

# Frimley Times

Learning together we grow

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## Message from the Head Teacher

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**Don't forget:**

(See Dates overleaf)



**School lunches are payable in advance or on the day.**



**NB.** If your lunch account goes over-drawn you will be asked to give your child a packed lunch, until the account is back in credit. Thank you.

**The weekly lunch menu is on our website under: Parents, Lunches**

**INSET DAYS—2017/2018**

**2018**

Monday 19th February

Friday 25th May

Monday 23rd July

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. I hope you all enjoyed this special time – even if the holidays did feel a bit short this year! I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support towards the end of last term; the feedback about the Christmas fair and our Carols Around the Tree Service was all very positive. The day ran smoothly and the children really did appear to enjoy themselves. Events like this don't just happen and are due to lots of hard work so I would like to pass on my thanks to all the staff here at Frimley who worked with their usual enthusiasm and dedication to help the children create some fantastic crafts to sell. Also, a big thanks must go to the small group of parents who worked tirelessly both leading up to the fair and on the day itself to organise several stalls to increase the fundraising for the school. I am pleased to report that the children's craft stalls and games raised £1007.16 and the FPTA's tombolas and raffle raised £1612.44. This really is a staggering amount and will contribute hugely to our fundraising campaign for a new minibus and more iPads to use in school. Thank you to all of you who came to support this event too.

I am pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Chappelow's baby: Stanley was born on 13th December and Mum and baby are doing well. We all pass on our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Chappelow at this exciting time and look forward to Stanley visiting us in school soon!

Our focus value for this term is "responsibility" and this value was introduced to the children in assembly this week. Throughout this half-term, the children will be learning about the importance of taking responsibility for their actions in all areas of life. We will be focussing very much on children taking responsibility for their learning and their behaviour in school, but also thinking about their responsibilities at home and when they are out and about. I hope you find opportunities to reinforce these messages at home.

Here at Frimley, we are always looking to improve our teaching and learning and we have recently changed our timetable slightly to allow more time for reading across the curriculum. Reading is so important and underpins much of the children's learning in all subjects. Children are expected to read regularly at home and we can clearly see the benefits in school when parents take the time to sit down with their child to hear them read and then discuss what they have been reading; reading is so much more than just decoding what the words say. Therefore, can I please encourage all parents to take the time each week to read with your child and celebrate the books that they are enjoying. We would also welcome any adults into school to help with hearing children read. The more they read, the better their English skills become! If you are interested in coming into school to help at all then please do come and talk to the Office staff.

As the new year starts, just a reminder of our school policy regarding haircuts, as before Christmas children were beginning to arrive with shavings/big bows etc: Hairstyles should be reasonable and appropriate for being in a learning environment at school. If hair is longer than collar length it should be tied back with a suitable, small tie/band in a neutral colour, blue or white (this applies to both boys and girls). Indian braids and beaded hair are not permitted. Extreme hairstyles, which include shaved patterns in the scalp, Mohicans and unnaturally coloured dyes are not acceptable at school.

2018 is going to be a busy year for Frimley as it is our 150th Anniversary; we will be planning celebrations so watch out for more details to follow.

## ARE YOU USING THE PARENTMAIL APP?

The App is available for Android 4.0 devices and above and Apple iOS 7 and above devices.

To download the App, simply visit the App store on your phone, and search "ParentMail".

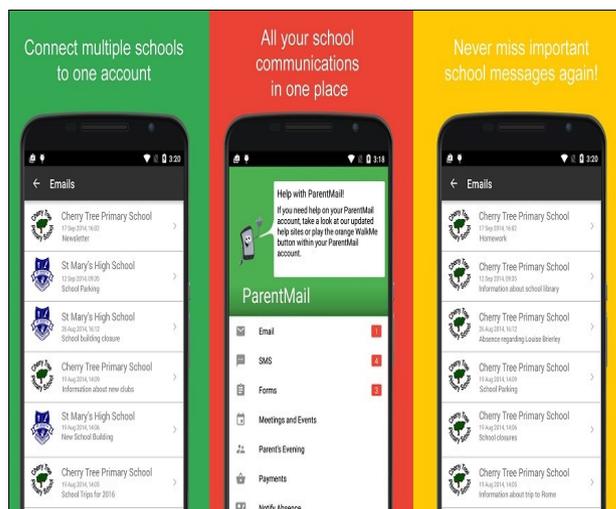
Please note, you must be registered to use the ParentMail App – you can register on a browser from the email or text registration invitation you have been sent.

