



Perseverance, Thankfulness, Fellowship, Respect, Courage, Wisdom

Our Value for the term is Courage

## Framfield Church of England Primary School Newsletter

27.01.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to start this newsletter by explaining a little more about the 'ray of the sunshine' that is our Friday Assembly. It's a slightly extended assembly that provides a real dose of positivity at the end of the week. Class teachers nominate a child per year group to receive one of our coveted 5Rs Certificate. Based on the school's 5Rs (Respect ourselves, Respect others, Respect our learning time, Respect our school and Respect our Christian Values) these certificates are personalised and each child who earns a certificate is given a clap, a badge and then is able to sit on a nice comfy chair for the rest of assembly. We call these 'our best seats in the house!'. During this action packed assembly we present certificates for Athletics, TT RockStars, and we celebrate successes on Spelling Shed. A lovely surprise comes next: If any child has achieved anything out of school, we call them to the front and share their success with the rest of school. Recently this has been trampolining awards, swimming badges and a seriously impressive motocross trophy. Next up, the house captains take over and share the school totals for house points. We give house points out for good work and good effort with learning. Ash House were the winners this week, but what was exciting was that each house scored over 100 house points for the week. A Framfield first! We end assembly with a hymn, (Colours of Day is our current favourite) and then a house captain will read a prayer from our prayer journal. The prayer journal is available in the James Room for any child to write in. Putting our worries into God's hands or thanking God for the things we have to be fortunate about are common themes.

### Strike Action

I have no doubt you will be aware that one of the teaching unions, The NEU have declared strike action to be held during this term. The first day of action is scheduled to be Wednesday 1st February. It may be that members of staff choose to strike at Framfield School. This is a difficult decision for colleagues to make and if a teacher takes the decision to strike it is essentially to raise the profile of the chronic underfunding of schools at the present time. Teacher pay is one symptom of this underfunding, but there are many others. Strained school budgets and the challenges of recruitment are all linked to underfunding.

At Framfield, we will support colleagues who are members of the NEU and chose to strike on this issue. However on the occasion of 1st February, school will remain **open** for all pupils and we are confident any absences can be covered without risk to Health and Safety or the children's education. **Please bring your children to school as normal on Wednesday.**

### School Lunch Increase

We have been notified via East Sussex County Council that Chartwells, providers of our School lunches, will be increasing their meal prices from Monday 30th January 2023 to £2.60 daily. This price will be protected from any rise until 01st September 2023. Please remember pupils in Peacocks and Kingfishers are entitled to free school meals via the Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlement.

### Eagles Class Assembly

Please note the new date for Eagles Class Assembly, Thursday 2nd February, 9.05am. We are expecting Eagles Class to tell us all about their learning in their topic of Rivers.

### Punctuality

Since the Christmas break, we have noticed a huge improvement in pupils' punctuality at the beginning of the day. Thank you. This has resulted in more children being able to complete their Early Bird Maths session each morning. 10 minutes extra maths at the beginning of each day, almost equals an extra maths lesson a week!

However, could we remind parents that pick up is at 3pm at the end of the school day. Staff are working hard to make sure classes are punctually dismissed and we would appreciate parents/carers doing the same please.

## Netball Tournaments

Last week a team of Year 6 children took part in a netball tournament at Uckfield Community College. We played 4 games, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. Excellent team play which resulted in 2nd place!

This week a team of Year 4 children took part in a netball tournament at Uckfield, Community College. We played 7 games, winning 6 and only losing to the first place school. Excellent team play and great potential for the future.

Well done Framfield!



Our swimming team swam brilliantly at Wednesday's swimming gala. We secured a joint 6th place finish with some courageous swimming and a silver certificate earned in the 25m backstroke for girls. Harriett can therefore boast of being the second fastest backstroker in the Uckfield area! Well done.



## Maths Masterclass

We welcomed Mr Pope from Uckfield College to school on Wednesday. Mr Pope is a Maths teacher and ran a fantastic session for our year 5 pupils. As the picture shows, our year 5s were super focused and impressed Mr Pope with their effort and resilience, dealing with some quite challenging subject matter. We hope Mr Pope will visit again in the summer term.

Our links with Uckfield College are really important to us and aids the transition between year 6 at Framfield and potential year 7 at Uckfield College.

