Food and snacks.

Please could I remind parents that as a healthy school, we do not allow sweets for snacks or packed lunches. We also do not distribute sweets or cakes from children who have had birthdays or been on holidays. In response to the growing number of children with severe nut allergies, please could you avoid giving your child food containing nuts.

Eleanor Children's Charitable Trust

If you would like to contribute to this charity by filling a shoe box with Christmas gifts for children in Romania, please call in to the office to collect further literature and box labels. The school is happy to collect any filled boxes and pass them on to the charity for you.

Lost property

The Lost Property bin is now located by the Junior door next to Miss Sheikh's room (Miss Denning's room last year). The amount of lost property accumulated by the end of every term is always surprising and is far in excess of our capacity to store it. This year we are trying to keep the amount of lost property under control by appointing monitors who will return any named items to their owners at the end of lunchtime each day. Please help us in this by ensuring that all your children's items of clothing/lunch boxes etc are clearly labelled. Lost property will be put out in the playground during the penultimate week of each term and unclaimed items will then be sold during the final week, with proceeds going into school fund.

P.E.

All children are timetabled to receive 2 P.E. lessons each week. This can either be in the hall or outside. It is therefore advisable for children to have a pair of tracksuit trousers and a sweatshirt in their P.E. bag in addition to their shorts, T shirt and trainers. All pupils will be expected to take part in P.E. If there is a health related reason for your child being unable to take part in P.E. you must notify the classteacher stating the reason and the time period. Pupils who do not have their kit in school will be expected to borrow spare shorts and T shirts in order to participate in the lessons.

Playground

All children (**including toddlers**) are asked to walk their scooters and bikes in the playground at the beginning and end of each day for safety reasons. Children going on the play equipment at the end of the school day have to be supervised by parents. **No KS1 children are allowed on the high monkey bars** as there have been some nasty accidents in the past.

Tracking pupil progress

Mr Barnard, Mr Needham and I meet with every classteacher 3 times per year to discuss the progress pupils are making. From these meetings we identify individuals and groups of pupils who are in danger of underachieving and interventions are planned to address identified needs. Our first meetings will take place in the week commencing 12th September. This will mean that pupils in Mr Barnard's and Mr Needham's classes will be taught by supply teachers on some occasions that week.

Harvest

Our school Harvest service is taking place on Friday 30th September at 9:30 a.m. This year we are collecting pants and socks for the homeless in Bristol.

Newsletter

The governors are keen for parents to find out more about how the governing body works and celebrating what the children are doing throughout the year. We have produced a newspaper that is enclosed, with many more exciting issues to come.

Best wishes,

Mrs R Brydon
Headteacher

Dates for the diary:-

13 th Sept	Science workshop Assembly
16 th Sept	Assembly led by Martin Poole working with the homeless in Bristol
19 th Sept	Y4 Ukulele lessons funded by the music service
22 nd Sept 7:00p.m.	PTA AGM in hall
28 th Sept	Kevin Ogbourne (disabled athlete) workshops for Y5 & 6
30 th Sept 9:30a.m.	Harvest service – this year we are collecting pants and socks for the homeless in Bristol
7 th Oct	PTA family disco
8 th Oct	Baly's Cream in concert (school hall) Governors fund raising event
10 th Oct	Friendship Day
12 th Oct	Councillor Mike Drew talking to Y5 & 6
15 th Oct	Tulip photographers family portrait day
18 th Oct	Parents evening
19 th Oct	Parents evening
24 th Oct	Half Term week holiday
31st Oct INSET	
1st Nov INSET	
2 nd Nov	Children return to school
2 nd Nov	Swimming starts for class 7
18 th Nov	Disco
25 th Nov	Whole school going to Winterbourne International Academy for panto
2 nd Dec	Christmas Fair
16 th Dec	Final day of term