

Frogmore Junior School

Weekly Bulletin

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Yesterday was the official 'Census' day for schools. It is a day when school information such as the number of pupils is collected to help central government and Local Authorities allocate funding and resources. The good news is that Frogmore Juniors has officially 'grown' by 11 pupils since the last census. It is great to welcome new children and families to the school and I am sure that we can look forward to further increases in the future. One of the key factors in this growth, I believe, is the close partnership that we have with the Infant school, Tadpoles and Frogmore Community College. This week, Panto/Drama Club started on Wednesday afternoons – both Infants and Juniors have sessions with Panto club so it is something that we're very excited about. Rocksteady continued their instrument tuition for both schools combined; clarinet lessons are given to both together; art club is a joint activity and choir sees Infants and Juniors singing and enjoying music as one single group.

On Wednesday our lower school children visited Frogmore Community College and saw musicians and teachers perform a range of different instruments – an opportunity created as part of our 'Sound and Playlist' topic. The performances were inspirational; there was a real 'buzz' of excitement when the children returned. I'm grateful to Mr Vaudin, the headteacher, for allowing us to have this first-hand experience and for supporting further close work between schools. This joined-up path, from Early Years to secondary and beyond is a strong feature of our partnership of schools and part of what makes the 'Frogmore' journey such a special one.

Another benefit is the strength of our collaborative voice to create action – after much of our complaining, questioning, prodding and pleading from all on-site, I'm happy to report that the path leading from the front gate to the Junior school crossing will be resurfaced this February half-term. After the half-term break you will finally have a newly tarmacked pathway. In school there will be a newly sanded and varnished hall floor. When those works are complete we will schedule a relaunch event so that you and the wider community can see how much the school has changed – both inside and out.

Mathematics training

This week we welcomed 14 teachers and school leaders to Frogmore who were taking part in training led by Mr Johnson in his role as a specialist mathematics teacher. The

children are very proud of our school and do a great job of showing visitors their work and excellent attitudes to learning. We received very positive feedback about the children who took part in a demonstration lesson for our visitors. Our own Frogmore teachers also took part in mathematics training after school on Wednesday evening, with further training planned for the future. In June we will welcome visiting headteachers from Singapore who are keen to find out more about the work that we are doing at Frogmore. It is always great to be able to share best practice and learn from each other.

Cycling to School

A polite reminder that all children who ride their bicycles to school **must** wear a helmet. We ask if children are bringing scooters or bikes onto the school grounds they must walk them down the pathway (as tempting as it might be to cycle or scoot down the new tarmac when it is done!) and store them securely in our cycle/scooter rack area.

Whole School Disco

Our PTA will be running a whole-school disco on Thursday 8th February from 5.45-7.00pm. Hopefully all our children will get the chance to come along.

World Book Day

I know it is still some time away – World Book Day is taking place on Thursday 1st March. We would like all the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Everyone will be taking part (me included!) so I wanted to try and give you as much notice as possible. I'm looking forward to sharing stories with the Juniors and the Infants on that day.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Thank you,

Mr McCarthy

Information sent home this week *(and on the Letters page on school website)*

- Parents' Forum (by email)

Extra-Curricular Activities for w/c 22nd January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dodgeball Club 3.15-4.00pm	Y5-6 Football Team	Cross Country	Chess Club	Gymnastics Club 8.00-8.45am
Choir 3.15-4.15pm	Chelsea Football Club 3.15-4.15pm	Panto Club 3.15-4.15pm	Hockey Club	Tag Rugby
	Atrebatas Project 3.15-4.15pm		Atrebatas Project 3.15-4.15pm	
	Art & Craft Club 3.15-4.15pm		Judo Club 3.30-4.15pm	
	Badminton Club 3.15-4.15pm			



MONDAY 3.15-4pm

Places still available
Please ask in the office

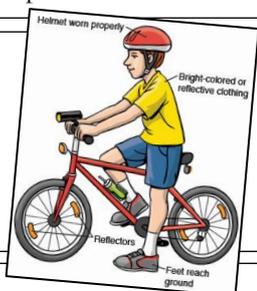


After School Clubs

There are still places available in all our extra-curricular clubs; in particular Chelsea FC, Panto, Judo and Gymnastics clubs need more participants.

Reminder

Please can we kindly remind you that children who ride bicycles into school must wear a cycle helmet for their own safety.



Window Cleaner

We are currently looking for a commercial cleaning contractor to undertake regular cleaning of our lovely new windows. If you or a family member would be interested in providing a quote please get in touch with Mrs Hinsley in the school office.

Lost Property

We have found a ring in the staff/ladies toilets; please ask in the school office if you think it may belong to you.

Attendance

If our attendance registers do not show a written explanation of absence, a letter to parents is generated automatically. We welcome information about requested or reported absences by email, or written on a piece of paper. If you want to email, please use the main office email address:

adminoffice@frogmore-jun.hants.sch.uk so that we can be sure to pick up your messages without delay.

DIARY OF DATES

January

31 E-safety Session for parents at FIS 6.45pm

February

- 1 Harry Potter Book Night 6pm
- 2 Celebration Assembly
- 2 Young Voices, O2 Arena
- 6 Safer Internet Day
- 6 Community Art Exhibition
- 8 Puffin Virtually Live Event
- 8 Rowan Class Assembly
- 8 School Dsico 5.45-7pm
- 8 Y3 Warburton visit
- 9 Y3 Warburton visit
- 9 School finishes at 3.15pm for half term
- 19 **School starts for children at 8.30am**
- 22 Y5 trip to Wisley Gardens

March

- 1 World Book Day (dressing up day)
- 13 Parents' Evening
- 14 Parents' Evening
- 29 School finishes at 3.15pm for Easter holiday

April

- 16 **School starts for children at 8.30am**

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT



Thursday 1st February 6pm