



**FRESSINGFIELD
COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

LA VIE EST BELLE! EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

On Monday 26th September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages and we'll be focusing on France; the language we learn throughout Key Stage 2. We would like the children to come dressed for the occasion in red, white or blue, or in stripy jumpers and berets or other French dress. We will spend part of the day focusing on the language and culture of France, with each class teacher planning their own special event. Watch this space and the website to see photos of what we get up to.

PLEASE SHUT THE GATE

If you are dropping your child off at Breakfast Club or Early Birds from now on, you will find that both the Reception door and the green school gates are shut. This is because there are children on site from 7.45am and we need to keep them safe. The green gate will be



unlocked but kept on the bolt to stop it from swinging open, so please come in this way, but remember to shut the gate behind you. Thank you.

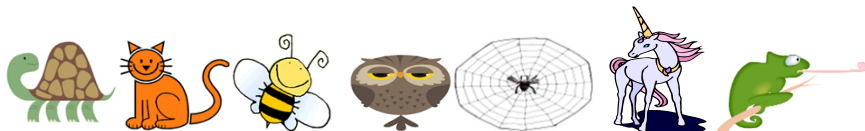
WELLIES

Please bring in a pair of wellies to wear on the school field. Our intention is to use our lovely field throughout the winter, but the children will need to wear wellies at playtime as the weather gets wetter. Please make sure the wellies are named with permanent marker.

BARBIE OR CINDY DOLLS CLOTHES

If you have any barbie-doll type clothes that your children no longer play with, we would be very grateful if you could donate them to the Early Years Staff.

Thank you.



Welcome back to a new year at Fressingfield Primary School; we hope you all had fabulous summer holidays full of rest and relaxation. It has been a pleasure to see all the children again in their crisp, clean clothes and shiny shoes—long may it last! I hope you have now all had a chance to read our OFSTED report. I'm sure you'll agree that what came across very strongly in the report was how magnificent the children are: they are enthusiastic about learning, engaged in all the activities available to them, well-behaved and respectful, and very proud of their school. Well, we are very proud of them too: we think they are wonderful. We would like to thank everyone who works so hard to make our school the place it is: teachers, support staff, governors, parents, FOFSA, volunteers and, above all, the children. Well done everyone.

DROP-OFF and PICK-UP

In order to make children's starts and ends of the day as happy and smooth as possible, please aim to be on time with morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.45am. Children invited to Early Birds are invited to come for 8.25am so they can start promptly at 8.30am. The school gates will be open from 8.40am ready for the school day to start at 8.45am.

At the end of the day, please be prompt with picking up at 3.15pm. Thank you.

After-school clubs finish at 4.15pm.

HOME LEARNING QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you everyone who responded to our Home Learning Questionnaire. We have collated the results and will be adapting the way we set Home Learning in the future in light of what you have told us.

The majority of parents agree there should be an expectation that all children read at least five times a week and that spellings should be sent home each week to learn. You've told us that any additional work should be closely matched to the learning in the class and should predominantly be either literacy or maths focused. There is very little support for project-based work because this often requires too much adult support; instead, short, closed tasks are preferred, and online resources such as Times Tables Rock Stars or Nessy because they create less friction at home. You have said that the amount of home learning should increase incrementally until Year 6 to a maximum of 1 - 1 ½ hours each week.

You will start to notice that we set slightly less homework this year and that most tasks will be worksheet-based. We will also prioritise spellings, maths and reading, including the use of our online platforms. Hopefully, this will make Home Learning fit more easily into the children's busy home schedules and make it easier to manage. We certainly hope to reduce family friction caused by home learning. However, because the results have always been so magnificent and creative, and because the children have told us they are the home-learning tasks they like the best, we do reserve the right to set one project-based task each year!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Ms Perry's Congo Class have challenged Mr Leicester's Yangtze Class to a Battle of the Bands on Times Tables Rock Stars through the month of October. The platform has been significantly updated over the summer with more games and activities and each child should find their profile has been moved into their new class. This is a great, fun way to become really whizzy with Times Tables. The winning team will be the class that clocks up the greatest number of hours playing the games over the month.



CLASS NEWSLETTERS AND KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

These will be sent home very shortly. If children have any artefacts or books related to their current topics, they are welcome to bring them in and show us. We are especially interested in any World War 1 artefacts, if your child is in Colorado, Congo or Yangtze class.

Thank you.



SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

Kindly note that emails for the school office must be sent to

office@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk

Our old email address will not be monitored for much longer.

Thank you.

A SWEET HARVEST!

Our gardeners have been enjoying the harvest which has included these wonderful mini-sweetcorn, bowls of tomatoes and mounds of grapes.

Thank you Mrs Lindsey for keeping everything watered through the drought!

SOUND WALL FOR EARLY YEARS

We are aiming to create a 'sound wall' for the Early Years children, to look something like this.

If you have any metal items with no sharp edges or points that you no longer need (e.g.,

pans, ladles, large spoons, bowls etc) we would be very grateful if you could donate them to one of the Early Years staff. Many thanks.



PUPIL MEDICATION

If your child needs medication during the school day, we require the Administration of Medication form to be completed.

Thank you.

PASSPORTS

If anyone would like their class teacher to act as a counter-signatory for passports, we are normally happy to help. However, we hope you recognise

this can be quite a time-consuming business, so please give us plenty of notice.

Thank you.

