



Fritchley CofE (Aided) Primary and Nursery School

May 2024

This half term we welcome Mrs Hurton to our team. She has arrived with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Hardwick Class have done a great job at looking after her and teaching her all about our school. You may see a few new faces at drop off and pick up as we have also welcomed a few new families to school in different year groups. It is lovely to see our school blossoming and growing.

The children have really embraced the CREATORS topic this term and have busy learning about artists and types of art. If you have a secret artistic talent or passion that you would be willing to share with a class or the school please get in touch. The children have been continuing to develop their use of sketch books. To find out more about the art that your child is learning about please look at the curriculum pages on our website.

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Learning Beyond the Classroom



Ogston Sailing Club very kindly donated several logs. We have used them to create a seating area on the field. These have already been well used.

On the INSET day, all staff took part in an outdoor learning and well-being session. The lovely ladies from Woodland Connections, in Shining Cliff Woods, came and gave us lots of ideas and activities to use with our classes.

The children have been busy planting in the allotment. So far we are growing onions, leeks, runner beans, beetroot, strawberries and lots more! If you have any spare vegetable plants, I'm sure the children would really enjoy growing them. We would welcome some tomato, courgette and squash plants.

Dance workshop

Wingfield class have been very lucky to have Folk 3D www.facebook.com/folk3d/ delivering some dance lessons. This project is through the Music Hub and is funded by the Arts Council. The children thoroughly enjoyed their session this week and all looked fabulous dancing along to the violin. They will be attending a showcase event on June 6th at The Members Room at County Hall, Matlock with children from other schools.

Learn and Achieve Together

Exciting new reading books

Last Friday, we had a delivery of new guided reading books for EYFS and Key Stage 1. There are 66 new titles in total which is over 400 books! There is a good mixture of fiction and non-fiction and some of these are linked to their Geography, History or Science topics. These will begin coming home this week. Please look after them and keep them safe, ensuring they are returned to school ready to be changed. When you read these at home, please remember to record this in your child's reading diary because it helps us to understand how much support your child has had to become fluent.



As part of our commitment to developing a love of reading, we have updated how we teach reading. We begin with our youngest learners following the 'Little Wandle' program for Phonics. The children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 take part in daily lessons where they learn letters and sounds which are grouped into phases. Alongside this, children in Reception and Year 1 read a book aligned to their phase, 3 times per week with an adult in school. These early steps give the children the skills they need to be able to read aloud with fluency and understand what they have read. Everyone learns in their own way, at their own pace therefore some children may need to repeat a phase, have catch up or keep up support or have a different reading book to their peers.

For children in Reception and Year 1, the book they bring home will be a book they can read. This will be a book that they have already read in class and should be able to read with accuracy and fluency. This is a book to develop their reading skills. They will also bring home a book to 'share'. This book will have been chosen by the child for an adult to read to them. It may be a story book, poetry or non-fiction. Children have a wide range to choose from including books linked to their topic and from the library.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Chatsworth class have taken responsibility for the playground equipment. Friends of Fritchley have bought several outdoor storage boxes and Chatsworth class have decided to change the equipment every two weeks. This offers a greater variety of choices during playtimes and lunchtimes. Also, the trim trail and allotment are open every day for children to use. Please remember to send your child with a waterproof coat because we like to get out for fresh air, even if it is raining.

Attendance and Punctuality

A gentle reminder that headteachers cannot 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.

The school gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. Please ensure your children arrive before the gates are closed. If you are later than this, you will need to come to the school office and sign them in. Please do not send them up the driveway on their own.

Diary Dates

May	June	July	September
2nd Dance workshop (Wingfield)	3rd INSET day	4th Junior Performance x 2	4th INSET day
13th SATs Week	4th Bring Your Family to School- Science	8th Last swimming	5th Open to children (Thursday)
20th KS1 Football	6th Dance showcase (Wingfield)	16th Reports	
21st Pentecost worship @St. Mary's	13th Y5 Enterprise Day	17th Swimming gala	
24th Last day	21st Sports Day	23rd Last day (Tuesday)	

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact - Mrs. Turner: Designated Safeguarding Lead. Tel: 01773 852216

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