



Fritchley CofE (Aided) Primary and Nursery School

October 2024

Welcome

It has been lovely over the last few weeks to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. A huge welcome to all of our new children and their families. Friday worship is 'Celebration Worship'. If your child has been awarded any certificates etc. outside of school, please send them in on a Friday to share with the school. We love to hear about their achievements outside of school. I am on the gate every morning and am around at the end of the day. You can phone the school office or message staff on ClassDojo if you need to and they will get back to you when they have time. Mrs Turner

Staffing

Mrs Shaw has been on secondment since April. She is excited about returning to Fritchley after the Christmas break. When she returns, she will be teaching Wingfield class. Miss Johnson will be with us for January and will be providing cover across the school until she starts her maternity leave. Mrs Hurton will remain in Hardwick until the end of the school year.

Governors

Gwen Roe and Nicola Lancaster will continue to be our joint Co-Chairs of Governors this year. If you wish to find out more about our governors please visit: https://www.fritchley.derbyshire.sch.uk/web/who_we_are/

Macmillan Breakfast Morning

We raised a whopping **£224!** Thank you for all supporting this great cause. It was so nice having so many families in school enjoying time together.

Science Week

The whole school enjoyed Science week, learning all about space. It was a huge success! Miss O'Shea planned a week of enquiry activities for the whole school. All of the children took part in many investigations during the week. I hope they have all come home with facts and information to share with you. Thank you for helping to supply all the bits and pieces for the investigations. Hardwick class loved taking part in the online Inventors and Makers workshop. The children have learnt about star gazing, astronauts, gravity, rockets and the moon. Key Stage 1 and 2 were fabulous at the Space Centre. They enjoyed exploring the hands-on exhibitions, seeing the rockets and spacesuits and visiting the planetarium.

The Friends of Fritchley

On Friday 25th October we would love for the children to come in a given colour and bring a matching donation. These will then be made into beautiful hampers which will be raffled at Christmas. Please look out on ClassDojo to find out when the next AGM will be held. All are welcome.

Rainbow Non Uniform Day Year Group Colours

Nursery - Red
Reception - Orange
Year 1 - Yellow
Year 2 - Pink
Year 3 - Blue
Year 4 - Purple
Year 5 - Green
Year 6 - Black and White

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Attendance

If your child is not going to be in school please can we be notified of all absences through the office landline before 9am. There is an answerphone facility so messages can be left stating your child's name, reason for absence and when you expect your child to be back in school. For safeguarding reasons, if your child is not in school, we will contact you by 9:15am if we have not had a reason for absence. Please do not notify via Class Dojo as the message may not be picked up in good time. Mrs Smith is not always in school.

A gentle reminder that headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Two weeks notice must be given. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence form and handed into the school office for consideration.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact - Mrs. Turner: Designated Safeguarding lead or Miss O'Shea: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tel: 01773 852216

Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board—01629 533190

Diary Dates 2024/25

		November 4 th Inset day 5 th All children back in school 15 th Children in Need 19 th Bring your family to school @ 3pm 20 th Y5/6 Basketball	December 10 th Nativity—afternoon and evening performance 11 th Christmas Story - Dance Workshop 13 th Christmas disco 20 th Last day
January 6 th Inset Day 7 th All children back in school	February 3 rd Mental Health Week 14 th Last day 24 th All children back in school 25 th Parent's evening 27 th Parent's evening	March 6 th World Book Day	April 4 th Last Day 22 nd All children back in school
May 12 th Y6 SATs 23 rd Last day	June 2 nd Inset Day 3 rd All children back in school	July 23 rd Last Day for the children 24 th Inset Day	August

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