



# IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

22nd January 2025

*Learning to bring out the best in everyone.*

Welcome back to a new year at Fressingfield Primary School. The term has started in an energetic way with children being busy across the school. In fact, I always think the Spring Term is the most purposeful—the children are all comfortable with the routines and expectations of the class, they have built positive relationships with their teachers and the children in their class, they have a term’s-worth of prior learning under their belts and they just seem so eager. So, here’s to ‘getting cracking’ in 2025 and to everyone being the best they can be!



## SCHOOL GROUNDS WORK DAY



On Saturday 8th February, we will be having a school grounds work day to help prepare our school for the coming of spring. There are always lots of jobs to do to make our school better and we rely on parents to help each year. Thankfully, these events are always well-attended, so can you join the work gang? This year, we will need parents confident using a chainsaw to chop down the bigger trees in the kitchen garden and to pollard the willows. We would love anyone with a strimmer or a pair of secateurs to join a team to tidy up the sensory garden and another group will be needed to chop back the willow structures in the Early Years area. We also need help repairing the wobbly fencing leading into the kitchen garden and we would like to take down the old PE Sheds and have these taken away. We also need our balance-bikes to be serviced, so if you know how to tighten up brakes or adjust saddles, we would love your support. We will also need a team to make cuppas and sarnies for the busy workers. If you can help, please contact Mr Leicester or Mrs Drax to sign up.

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY

### 7th Feb

The NSPCC Number Day is BACK and the theme is Dress for Digits. This maths-focused celebration takes place each year on 7th February to have fun with number and to raise a little money for the NSPCC (whose volunteers joined us in school during the autumn term). On the day, please come ‘dressed for digits,’ which means wearing anything number or maths related—a football top, a dress with a repeating pattern, a shirt covered in shapes—the choice is yours. The teachers will plan some special maths-related event in class and there will also be a one-off TTRS Tournament between Rhine, Zambezi and Amazon Classes (and against other schools across the country). The tournament lasts from 7.30am until 7.30pm. Good luck Times Tablers!

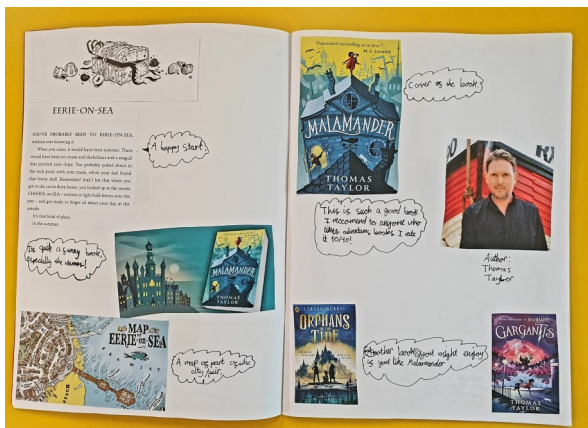
## HORRIBLE HISTORIES— THE AWFUL EGYPTIANS



The children in Key Stage 2 are really looking forward to a trip to the Theatre Royal in Norwich on 27th February to see the stage show of Horrible Histories: The Awful Egyptians. The show couldn’t be better timed as our theme this term is Ancient Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs. The tickets have been paid for by FOSSA, so we would like to say thank you to them for all their efforts and support.

## READING SCRAPBOOKS

Over the course of the rest of the year, your child will come home with a Reading Scrapbook to complete and return to school. Each class will be setting up its own scrapbook (or possibly two) and sending it out for the children to complete. These are for the children to complete in any way they choose, but with the intention of sharing them with the class. The children could include print outs of their favourite books, pictures of their favourite characters, their recommendations, a photograph of themselves reading in a favourite spot (or somewhere exotic), or even a profile of themselves as a reader. When they’re not at home, we’ll be keeping them in our Book Corners so the children can learn from each other.



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## RSPB BIG BIRD WATCH

We will be participating once again in the RSPB Big Bird Watch this weekend. On Tuesday, we learnt about the Big Bird Watch and the threats



facing our native bird species. The children explained that habitat loss was one of the primary reasons for dwindling bird numbers in the United Kingdom. We learnt about the job the RSPB do to track changes in bird numbers and how we can help with the work they do. So, this weekend, the children will bring home a spotting guide and a form for returning their results to the RSPB. Simply find a quiet spot and spend an hour outside (or looking outside) recording the different birds you can see. Let us know the results of your observations: we would love to know what you saw. If you like, you could also send us a photo of you spotting to share on Facebook.

## CONGRATULATIONS CYGNUS

Cygnus (the Blue House) won the House Point Challenge at the end of last term. It was a closely run race, with all four houses in contention until the very end. Their reward will be a non-uniform day on Friday 31st January.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SNACKS

If your child gets hungry mid-morning, please feel free to send them in with a fruit or vegetable snack. Our Healthy School agenda limits snacks to just fruit or vegetables, so please avoid any other types of snacks, such as fruit bars or fruit winders (as these are often packed full of sugar). Please note that there is fruit provided for children in Thames and Rhine Class, but you are welcome to send alternatives.

## HOME-SCHOOL READING RECORDS

In response to some questions from parents, I would like to clarify how the Home-School Reading Records can be used. The primary use of these booklets, of course, is to record progress through the books the children have selected from school. However, lots of children love to read all sorts of other things—fishing magazines, comics, non-fiction books, etc—and we would also like this to be captured. The only criteria is whether the children have read it themselves (as opposed to having it read to them). So, if your child is reading more regularly than their reading record suggests, please add these texts to their record too. Thank you.

## MAKE UP AND JEWELLERY

We have recently had to remind children (particularly in Amazon class) that they shouldn't be wearing jewellery or make-up in school. Our uniform policy allows for plain stud earrings as the only jewellery permitted. We would be grateful if you could support us with this by ensuring your child is dressed correctly for school. Thank you.

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 23rd Jan 7.30pm	FOFSA Meeting at the Swan Pub
Fri 24th Jan	HSSSP Multi-skills for KS1 at Hartismere School 11.30—3.15pm
Fri 24th—Sun 26th Jan	Big Garden Bird Watch
Fri 31st Jan	Cygnus (Blue House) Dress-down day
Wed 5th and Thurs 6th Feb	Parents Evenings
Fri 7th Jan	NSPCC Number Day: Dress for Digits
Sat 8th Feb	School Grounds Work Day
Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb	Half Term
Thur 27th Feb	KS2 Trip to Theatre Royal: Horrible Histories
Fri 14th March	HSSSP Orienteering 12.30pm—2.45pm at Hartismere
Thurs 20th March	Thames and Rhine Classes: Hannah Brailsford Storyteller
Thurs 20th March	HSSSP Bee Netball at Brandeston School 12pm- 2.45pm KS2
Fri 21st March	Zambezi—Wilder Schools Day
Fri 28th March	Forest School Taster Day for new pupils for YN and YR
Fri 28th March	HSSSP Quicksticks Hockey at Harleston Mag- pies 12pm-2.45pm
Tue 1st April	Swimming Gala at Framlingham College 10am— 12.30pm
Thurs 3rd April	Easter Service St Peter's and St Pauls Church 9.30am

## THE CHANGING CHAMELEON

The Changing Cameleon is one of our ELLI Characters; it represents Changing and Learning. The Chameleon loves to learn and has a sense of itself as a learner. It knows that it is on a journey and that it can change and get better at things over time. The Chameleon is good at setting itself goals and knows that it can get there in the end. The opposite end of this pole is being 'stuck.' We might say things like, "What do you want to learn? Make a wish – what do you want to learn about next? There's no such thing as can't, just 'can't yet!'"

