



Fritchley CofE (Aided) Primary and Nursery School

October 2023

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

We are really lucky to have Mrs Sezgin join our team. She works across Key Stage 2 and supports in both classes. After half term, we also have Miss Phillip's joining our team as a midday supervisor and supporting children in Hardwick class in the mornings.

Unfortunately, our cook retired in September and the catering team have been unable to replace her due to Derbyshire County Council's recruitment freeze. The catering team are working hard to resolve this but for the time being they are using relief staff to cover this position. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

Governors

Gwen Roe and Nicola Lancaster are now our joint Chairs of Governors. They will make a great pairing to lead the governing board. Nick Brown is our new Vice Chair. We are also lucky to welcome Ian Smith to our team of governors.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We raised a whopping **£291.44!** Thank you for all supporting this great cause. It was so nice having so many families in school enjoying time together.

Key Stage 1 Indoor Sportshall Athletics

A team of Year 1 and 2 children attended a sportshall athletics competition at Belper Leisure Centre this week. They demonstrated great determination and sportsmanship. Well done to all those who took part. Over the next few weeks KS2 will take part in the same event.



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Refurbished Library



Over the Summer we refurbished our library area. It is now brighter and more spacious allowing whole classes to enjoy browsing and story time here. It is also another calm space in school that children and adults can use.



The Friends of Fritchley

On Tuesday 17th October, we will be holding our AGM at 7pm to look back on the last year and plan upcoming events. The Canal Inn have kindly agreed to host. We recommend that this is just for adults, as many parents had requested a post bedtime meeting. Please let Mrs Devonport know if you are planning on attending.

Attendance

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.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

If you would like to book your child into breakfast or after school club please contact Ms. Birks by emailing her on club@fritchley.derbyshire.sch.uk. Please remember to notify Ms. Birks if you no longer require a place, giving 24 hours notice (unless due to illness) otherwise you may be charged. Please check ParentPay as bookings are entered in the first week. Payment is due by the 14th of each month.

Safeguarding

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

Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board—01629 533190

Please look at our Safeguarding page for more information on the website.

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Diary Dates

October 2nd Y1/2 athletics comp 5th Haddon Class— History dress-up day 9th Y5/6 athletics comp 10th World mental health day—wear yellow 13th Christmas card template due 16th Y3/4 athletics comp 17th Friends of Fritchley meeting 7pm 18th Harvest festival 24th Parents evening 25th Parents evening 29th Last day	November 6th INSET day 7th Flu immunisation 7th Open to children 13th Anti-bullying week 13th KS1 Handball comp 17th Children in Need 22nd Basketball comp 27th Individual/sibling photos	December 4th Last swimming 18th Reports home 19th KS1 Nativity—5pm 20th KS1 Nativity—5pm 22nd Last day	January 8th INSET day 9th Open to children 11th World book week 15th Swimming starts 15th Boys Futsal comp 25th Girls futsal comp 29th KS1 dodgeball comp
February 5th Y3/4 dodgeball 15th Y5/6 dodgeball 16th Last day 26th Open to children	March 7th KS2 Gymnastics comp 20th Chatsworth residential 21st KS2 Tag rugby comp 25th Last swimming 28th Cross country comp 28th Last day	April 15th INSET day 16th Open to children 22nd Swimming starts	May 26th Last day
June 3rd INSET day	July 8th Last swimming 16th Reports 23rd Last day (Tuesday)	August	September 4th INSET day 5th Open to children (Thursday)

School Communication

Just a little reminder about our free app that links to the website. This means that you will be able to see the online calendar, the latest news and have a quick link to the school website. Search for "eSchools Lite" in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) or use the handy QR code and download for FREE!



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