



Community

Framfield Church of England Primary School Newsletter

12th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term is here already and I know we are all looking forward to some time of rest. The weather looks reasonable, so I hope you all get the chance to see a blue sky and enjoy some fresh air. Despite the ongoing lockdown, there is still positive news to share:

Latest news from Harambee

Since Christmas, all Kenyan children have been back in full time school. The boys from the safe houses are very pleased to be with all their different friends and are working hard to catch up on the year of schooling that they have missed.

Apart from having to wear masks all the time (you even have to wear a mask whilst in a car, even if you are on your own!) and having a curfew from early evening every day, the boys report that life is not too bad. They do not have the restrictions that we have, and can move around freely.

Nobody from the charity will be able to travel to Kisii this Easter because of the extra costs involved and the requirements that need to be met in order to enter Kenya. At present, on arrival one would have to isolate in a hotel of the Kenyan Governments choice, so probably expensive! Also, anyone travelling would have to isolate when they came back to the UK

All of this means the boys are getting short of clothes and school equipment. However, the most recent news is that the boys have received new shoes for school and trainers to play football in which they were thrilled about.

Mrs Riley

Geography in KS1

This term, the children in Kingfisher Class will be making comparisons between the geography of Kisii in Kenya and Uckfield, in particular the location and climate of both places. Yesterday, Mrs Riley, who is a regular visitor to Kenya joined Mrs Vernon and Kingfisher Class in a live lesson to talk about her knowledge of the area. The children have been invited to write letters to the children in the Harambee safe house. We look forward to building a stronger relationship with our friends in Kisii.

Thank you so much!

Staff were overwhelmed to receive an incredible delivery this week of two beautifully decorated large boxes brimming with chocolate, drinks and pamper gifts. They were kindly donated by pupils, parents and carers as a thank you for all of their "hard work, love and care put in to the children during lockdown, whether they've been at home or school". The boxes are being kept in the staff room for staff to take treats home, take a break and relax at the end of the day. Thank you so much from all the staff to every one of you who donated, your kind thoughts are very much appreciated!



Changes within the school office

We are sad to inform you all Rebecca Josling our Federation bursar will be leaving us. She will be joining a new school as their business manager. This is a marvellous opportunity for her and we wish her well in her new appointment. We are now recruiting for her role, please find the advert at the end of the newsletter.

We are looking for a Federation Bursar

Are you, or would someone you know, be interested in applying for our Federation School Bursar post which has been recently advertised on the ESCC Jobs site? It would be to start as soon as possible. The job is for 24 hours a week to be split evenly between Framfield and Blackboys Primary Schools, days worked to be discussed. Further information about the role can be seen below.



Parent Consultations

We would normally have parent / teacher consultations this term. Because we are currently partially closed, it seemed prudent to postpone these meetings until the children are back in school and teachers are better able to have a thorough knowledge of every child to bring to the discussions. Early next term, you will be informed of the new dates and the arrangements for these meetings.



<https://uckfieldnews.com/virtual-pet-show-proves-success-for-framfield-primary-school/>

Don't forget to read the Uckfield News article about the Framfield Pet Show

Sporting News

A national lockdown can not stop Framfield School Community keeping fit!

Thank you to everyone that has worked hard at home and

added their sporting scores to help Framfield gain some fantastic results. This term we have participated at home and school in 2 different events

The first was **Sussex School Games X-FIT CHALLENGE**: with KS2 children taking part in X-fit challenges and KS1 children taking part in similar activities of Animal Olympic challenges - At the moment we are in first place for both age's groups!! There is still time to add your scores to this so please email your teacher who can forward your results.

The second is the Winter games where each week we have 4 challenges to complete and submit our scores. At the moment we are in joint first place with some of the other schools in the area. So, get practising and improving your scores. Do not forget grown ups can enter this as well.

Competition Time

The Specsavers Winter Games is still taking place during half term! Whilst completing your challenges please send photos of yourself in your winter gear and glasses to the school office on office@framfieldcep.e-sussex.sch.uk). The best photo per class will win a prize.

Mrs Kent

40 Acts of Kindness

Today, we talked about the 40 acts of kindness during Lent. Please find the link below if you would like to download the planner and follow it during Lent. We can share your progress in our future acts of collective worship.



SPECSAVERS 'VIRTUAL'
SUSSEX SCHOOL GAMES:
THE WINTER GAMES 2021

Celebrating Success

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Peacocks - Max	Peacocks - Rose
Kingfishers - Logan and Thomas	Kingfishers - Edward and Jamie
Puffins - Harriett and Sam	Puffins - Oscar and Lydia
Eagles - Margot and Sofia	Eagles - Felix and Eloise



EAGLES

Week 1

Ralph, Gareth, Felix

Week 2

Ralph, Gareth, Felix

PUFFINS

Week 1

Week 2

Violet, Jasmine, Edwin

Mathletics



Gold

Week 1

Week 2 Isabella, Joe



Silver

Week 1 Jack, Sadie, Max, Eddie, Samuel, Estelle, Harry P, Violet, Ryder, Daisy

Week 2 Isobel, Isabella, Joe, Bella

Spelling Shed

1st place

Week 1

Mollie

Week 2

Mollie

2nd place

Week 1

Georgia

Week 2

Luca

3rd place

Week 1

Isobel

Week 2

Violet

We understand how difficult it continues to be for parents; many of who are managing home schooling alongside their jobs and other commitments. I would like to thank you all for the support you are giving the school and our children.

This week, the staff at Framfield have been touched by the kindness of our community. The gifts, cards and emails mean so much to us all; thank you.

Kind regards

Lisa Pestell
Headteacher

Future Dates:

SPRING TERM

Thursday 1st April

INSET DAY

SUMMER TERM

Saturday 10th July 2021

Uckfield Children's Parade

Staff Vacancy-Federation School Bursar

To start as soon as possible. Salary £22299 - £22944 (pro rata, part time), Permanent contract, 24 hours a week, days worked to be discussed.

The St Thomas á Becket Church of England Federation is looking for a new member of staff to add to their existing support staff team. You will be based within both Federation Schools, Blackboys and Framfield CEP Schools.

We are looking for a motivated, flexible and energetic Bursar to work across our small but thriving School Offices for a total of 24 hours a week. Days and hours to be worked will be discussed at interview.

Working alongside and in consultation with the Schools' Headteachers and associated School bodies, duties will include: *Sharing the management of the Schools' finances.

*Preparing the Schools' budget plan.

*Preparing the budget for approval by the Headteachers and Governors.

*Monitoring the budget share expenditures.

*Overall responsibility for all monies received by the Schools, ensuring that appropriate accounting procedures are adopted, understood and followed.

*To be responsible for all bank accounts relating to the Schools.

*To prepare financial reports for the Governing Body and Headteachers.

Strong ICT skills are essential, a recent experience of accounts and/or a good working knowledge of business finance are essential. A working knowledge of the Schools financial system FMS would be desirable but full training upon appointment will be given.

The successful candidate will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills being able to deal with a variety of stakeholders involved within the Federation. The candidate will have experience of office routines and commitment to develop professionally and to the Federation. The appointment will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check.

If you are a self starter, motivated, enthusiastic and enjoy a job where no two days are the same, we would love to hear from you. For a job description with person specification or for more details please contact the Blackboys School Office on 01825 890 423 OR email: office@blackboys.e-sussex.sch.uk

Please note that despite being half term from Monday 15th- Friday 19th February the office inbox will be monitored and emails actioned.

Closing Date for applications: Monday 01st March @Midday, interviews (via Zoom) which will be conducted from the week beginning Monday 08th March.