

Perseverance, Thankfulness, Fellowship, Respect, Courage, Wisdom

### Our Value for the term is Perseverance

# Framfield Church of England Primary School Newsletter 09.12.22

#### Dear Parents,

As I write this, I have just finished Framfield's longest ever assembly! On a Friday we have a celebration assembly, and this week we had just so much to celebrate!

It has been an amazing week for our youngest pupils, with two packed and appreciative audiences enjoying a splendid Nativity. It was extremely fitting that such a quality performance marked Mrs Vernon's final nativity with us, with the children acting and singing beautifully. Thank you to all the parents and carers who worked so hard on costumes and word learning too. Your support is appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed. We also celebrated a recent second place in the Uckfield College Boccia competition. Boccia is a great, inclusive sport which resembles indoor bowls. Added to this, last night our Indoor Athletics team came third, again at Uckfield College. More remarkable was that 3 year 4 children stepped up to compete in what was officially a year 5/6 event.

But the icing on the cake was news fresh in this morning that our Lions Roar representatives scooped a third place in the South East Regional Competition. Lions Roar is a competition where groups of children design a world changing invention which they present with a 'Dragons Den Style' video. There are 2,752 schools in the South East of England and for Oscar, Lilyia, Piper and Mollie to come third is remarkable. We are very proud of you.

We may be a small school, but it is brilliant to have such an impact.

#### Kingfisher Class

With Mrs Vernon leaving us at the end of this term I am delighted to be able to update parents on the teaching team in Kingfishers. Following applications and a rigorous interview process, I am delighted to report that we have appointed Mrs Sarah Pepper for a temporary role teaching Kingfishers 3 days a week for terms 3 and 4. Mrs Pepper is a skilled, experienced local teacher and Mrs Kent and I are confident she will add value to the provision in year 1 and 2.

For term 3 and 4 Mrs Pemberton-Bouzon will teach Kingfishers on Monday and Tuesday with Mrs Pepper teaching the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In term 5, we welcome Miss Black back to Framfield following her maternity leave. Miss Black will teach Kingfishers for term 5 and 6 on Tuesdays-Fridays with Mrs Pemberton-Bouzon returning to her familiar Monday teaching role. Throughout this period, the class will be ably supported by excellent TA Mrs Cosshall.

#### Drop off and Pick up

It has been noticeable recently that our time keepings at the beginning and end of the day have been a little less impressive than at the start of the school year. The school gate opens at 8:45am and remains open until 8:55am. Children arrive at school between these times and head straight to class to begin their learning. All classes take part in Early Bird Maths from 8:45am, so arriving on time gives your child the very best chance of improving their Maths skills.

At the end of the day, the school gate opens at 3pm for what we hope will be immediate pick up from class-rooms. I have asked staff to work hard on ensuring a prompt and regular 3pm pick up and request that parents follow the same principle please.

#### Extra Curricular Opportunities

A new extra curricular letter and timetable will be coming out in the first week of term. Please make sure you use the goggle form in the letter to sign up for the clubs on offer. I also had a great meeting with Mr Hennebry, Principal of Uckfield College, this week, regarding the Resilience Award Scheme (a younger version of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards) which we would like to launch in Framfield after Christmas. Watch this space!

#### **Boccia Competition**

Framfield students had a great opportunity to play Boccia with other local schools at Uckfield College. Boccia is a target sport played indoors with soft leather balls. It is a sport of intriguing tactics, incredible skill and nail biting tension. Well done to our team who came 2nd!





#### Primary Cup Chess Competition

A team from both Framfield and Blackboys travelled to Cumnor House Preparatory School for the first round of the Sussex Primary Chess Cup. Despite some tough fixtures, both teams did well, finishing 4th and 5th and the experience puts us in a good place for the second round after Christmas.,



#### **Indoor Athletics Tournament**

In an exciting afternoon at Uckfield Leisure Centre, our Indoor Athletics team came third out of 8 schools. The children took part in a series of track and field events and were all 'the best that they could be'. Well done team.

Thank you to Mrs Kent and Miss Keenan for leading the team.



#### All things Christmassy at Framfield

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for helping out with the school Christmas lunches. The children had a great time with Christmas music and getting their own Santa hat!

