



Perseverance, Thankfulness, Fellowship, Respect, Courage, Wisdom

Our Value for the term is Thankfulness

## Framfield Church of England Primary School Newsletter

24.11.2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Since the last newsletter we have welcomed two trainee teachers from Uckfield College thus further developing links between the schools and offering primary experience to secondary colleagues. It was lovely to hear such glowing feedback about how they found their 'Framfield Experience'. It has been great to make use of the local partnership to upskill our subject leaders who attended an afternoon with other local subject leaders.

We had more sporting events and success...read on to find out more. Mrs Kent's superb organisation and passion coupled with support from adults like Miss Keenan enables so many children to get to represent the school and try out playing sports competitively- this is music to my ears! The Year 1 and 2 children took part in the 'Multi-Skills' event and the Year 5 and 6 children took part in the local cross-country event.

We have so many amazing events taking place in the school and school community. Please diarise the key dates listed in the newsletters and website.

Please can I remind parents that your child must have a P.E kit in school at all times. If your child has participated in a sporting club or event the night before, we still require a P.E kit in school. Over the last 2 weeks we have had 20% of pupils borrowing school P.E kit from the school office. This takes valuable time away from members of staff having to rectify this issue.

### Attendance

We have someone from the local authority coming in next week for an attendance review meeting, all schools have these meetings. Attendance is a key indicator of children's future success and despite reminders, the attendance has dropped considerably over the last few weeks. The average % figure that schools are expected to meet is 95%.

We have 45 pupils already under 95%. Anyone whose attendance % is under 90% is deemed as having 'persistent absence'; we have 25 pupils under 90% ! Very soon, letters will be sent home to all families updating you on your child's attendance. 90% means 1 day missed every two week. Thank you for your support with this matter. We are empathetic to those whose children have experienced temperatures (and must be off) but children can come into school having taken Calpol.

### Eagles (Year 5) at the cross-country run in Crowborough on 14 Nov 2023.

Sofia and Elizabeth represented Framfield in the Year 5 girls' event and Jamie, Harry P, Vanya and Luca represented Framfield in the Year 5 boys' event. In each race 100 children competed from schools across the North Wealden Area.

Our girls and boys did an awesome job and battled through the muddy fields and woodland, and all of them finished the race. We are so proud of our little runners!

Sofia and Jamie made it into the third round and will continue to represent Framfield as part of the North Wealden Warriors at the Sussex School Games on 27th March 2024 at Crawley Rugby Club. We wish them well in the next stage.

Hip Hip Hurray!





### Indoor Athletics

Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an indoor athletics tournament at Uckfield college. Nine other schools took part in the event with a mixture of field and track races. It was a great opportunity for the children to try different activities.

"It was very good, I liked the races." - Jamie

"My favourite part of the event was the track running." - Luca

"I loved the long jump!" - Emily. H

**Congratulations to our weekly winners -**



### Forest School

Following on from their school trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace, Year 4 children have been creating some wonderful mosaic art work in their forest school sessions.

After Christmas, Year 3 will be taking part in forest school on Wednesday afternoons. Please let the school office know if you are able to help with any of the dates. We need a parent helper for each session. We may be forced to cancel sessions if we do not have a volunteer.





# Creative Hair Day

Thank you to all of children that took part in the PTFA Creative Hair Day. We had some unbelievable hair styles! Unfortunately there were not any photos taken of the new member of staff with blonde hair!





### National campaign: The Big Ambition

There is a online survey that has/will be shared with the children.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Further resources are available on the [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at Framfield Church of England Primary School have participated in 'The Big Ambition Survey' and had their say.

The organisers want to ensure that the voices of all children in the Uckfield area are fairly represented in the findings so that their views can be shared with the most senior members of the country.

It is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice.

Yours sincerely,

**Dame Rachel De Souza**  
Children's Commissioner for England

### Uckfield Late Night Shopping

Thank you to all of the children that have been practising for the singing event. We have been given a time slot of **7:20pm**. We will be in touch next week on where to meet before the event. Please could children wear school uniform and warm coats, hats and gloves.



### PTFA News

#### **Popcorn and PJ night- Friday 8th December 5pm-7:30pm!**

Your children are warmly invited to The Framfield PTFA Popcorn and PJ night on Friday the 8th of December 5pm-7:30pm!

We will be showing 2 age appropriate Christmas films at school. Please can Children wear their snuggliest PJs and bring a teddy! Tickets are £5 which includes popcorn and a Christmas snack bag. Please let us know of any allergies and we will cater for your child. There is a £3 optional extra for a hot chocolate and a marshmallow snowman.

We hope this will be a fabulous enjoyable event for the children and there may even be a visit from the big man himself. Thank you as always for supporting the PTFA!



