

Community

Framfield Church of England Primary School Newsletter

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

During these challenging times, it can be difficult to remain positive, however, the animal world carries on regardless of the pandemic and can bring us joy and respite from our worries. I am pleased to bring you some news of forthcoming events that might bring light relief.



Everything you need to take part can be found on the RSPB website:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

This weekend is the RSPB big garden bird watch. This is an opportunity for the family to get outside for an hour and count the number of bird species that you see.

How does Big Garden Birdwatch help?

Thanks to people like you taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, we now have over 40 years of data and this has helped increase our understanding of the challenges faced by wildlife.

It was one of the first surveys to identify the decline of song thrushes in gardens. This species was a firm fixture in the top 10 in 1979. But by 2019, those numbers had declined by 76% - coming in at number 20. And did you know that house sparrow sightings have dropped by 53% since the first Birdwatch in 1979? However, in the past 10 years their numbers have grown by 10% showing that we are beginning to see some signs of recovery.

Results like these help us spot problems. But, more importantly, they are the first step towards putting things right.

Framfield Virtual Pet Show

You will all have received a letter inviting families to take part in the virtual pet show. It should be a lovely, fun family event. Please email your photographs to the office by next Thursday so that our guest judges can find the winners in each category. Everyone can enter, as there are categories for families that don't have their own pet.

I can't wait to see you all next Saturday, with your animals. There will be rosettes and prizes for the winners.

Participants will enter their pets via a photograph which will be judged by our guest judges. This will be followed by a live Zoom event where all participants will be invited to attend with their pets and prizes will be awarded.

There will be 6 categories:

- Going wild (a photo of an animal in the wild)
- Pets in action (capturing some action shots of your pets)
- All sorts (photos of unusual pets for example lizards, sheep, chickens etc)
- Best rescue pets (a category just for rescued animals)
- Pets that look like their owners (a photo of the owner and pet for the judges to compare)
- Get creative (make/draw/paint a pet that you have had or would like to have)



All entries will be emailed across to our very special guest judges who will reveal 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place during our live pet show on **Saturday 6th February at 10.00am.**

This is the house rabbit Finn that belongs to one of our newest Governors Tim Murray.



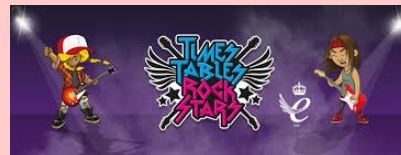
Drop Off and Collection Times for Key Workers

Please be reminded that the drop off time in the morning is between 8.40am-8.55am and collection is between 2.55pm-3.00pm. It is even more important that these times are adhered to at the moment when we are minimising the numbers of staff in school and I will have to work from home for at least the next week. Thank you for your cooperation.

Celebrating Success

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Peacocks - Gregory	Peacocks - Sadie
Kingfishers - Isobel and Amelie	Kingfishers - Mila and Estelle
Puffins - Isaac and Edwin	Puffins - Violet and Isabella
Eagles - Georgia and Emily	Eagles - Gus and Ethan



Week 1

Ralph, Gareth, Felix

Week 2

Ralph, Gareth, Felix

Mathletics



Gold

Week 1

Week 2 Ella

Silver

Week 1 Elena, Winter, Thomas, Edwin



Week 2 Rose, Jamie, Luca, Logan, Ella

Spelling Shed

1st place

Week 1

Jasmine

Week 2

Mollie

2nd place

Week 1

Thomas

Week 2

Georgia

3rd place

Week 1

Isobel

Week 2

Isobel

Although our school is partially closed, please do not hesitate to contact us, should you or your child be struggling and you need our help or someone to talk to.

With Kind Regards

Lisa Pestell

Headteacher

Future Dates:

SPRING TERM

Saturday 6th February, 10am

Virtual Pet Show

Thursday 1st April

INSET DAY