



Friday 8 October

Dear parents/carers,

Just a quick update from Frittenden. Last week saw the children take part in the first event in the church for almost 2 years! The last occasion was the Nativity in 2019. Considering that it was the first time for some of our children, that they had been together as a whole school, performing to an audience – they all did amazingly well. It is one of the many aspects of working in a school that makes us all proud.



The readers were confident and despite a couple of glitches with the microphone, they were not phased and continued regardless: Well done Fifi, Eleanor, Joe and Will. Potter Class, who completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> week of full days sang beautifully about the wheels on the tractor; Wells Class shared their Kentish Hopping song; Dahl Class used water colours to create fruit and veg inspired master pieces; while Shakespeare wrote prose enthused by nature. All these were punctuated by song. Mr. Price and Mr. Hancock must also be commended for their efforts teaching the songs and dealing with the technology side.



Whilst it was fantastic to see so many parents filling the church can we take this opportunity to remind you of 2 important points: Photos and videos which show other people's children should not be shared on social media. There are a growing number of children who do not have permission to have their photos taken, let alone shared. The other consideration is younger siblings, if they are being disruptive or noisy, please take them outside for a moment or two as it can be very distracting for the children.



Thank you so much for all the donations. Year 5 are going to St. Mary's to sort out the donations before Year 6 kindly help with deliveries in Frittenden.



## Bounce Beyond

We are finally able to be in the position to welcome visitors back into the school. Last Friday Bounce Beyond came in for the morning. Each class had a high intensity bouncing workout – all set to flashing lights and music. All the children REALLY enjoyed it – as did Mrs. and Miss Jones!



Next month we are looking forward to learning Quidditch – minus broomsticks!

## Lunchtime



We have changed the way we do lunch! We are all eating together in one sitting and Shakespeare Class have more responsibility. Each day 5 children help set up and serve lunch. On each table there are 2 Shakespeare children who help anyone on their table who needs it, for example, opening packets or cutting up food. At the end of



lunch, they help with tidying up. So far it has been very successful.

When the children go out to play key stage 2 play on the big playground, whilst Dahl and Potter play on the other side. This has been brilliant – lots of interaction and play!



We are noting that there are number of children who have, what might not be described as a healthy / balanced packed lunch. A raft of biscuits, multiple full size sausage rolls, a dozen mini scotch eggs and chocolate of any description isn't going to help with slow-release energy across the afternoon. Instead, child get a sugar rush and then crash. Please try to keep it healthy and nutritious. Likewise, morning snack: fruit or cereal bars not crisps and biscuits.

Here are some ideas for packed lunches: [Lunchbox Ideas](#) | [Recipes](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

## **Head boy and girl.**

This year we are please to announce that **Fifi** and **Immanuel** will be our head girl and head boy this year. The deputy positions go to Freya and Will G.

I have to say that all the children that Mr. Hancock and I interviewed were brilliant: they were all articulate, maintained eye contact and they had all thought about what they wanted to say. It was such a difficult decision to make, but both of these children stand out for consistently making good choices; being diligent in their learning; being kind and helpful and good role models to their peers. Unanimously, the staff have agreed with this. Well done to all of the children who took part.

## **House Captains:**

St. Paul's – Will O      Salisbury – Kitty      Canterbury – Lilia      Lincoln – Mya

We are really hoping that these children take center stage this year by organising some in-school sporting events and helping with lunch time play too.

## **School Council:**

Eleanor, Freya A, Jayden, Amelie, Emily and George T. Mr. Price is looking forward to working with these children this year and giving the student body a voice in decision making.

## **Poetry recital**

We are proud to announce the launch of our new annual Frittenden Primary School Off By Heart Poetry Competition!

To go alongside National Poetry Day on the October 7th 2021, for this competition we are asking all the children to learn one poem 'Off By Heart.' The children will be reciting their poems in class and the two winning entries, from each class, will go through to the Grand Final in the Hall on Friday 22nd October 2021.

All the poems for this year can be accessed through the school website in the 'News & Events' Section on the page 'Off by Heart Poems'. Here you will find further information and a section of poems for both KS1 and KS2. If your child has a poem that they really want to learn, that isn't listed, that is fine too.

## **[Frittenden Church of England Primary School - Off by Heart Poems](#)**

The best way of learning a poem is not to try and do it all at once. Little and often, line by line, is often the best approach. Staff and parents are also encouraged to have a go as this will also give the children encouragement!

(A note for parents: if your child is finding it hard to learn all of the poem, they can choose to perform only one stanza, or have the text in front of them to act as a prompt.)

## **Flu Immunisation.**

Mrs. Kneller sent out an email recently with a link to the flu immunisation programme. If you did not receive this, please contact Mrs. Kneller so that she can give you the information.

## **Parent Consultations**

On Monday morning the sign-up sheets for parent consultations will be available on the playground. You will be able to sign up for an afterschool (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 3.30- 5.30pm) or evening (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 5.00 – 7.30pm) consultation, we are offering face to face or telephone consultations. This meeting is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled in to this academic year and discuss how they are progressing.

**School Photos**

These will be taken on Friday 5 November and will be individual and with school-based sibling only. Please note that winter uniform is to be worn after half term.

**Absence**

A plea on behalf of Mrs. Kneller – who works very hard. Please, if your child is ill, make sure you call the school office 01580 852250, and report their absence, stating your child's name, their class and reason for absence. It takes up a fair proportion of Mrs. Kneller's day chasing around trying to find out reasons for absence.

Many thanks and warm regards – have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'N. Costello', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms. Nichola Costello