## Open the Book Assembly

The whole school enjoyed another fantastic Open The Book assembly on the **Parable of the Good Shepherd**. Parents may enjoy discussing this excellent parable with their children. Found in the Book of Matthew 18: 10-14, Jesus tells the parable of the lost sheep to show that the Kingdom of God is accessible to all, even those who were sinners or strayed from God's path.

He uses the example of a shepherd (God) who has 100 sheep and one goes missing. The shepherd leaves the 99 others and searches high and low for the lost sheep. Jesus stresses that when the shepherd finds the lost sheep he rejoices over it more than the 99 who did not go astray. This is how God will rejoice when a sinner returns to Him.



### ★ PTFA News

★ Quiz night!

★ Friday 24th March - more details to follow. Another fantastic quiz with Richard and Terry. If you've been to a quiz night before you will know how much fun they are, if you haven't, they are a real treat!

★ Summer Fair date:

★ Please put Saturday 24th of June in your diary for the Summer Fair!

★ Spring clean/clear out

★ If you are having a Spring clean/clear out of toys/games/children's clothes please could you donate them to the PTFA for the Summer fair?

★ Please pass to Emily

★ Pond/landscaping

★ Any experts in ponds/landscaping? Please could we pick your brain/use your talent to improve the pond area?

★ Email [PTFAFramfield@gmail.com](mailto:PTFAFramfield@gmail.com)

★ Thank you to one of our Framfield grandparents that kindly donated money to the PTFA.

★ The PTFA were able to buy this amazing igloo for the peacocks class to work alongside their topic of 'Let it Snow, Let it Grow'.



# Celebrating Success



## Week 1

### Puffins

Harry. P  
Thomas. S  
Sofia

### Eagles

Violet  
Jasmine  
Oscar

## Week 2

### Puffins

Harry. P  
Thomas  
Oscar

### Eagles

Violet  
Jasmine  
Harry. S

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Peacocks - David

Kingfishers - Rupert and Rose

Puffins - Ruby. K and Suki

Eagles - Dolcie and Ruby. S

Peacocks - Erin

Kingfishers - Eleanor and Isla

Puffins - Reuben and Vanya

Eagles - Violet and Grace

## Spelling Shed

### 1st place

Week 1 Yr 2

Week 2 Yr 5

### 2nd place

Week 1 Yr 5

Week 2 Yr 6

### 3rd Place

Week 1 Yr 3

Week 2 Yr 4

## Mathletics



### Gold

Week 1

Week 2 Jack



### Silver

Week 1 Isobel. B

Week 2 Harry. P, Mollie

## Future Dates:

### **INSET DAYS**

**Friday 31st March**

**Friday 21st July**

### **SPRING TERM**

Thursday 2nd February, 9.05am

Eagles Class Assembly

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

Friday 24th February

Year 6 Houses of Parliament Trip

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March

Forensic Science Workshop (All classes)

Wednesday 24th May

Year 6 French Trip

Sunday 24th June

PTFA Summer Fair

<b>Tm 3/Week 5</b>		
Monday	30/01	Red Butler Music Lessons KS1 Gym Club 3-4pm Federation Football, 3.15-4.15 at Blackboys
Tuesday	31/01	Reading Café Club, 12-12.45pm Red Butler Music Lessons Le Tennis Club, 3-4pm Art Club, 3-4pm
Wednesday	01/02	Open the Book Assembly Peacocks Forest School Year 3 Forest School
Thursday	02/02	Eagles Class Assembly, 9.05am Puffins Recorder Lessons
Friday	03/02	
<b>Tm 3/Week 6</b>		
<b>No teacher led clubs running this week due to parent consultations</b>		
Monday	06/02	Red Butler Music Lessons KS1 Gym Club 3-4pm
Tuesday	07/02	Red Butler Music Lessons Le Tennis Club, 3-4pm Parent Consultations, 3.20-6.00pm Year 3 Personal Best Festival, UCTC, 3.45-5.00pm
Wednesday	08/02	Puffins Class Assembly, 9.05am Peacocks Forest School Year 3 Forest School
Thursday	09/02	Puffins Recorder Lesson Parent Consultations, 5.30-7pm
Friday	10/02	Last day of term