



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

8th November 2024

*Learning to bring out the best in everyone.*

It was a real pleasure to see so many of our families joining in with the Harvest festivities at the end of last half term. Thank you for being so supportive. There will be plenty more opportunities throughout the year to come into school and get involved—not least of which will be the Christmas Nativities at the end of this term. Thank you to all the parents in KS2 who got up so very, very early on Monday morning so that we could all go to London. We had such a fantastic time and learnt so much. There are lots of things coming up over the next few weeks, so please make a note of days so you know when you should send your children in with spots, odd socks of bright clothes.

Thank you. Mr L

## CAT IN THE HAT and HORRIBLE HISTORIES!



We would like to thank the Friends of Fressingfield School Association (FOFSA) for buying

tickets for the whole school to go to the Theatre Royal in Norwich this year. The children in Thames and Rhine Classes will be going to watch the Cat in the Hat on 18th December, and the children in Zambezi and Amazon Classes will be going to watch the Horrible Histories Awful Egyptians performance in the Spring Term (to tie in with our topic). We think all children should have the opportunity to go to the theatre as often as possible, so we are really delighted to be able to take every child in the school this year. Letters with further details will come out shortly.

## A SAILOR'S LIFE FOR ME

What a great trip we had to London at the start of this week! The children in Amazon and Zambezi Classes visited the Cutty Sark and National Maritime Museum to find out about the Great Explorers of the Age of Exploration, and what life was like aboard a sailing ship in the middle ages. The children coped magnificently with the very early start (6am) and seemed to really enjoy both the museum and the workshop on board the Cutty Sark—even lunch was an adventure as we were in the dry dock underneath the hull of the ship! They were fascinated by tales of weevils in ships biscuits, punishment and the 'cat-o-nine-tails' and climbing the rigging in all weathers to furl and unfurl the sails. Thank you parents for getting up so early and thank you to all the volunteers who came with us—we wouldn't have been able to do it without you!

## CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Friday 15th November is Children In Need Day, and we will be joining in with this annual event that promotes inclusion and understanding. We would like to encourage the children to come to school wearing spots, stripes or bright, fun clothes (football strips are fine). Donations are welcome and all money collected will go to the BBC appeal.

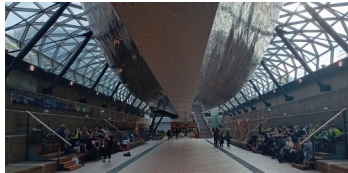
## ODD-SOCKS DAY

Our Red Caps—the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors—would like all the children to come to school wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The children will be learning about being assertive, differences and inclusion as part of the week. Every child is also encouraged to design their own pair of odd socks using felt-tips, pencils, paint or collage (a template is being sent home for younger children). Please could all entries be returned by Friday 15th November. Thank you.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you followed our Facebook Page yet? The page is called **Fressingfield CE Primary School**. We try to update the site each week or so, so it is a good place to keep up-to-date with things going on at the school. It can be found here: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561956241017)

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## BRIGHTNESS WEEK

The Junior Road Safety Officers are keen to remind the school that the evenings are dark and that it is important to wear bright clothes in order to be seen by drivers. They have organised an assembly to promote the theme and they would like all the children to come to school wearing their brightest, most visible clothes on Friday 22nd November. They have also organised a competition—they would like the children to design a bright hi-vis jacket that would help spread the message and keep the wearer safe. Please bring competition entries back to school on Friday 22nd November.

## COLUMBA VICTORIOUS!

Well done Columba (the Yellow house) for winning the House Points Challenge last half term. It was a tight contest and the lead swapped week by week, but Columba prevailed at just the right moment. The reward will be a non-uniform day on Wednesday 13th November.



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## GURWARA TRIP— FINAL CALL



One of our curriculum drivers at Fressingfield Primary School is for the school to be 'at the Heart of our Community.' We are proud to represent the community of Fressingfield and the surrounding area, but we recognise that our corner of Suffolk is not a very diverse place. We feel it is our responsibility to open our children's eyes to the world around them and to prepare them for life in modern Britain by instilling values of tolerance, understanding and appreciation. As part of this drive, we have organised a visit to the Ipswich Gurdwara on Thursday 28th November. The trip is for children in Years 2—6 and is on a first-come, first-served basis. The children really enjoyed this trip when we last visited several years ago: they were warmly welcomed by the Sikh community that worships there. There are still a few places left, so please return your permission slips by Monday. Thank you.



## IS ROBLOX SAFE FOR MY CHILD TO USE?

We were really pleased

to see the news that Roblox has announced new safety features for children under 13 using the platform. Many of our children love to play Roblox, but many people share our concerns about the unregulated 'social hang-outs' where they can be exposed to inappropriate language, upsetting and harmful content and approaches from strangers. From 18th November, all children under the age of 13 will be barred from these areas. To keep your child safe online, please make sure your child is registered with the correct age for the site. It is also a good idea to build a list of age-appropriate games for your child to access. More information can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwy9kry4lvko> and here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/>

## FEELGOOD FRIDAYS

The Red Caps have planned the Feelgood Friday sessions for the rest of the term. These final few minutes of every Friday are a great way to end the week on a high and to start the weekend with a positive mindset. Activities include: learning a dance, jokes, compliments chains, songs or games.



DATE	EVENT
Fri 8th Nov	Forest School Taster Session (1pm)
Sun 10th Nov	Remembrance Day Service at Church (10.45am– 12.05pm)
Tue 12th Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Frid 15th Nov	Children in Need—come dressed in stripes or spots
Fri 15th Nov	HSSSP Tag Rugby Competition at Thomas Mills (12-2.45pm)
Wed 20th Nov	HSSSP Belong Event (TBC)
Thur 28th Nov	Trip to Ipswich Gurdwara
Fri 29th Nov	Stars in our School—Celebrating Support Staff
Fri 29th Nov	HSSSP Cross Country Final at Hartismere (1.45-3pm)
Tue 3rd Dec	Anglian Water Online Workshop (Amazon Class 11am)
Mon 2nd — Wed 4th Dec	Y4 Hilltop Residential
Mon 9th Dec	Thames & Rhine Class Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal (9.30—10.30am)
Tue 10th & Wed 11th Dec	Thames & Rhine Class Christmas Nativity Performance (9.30—10.30am)
Tue 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Christmas Dinner Class Christmas Parties
Wed 18th Dec	The Cat in the Hat Theatre Royal Norwich for Thames and Rhine Classes.
Wed 18th Dec	International Migrants Day
Thur 19th Dec	Christmas Celebration in Church (9.30am) Last Day of Term
Fri 20th Dec	PD DAY

## REMINDERS

**COATS:** Now that the weather is chillier, the children need to come to school with a coat. Please make sure they are prepared as they come in each morning. Thank you.