**Event Details:**

Date: December 16th, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Venue: Belmont Centre, Uckfield, Belmont Rd, TN22 1JY

**Program Highlights:**

1. **Traditional Craft Stalls:** Explore a variety of exquisite Ukrainian crafts, including paper cut-outs, fabric stamps, intricately designed candles, and more. Discover unique pieces to add a touch of Ukrainian tradition to your holiday season.
2. **Cultural Workshops:** Immerse yourself in Ukrainian culture through interactive workshops on Kalyta, Motanka doll crafting, and the art of creating traditional Christmas stars and masks. Learn the stories behind these cherished Ukrainian customs.
3. **Delicious Ukrainian Treats:** tempting assortment of festive desserts. Treat yourself while supporting a worthy cause.
4. **Meaningful Fundraising:** Join us in our efforts to help families impacted by the ongoing war in Ukraine. Your kind contributions and donations will have a significant impact on their lives. The fundraising will focus on three critical areas: providing medical support for injured individuals, aiding families who have lost loved ones in defense of Ukraine, and offering prosthetic support for those who have been injured.

We invite you to join us for a day filled with joy, cultural exploration, and community togetherness. Let's celebrate the magic of Ukrainian Christmas and spread the warmth of the holiday season. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to experience the beauty of Ukrainian traditions right here in Uckfield.

**Kings Church—Open the Book Event on Saturday 25th November**

This Saturday 10am-12pm at the Civic Centre in Uckfield, Kings Church will be hosting a fun morning with bouncy castle and puppets and crafts. This is a free events and there will be refreshments provided.

# Celebrating Success

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

17/11

Peacocks - Louis

Kingfishers - Scarlett and Indie

Puffins - Mia and Quinn

Eagles - Amelia and Isaac

24/11

Peacocks - Harry

Kingfishers - Isabella and Kai

Puffins - Max and Amy. T

Eagles - Winter and Cordelia



PUFFINS

EAGLES

Week 1 - 17/11

Jacob Thomas

Samuel Mollie

Tom. P Oscar

Week 2 - 24/11

Ollie Mollie

Tom. P Thomas

Isla. Se Isaac & Violet

The school record has finally been broken (after 2 years) by Mollie - she beat the record (an average speed of 0.97 seconds) with a time of 0.94 seconds!



1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

10/11 - Year group

Year 2

Year 1

Year 5

Individual

Poppy. R

Freddie

Harry. P

24/11 - Year group

Eagles

Puffins

Kingfishers

Individual

Harry. P

Amelia

Freddie

We are going to look into other ways of celebrating the effort and progress made on TTRS not just

## Future Dates:

**INSET DAYS-**

**Tuesday 2nd January**

**Monday 22nd July**

**Tuesday 23rd July**

## **AUTUMN TERM**

Tuesday 28th November 9:05am

Peacocks' Class Assembly, Memorial Hall

Wednesday 29th November 9:05am

Puffins' Class Assembly, Memorial Hall

Friday 1st December 5-9pm

Uckfield Late Night Shopping Event

Monday 4th December

Reception and Year 6 East Sussex Health Screening

Wednesday 6th December 2:00pm

Reception and KS1 Nativity Play

Thursday 7th December 9:30am

Reception and KS1 Nativity Play

Wednesday 13th December 9:30am

Carols at St Thomas à Beckett Church

Thursday 14th December

School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December

Snow White Pantomime

Monday 8th January 2:45pm

Peacocks' Planning Meeting

Tuesday 9th January 2:45pm

Kingfishers' Planning Meeting

Wednesday 10th January 2:45pm

Eagles' Planning Meeting

Thursday 11th January 2:45pm

Puffins' Planning Meeting

Tm 2/Week 5		
Monday	27/11	Prayer Club, 12:30-1pm Red Butler Music Lessons Indoor Athletics Club 3:15-4:15pm KS2 Federation Football, 3:15-4:15pm at Blackboys
Tuesday	28/11	Peacocks' Class Assembly, 9:05am, Memorial Hall Reading Café Club, 12:30-12:30pm Red Butler Music Lessons Le Tennis Club, 3:15-4:05pm
Wednesday	29/11	Puffins' Class Assembly, 9:05am, Memorial Hall Peacocks' Forest School Year 4 Forest School Year 5/6 Boccia Competition, UCTC, 1-3pm
Thursday	30/11	Puffins' Recorder Lessons Singing Club, 3.15-4.15pm Netball Club, 3.15-4.15pm Construction Club, 3.15-4.15pm
Friday	01/12	Cheerleading Club, 3.15-4.15pm Clay Club, 3.15-4.15pm Uckfield Late Night Shopping Event, Framfield Singing at 7:20pm.
Tm 2/Week 6		
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Tuesday	05/12	Reading Café Club, 12.30-12.30pm Red Butler Music Lessons Le Tennis Club, 3.15-4.05pm
Wednesday	06/12	Open the Book Assembly Peacocks' Forest School Year 4 Forest School Nativity, 2pm, Memorial Hall
Thursday	07/12	Nativity, 9:30am, Memorial Hall Puffins' Recorder Lessons Singing Club, 3.15-4.15pm Netball Club, 3.15-4.15pm Construction Club, 3.15-4.15pm
Friday	08/12	Cheerleading Club, 3:15pm-4:15pm Clay Club, 3.15-4.15pm PTFA Popcorn and Film Night, 5-7:30pm