



## **Happy New Year!**

I hope you have all had a lovely break and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

### **Curriculum**

This term we will be launching our new wider curriculum.

The year is split in to three terms:

Autumn: **DISCOVERERS**: The whole school will be Historians and will have their own History topic.

Spring: **EXPLORERS**: The whole school will be Geographers and will have their own Geography topic.

Summer: **CREATORS**: The whole school will be artists, musicians and designers.

**INVESTIGATORS**: each year group will have their own Science topics and this subject will be taught weekly throughout the year.

Our mornings will continue with the current structure: Maths, English, Guided Reading, Spellings and Phonics (EYFS and KS1).

**We want our curriculum to be:**

- Memorable
- Motivating
- Inspiring
- Thought-provoking
- Linked to local and world issues
- Relevant to our children

**So that our children will be:**

- Reflective learners
- Team workers
- Independent enquirers
- Creative thinkers
- Self managers
- Effective participants

The whole school will become **EXPLORERS** this term and will have a Geography focus.

Hardwick: **How is Fritchley different to the polar regions?**

Haddon: **Where are we in the world?**

Wingfield: **Would the world be a better place if the crust was in one piece?**

Chatsworth: **How has our local area changed over time?**

Each topic has carefully chosen concepts, which will encourage the children to think more deeply about the world around them. The concepts will be used as a thread across the different subject areas and will be subject of class discussions and debates.

Our Long Term Plans will be added to the school website.

### Driveway

During the holiday, the trees and bushes on the driveway have been cut back. This will hopefully ensure less leaf debris and will allow the lights to illuminate the driveway when it is dark. Also, the signposts have been cleaned and varnished ready for new signage next week. Please remember to park considerately and not on the yellow zigzags to keep all the children safe.

### Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate school uniform. A few children were wearing trainers and jogging bottoms towards the end of last term. Children must wear school shoes and either black or grey school trousers, dress, skirt or shorts.

### ParentPay

We are in the process of setting up ParentPay. This is an online payment system that will enable us to become a cashless school. Please look out for further updates in the next few weeks.

### 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](mailto:club@fritchley.derbyshire.sch.uk).

### 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 <https://fritchley.derbyshire.sch.uk/our-school/safeguarding/>

<b>January</b> 9th INSET 10th Open to pupils	<b>February</b> 13th,14th Parents evening 17th Last day 27th Open to pupils	<b>March</b> 2nd World Book Day 31st Last day	<b>April</b> 17th INSET 18th Open to pupils
<b>May</b> 1st Bank holiday 8th,9th,10th,11th SATS 26th Last day	<b>June</b> 5th INSET 6th Open to pupils	<b>July</b> 17th Reports home 21st Last day	<b>September</b> 4th INSET 5th Open to pupils