

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the rainy weather, it has been another excellent and fun-filled week with lots happening. First of all, I'd like to thank everyone at FROGS for their organisation of the Christmas Fair. It was a great success and ran incredibly smoothly. Thank you also to everyone who helped out on the day - your efforts are highly appreciated. Further congratulations goes to the choir for their excellent performances - well done!

We have been gearing up for our Christmas performances, which we are all very much looking forward to. These are happening throughout next week for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and then the following week for Key Stage 2. They will be a wonderful way to end the year.

There has been a great deal of learning to celebrate this week. Our focus as an SLT has been on spellings and we have been able to see the excellent work that the children have been doing across the school to learn some really challenging spellings rules - well done to all.

I would like to celebrate the success of the year 5 netball team, that played fantastically well in a 2-2 draw with Ashley School last week in their first game of the year. Well done also to year 5 football boys, who played a very close game against Burhill this week.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School

Attendance Matters

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Dates for your Diary

11 Dec	YR2 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
12 Dec	YR1 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
13 Dec	Reception Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
14 Dec	Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' Christmas Lunch
14 Dec	Tigers and Bears Christmas Performance (9.00)
17 Dec	YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
18 Dec	YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
19 Dec	END OF TERM (2.00)

Inset Days	15 February 2019 23 April 2019 3 June 2019
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N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception
KS1 = Years 1 & 2
KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.30 per day.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week in nursery our learning has been based on the story 'Peace at Last'. We have shared the story in groups and can now confidently talk about what happens to Mr Bear and who he meets. We have had a go at weaving with card and have made colourful duvets for Mr Bear. We have also made some very yummy Mr Bear cakes!

RECEPTION

This week Christmas has arrived in Otters and Squirrels. We have put up Christmas trees and decorated the classrooms. In maths, we have been investigating repeating patterns and have made beautiful paper chains. Otters and Squirrels have also been writing Christmas wish lists which have been sent off to the north pole! I wonder if we will get a reply...

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been working really hard to learn our lines and parts for our Christmas performance 'The Nativity'. We cannot wait to see you all on Wednesday 12th December. In English we have been learning how to use speech bubbles related to the story Little Red Riding Hood. In maths we have been learning the symbols greater than $>$ and less than $<$. In RE we have been sequencing the Christmas story.

YEAR 2

This week in Year 2 we have been planning a pirate letter, thinking about different features in a letter and trying to use 'pirate speak' too. In maths we have been practising our two and five times tables and completing word problems to show our understanding. Also, as part of D.T, we have been making a moving ship on card using our previous wonderful designs.

YEAR 3

In year 3 this week, the children have written parts of their version of the story of Theseus and the Minotaur learning how to edit and improve their work. In maths, they have consolidated their learning of calculations using 3 digit numbers.

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been using descriptive language to write an exposition. In maths, we've been focusing on problem solving and reasoning. In computing, we have been using Scratch to create an on-screen prototype of a toy we designed.

YEAR 5

In year 5 this week, we have been looking back at all the maths we have done this term. We did loads of problem solving and played times tables Bingo - keep practising those times tables! In English we have been reading, writing and listening to different narrative texts, all in preparation for our own story about an alien race... Our science displays are looking out of this world! Thank you for the many solar system models and space helmets!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have spent the week doing mock exams—we are all very proud of our huge progress in the last 15 weeks! We are also preparing for our Christmas concert on the 18th, and in science we have learned how fossils can be used to prove Darwin's theory of evolution.

Ahoy, me Hearties!

On Monday year two received a very important video message from Longbeard the Pirate asking for our help. He said that he had hidden his treasure in our school playground because some other pirates were after it and he wanted us to keep it safe for him. So, after drawing maps of the school to help us find it, we all set off on a treasure hunt. We found his treasure chest underneath a bush, but unfortunately the booty was gone! All that was inside the chest was a letter from Hattie the Heartless, the pirate who visited us back in October, to say that she had stolen his treasure! We managed to find some bits of booty which she had dropped on her way, but we didn't think that Longbeard was going to be very pleased that most of it was gone!



★ CHRISTMAS PARTIES WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS! ★

NURSERY	MONDAY 17 DECEMBER
RECEPTION	TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER
YR1	TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER
YR2	MONDAY 17 DECEMBER
YR3	WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER
YR4	MONDAY 17 DECEMBER
YR5	MONDAY 17 DECEMBER
YR6	MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

Please bring party clothes in a named carrier bag on the day of your child's party—no fancy dress and sensible shoes please (Nursery children should come to school wearing their party clothes) There will be a sign up sheet at each classroom so if you are able to provide food items for the parties, please add your name to the list.

Thank you.



Grovelands vs Ashley Netball Report

Last week on Thursday, Grovelands Year 5 Netball team played their first match against Ashley School. We all felt nervous, but were very excited to be playing! Our Team had been practising for a few months.

We all took our positions, the whistle blew and we were off! It was a great start to our match, with Leoni scoring an amazing first goal. It was 1-0 to Grovelands! We switched positions for the 2nd Quarter, the whistle blew and we took off at lightening speed, but unfortunately Ashley scored a goal. It was now 1-1 and half time!

Mrs Dixon called us over and we all huddled together in a big group. Mrs Dixon explained to the Team “we needed to position ourselves in front of the ball and not behind other people”. We all thought this was good advice.

We switched positions again for Quarter 3, the whistle blew, and Grovelands quickly scored their next magnificent goal by Elisse. The score was now 2-1 to Grovelands.

Quarter 4 we switched positions once again. Despite our top-notch defence Ashley disappointingly scored their second goal, bringing the score to 2-2. The whistle blew for the end of the match.

We all felt proud of ourselves and relieved that Ashley did not win!

Report written by Lilia, Kestrels Class



Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.5%	96.3%	93.5%	96.5%	94.1%	90.3%	94.9%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Penguins** for the best class attendance **98.6%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2018

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.8%	96.8%	96.4%	96.7%	96.3%	96.3%	95.5%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95.9%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Alissia	Lyra	Jacob
Squirrels	Maisie	Lyla	Daniel
Flamingos	Charlie	Iden	Denis
Penguins	Isla	Orson	Kaysan
Swans	Archie	Violet	Rosie
Dolphins	Joshua	Sean	Ellen
Seals	Isaac	Lily-Rose	Sienna
Giraffes	Simona	Theo	Haider
Zebras	Anusha	Harley	Luke
Jaguars	Maram	Sebastian	Emily
Leopards	Dylan	Filip	Curtis
Panthers	Phoebe	Arabella/Muntaha	Matas
Eagles	Lilly	Kumial	Kai
Kestrels	Zane	Halima	Kitty
Cobras	Logan	Andrea	Ciáran
Pythons	Zosia	Victoria	Riley

WELL DONE EVERYONE