



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

9th December 2024

Learning to bring out the best in everyone.

As you may already know, at the end of this term we will be saying, "Goodbye and good luck!" to Ms Perry who has served our school community for more than ten years. Ms Perry has had a huge positive impact on the many children she has taught and on the lives of children across the school. Through her leadership of maths, RE and PSHE she has helped improve standards and determine the ethos of the school; and through her leadership of the many pupil groups (School Council, Eco-Committee, Red-Hats, Ethos Group) she has enriched the lives of the children. It is fitting that she has been recognised for her work with the WIRE Award (see below) in the last few weeks of her service with us. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for Ms Perry, please see Mrs Drax. We wish her all the best for the future.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

There is a lot going on in the final few weeks of term, and we hope you will be able to join us for some of these events.

Christmas Nativity: There is no better way to get into the Christmas Spirit that to come to our EYFS/KS1 Nativity, which is on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. (Please see Mrs Drax for tickets.)

Christmas Fair: Friday 11th Dec at 3.15pm. Come and meet Santa and join us for some fun and games at the FOFSA Christmas Fair. The Eco-Committee will also be selling decorations made by your children from recycled materials

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties: Tues 17th Dec. Children are invited to wear their naffest Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save the Children and to take part in the Brussels Sprouts Challenge as we all tuck in to Mrs Tuthill's Christmas Dinner. There will be FOFSA-organised fun and games in the afternoon.

Christmas Celebration and Service at St Peter's and St Paul's Church: Thurs 19th Dec at 9.30am. Come and join us for some Christmas singing and a celebration of the term's achievements on the last day of term.



WIRE AWARD FOR RE



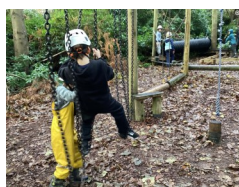
It seems appropriate that, in the week we took 29 children to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara

in Ipswich, we achieved the WIRE Award for 'Widening Inclusivity in RE.' We are really pleased to be recognised in this way as it reflects both the strong links we have with our local Church of England and Baptist communities, but also the links we have forged with other faith groups. Our children are fascinated by RE and these lessons are always great forums for self-reflection, developing understanding and discussion. We would like to thank Ms Perry for all her leadership in this area.



WHAT HAPPENED AT HILLTOP?

Amazing things is the answer. The Y4 children certainly seemed to come back buzzing after their adventures and gave a ten-out-of-ten approval for the trip when asked to share in assembly on Friday. I know that Mrs Buckenham, Mrs Scott and Mr Taylor were so proud of them all for facing each challenge with enthusiasm, bravery and resilience and for working so effectively as a team. The full story, illustrated with incredibly dramatic photos of their danger-defying exploits, can be found either on the website or on the Facebook. In the meantime, here are a few pictures to whet your appetite.



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STARS IN OUR SCHOOL



We were really pleased to celebrate Stars in Our School this year, which is an annual recognition of all the vital work done by our support staff. So, on Friday 29th November, our cleaners, TAs, caretaker, mid-day supervisors and Mrs Drax were each invited for tea and cake at the Baptist Chapel and, later, their contributions were celebrated with certificates in our Sharing Assembly. Thank you to all of them.



WATER WORKSHOP

Children in Amazon Class took part in an online workshop delivered by

Anglian Water last week. The workshop focused on the water cycle and ways that we can reduce our water consumption and lower our carbon footprint. The children learnt how our water is recycled, filtered and cleaned ready for us to use again and the energy needed to complete this process. They learnt that small changes (such as turning off the tap as you brush your teeth, limiting showers to five minutes, or using the small flush button on the loo) can save thousands of litres of water each year.

CROSS-COUNTRY FINALS

Well done to our five Cross-country Finalists, Amy, Archie, Daniel, Ernie and Isaac who took part in the event at Hartismere High School on 29th November. Each year group were given separate routes to complete, involving running around their enormous field several times. It seems the races were highly competitive but our runners made a very good show of it, displaying resilience and commitment to finish well.

FACEBOOK PAGE

We now have 51 followers on our Facebook page—are you one of them? If you scroll down the page, you'll see what a busy term it has been at Fressingfield Primary School: it's a great way to keep abreast of what is going on. You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561956241017>

BARK NEEDED

The School Gardeners have a special request. If you have any spare bark or wood chippings, or you know who might be able to supply us with some, they would be very grateful. Please contact Mrs Wright if you can help. Thank you.

SPREAD THE WORD

We need your help to spread the word about our school. You might know that pupil numbers have fallen across Suffolk, which puts pressure on schools like ours. If you have friends with young children, please let them know what a busy, happy place our school is and refer them to our Facebook page or our website so they can see for themselves. They might even want to come to our Stay and Play Sessions (Monday 16th December) or our Free Forest School Taster Session on 10th January. Thank you for spreading the word.

DATE	EVENT
Fri 8th Nov	Forest School Taster Session (1pm)
Sun 10th Nov	Remembrance Day Service at Church
Tue 12th Nov	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Frid 15th Nov	Children in Need—come dressed in stripes or
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
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
Wed 18th Dec	The Cat in the Hat Theatre Royal Norwich for
Wed 18th Dec	International Migrants Day
Thur 19th Dec	Christmas Celebration in Church (9.30am)
Fri 20th Dec	PD DAY

Fressingfield CofE Primary School

FREE FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE NOW!

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024
1PM - 2.30PM

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024
1PM - 2.30PM

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY 2025
1PM - 2.30PM

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025
1PM - 2.30PM

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