The staff at Chartwells worked hard to produce a tasty Christmas Dinner, of which the roast potatoes proved particularly popular!



Wow! What amazing performances we had for this year's 'Born into a Barn'. Well done to all the children who worked so hard and made their parents and teachers so proud.

Thank you to Mrs Kent, Mrs Duncan, Ms Keenan, Mrs Cosshall and Mrs Vernon for another fantastic nativity.





\* Please could all Christmas cards be posted by Thursday 15the December \*



#### PTFA News

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#### ★ Christmas Fair

The fair was a great success! Lots of fun was had by all. Thanks to everyone who made it such a lovely event. To helpers, staff, organisers, people that donated gifts/cake and of course all the families for supporting the event. We haven't got a total yet but we will announce as soon as possible.

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#### More events for 2023

Please come along to PTFA meetings to chat about future events (e.g school disco!) and ★ to start planning more fun times! To find out more please contact Emily Hastings -PTFAFramfield@gmail.com





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#### Community Carol Concert

On Sunday 11 December 2022 at 6.30pm there will be a Service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight at St Thomas A Becket Church in Framfield.

There will be pupils from both Framfield and Blackboys schools singing with the choir; and mince pies and refreshments served in the church.

All are very welcome. We would love to see you there.

#### School Carol Service

We also have our own Carol Service on Wednesday 14th December at 9:30am. The children will come to school as normal, in super smart uniform and will walk to the church with their teachers. We would love lots of parents, carers and friends to come along and join in with our service. The church will be open from 9:05am. We are welcoming the vicar of Holy Cross Church, Father John, who will be assisting the children with the service. He has promised an exciting, child orientated sermon.

As this is the final Newsletter of term, the staff, governors and I would like to wish every family a very Merry Christmas.

Mr Sullivan

## Celebrating Success



#### **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

Peacocks - Joshua Peacocks - William

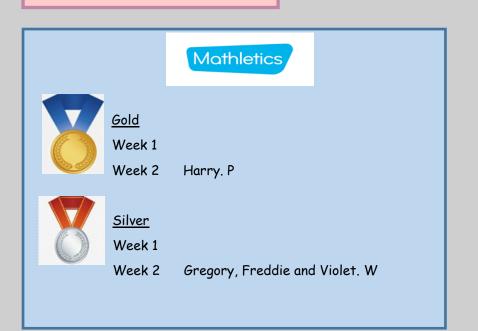
Eagles - Cordelia and Jasmine

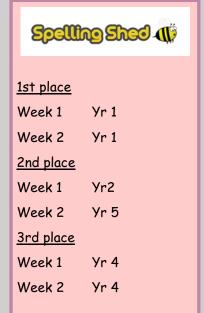
Kingfishers - Violet and Owen Kingfishers - Esmae and

Gregory

Puffins - Samuel and Sofia Puffins - Amy. B and Amelia

Eagles - Oscar and Lydia





#### Future Dates:

INSET DAYS Friday 31st March Friday 21st July

SPRING TERM

Mon 9th January, 2.45pm Peacocks Planning Meeting

Tues 10th January, 2.45pm Kingfishers Planning Meeting

Wed 11th January, 2.45pm Eagles Planning Meeting

Thurs 12th January, 2.45pm Puffins Planning Meeting

Tues 17th January, 2.30pm Parental English Workshop

Tuesday 7th February Whole School Safer Internet Day

Tues 7th February, 3.20-6.00pm Parent Consultations

Thurs 9th February, 5.30-7.30pm Parent Consultations

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

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Tm 2/Week 7		
Monday	12/12	Red Butler Music Lessons
		KS2 Hockey Club 3-4pm
Tuesday	13/12	Christmas Jumper Day—£1 Donation for Save the Children
		Reception and Year 6 Health Screening Checks
		Red Butler Music Lessons
		Le Tennis Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday	14/12	Carols Service at St Thomas A Becket Church, 9.30am
		Year 4 Forest School
Thursday	15/12	KS2 Dance Club, 3-4pm
Friday	16/12	Aladdin Pantomime
Tm 3/Week 1		
Monday	02/01	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday	03/01	Inset Day
Wednesday	04/01	First Day of Term
		Chestnut House to wear
Thursday	05/01	KS2 Dance Club, 3-4pm
Friday	06/01	