**The benefit of a Parentmail App is that you can...**

- See all school communications on one easy feed – **so they don't get buried in a busy email inbox.**
- Receive school messages instantly – **perfect for busy parents.**
- Complete forms, permissions and surveys wherever they are in the world – **easy to fill in and send back in minutes.**
- Make online payments – **or receive reminders and alerts.**
- Book parents' evening as soon as you receive the invitation – **making the process quick and easy.**

Receive in app notifications – **so you'll never miss a school message again!**

You can also find information on Parentmail by using the **Help** button, then **Parent Help**, **Parentmail App** and **App FAQ's**



**Mobile phone contact numbers**—Please don't forget to let the office know if you have updated your mobile phone number or receive a new one for Christmas



**PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS OR IN YOUR DIARIES. THANK YOU.**

*Inset days on front page.*

**Dates for Parents:**

**January 2018**

Wed 10th 5W Parent lunch  
 Thurs 11th Year 3 day trip to Butser, Petersfield  
 Wed 24th 3P Parent lunch-details to follow  
 Fri 26th 9am fundraising meeting—all welcome

**February**

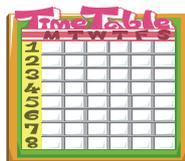
Fri 2nd Sponsored Spellathon—details to follow  
 Wed 7th 3Ph Parent lunch—details to follow  
 Mon 12th—Fri 16th Half term break—school closed

**Mon 19th School closed Inset Day**

Tues 20th School re-opens, bell at 8.40am

**MARCH**

Wed 7th 3Pr Parent Lunch  
 Thurs 15th Year 5 Fantastic Finish 3pm  
 Wed 21st Year 6 Fantastic Finish 3pm  
 Mon 26th Easter service at St Peter's Church, Frimley 2pm  
 Tues 27th Year 3 Fantastic Finish 3pm  
 Wed 28th Year 4 Fantastic Finish 3pm



When sending emails/notes to school, please can you remember to put your child's class next to their name i.e. Jo Smith 3Pr  
 Thank you.

**Printer out of action?**



*Handwritten* slips/notes are acceptable using the same wording as the tear off slips on school letters.

**Not on Parentmail? Or think you have missed a letter? Keep up to date by looking at our website for any information that has been sent home [www.frimley.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.frimley.surrey.sch.uk)**

**Please note: We no longer send home paper copies.**

### Year 3 mini tag rugby game—Mon 18th December 2017

Mrs Cowdrill arranged a match with Heather Ridge :

'The first half was very well balanced with the opposition going into half time just 1 try ahead. Our inexperience showed in the second half though when team play broke down a bit and they lost their shape.

Still, given that half of them have only been to a couple of lunchtime sessions they did really well and should be proud of themselves'

**By Mrs Cowdrill**

Well done to: Charlie, Isabel, Halle, Riley Will S, William J, Connor and Isobel



Looking forward to the next academic year, please see below anticipated Inset Dates for 2018/19.  
**Please note that these may be subject to change.**

Tuesday 4th September 2018  
**Monday 29th October 2018**  
Monday 25th February 2019  
**Friday 24th May 2019**  
Wednesday 24th July 2019



**The Children's Society Website**—The Children's Society website is an absolute treasure-trove of information with just about everything young people need to know about emotional and mental health. Called the Resource Vault, the resources are organised by age group. Each entry has further links about where to find more information. Although aimed at young people themselves, it is also a good resource for parents to dip into. Please find the link on our school website under the Parents tab then useful contacts.

Mrs Baker.

### **Attendance**

Good attendance is something we pride ourselves on here at Frimley, and generally children's attendance is of a good standard and it is our expectation that all children attend school 100% of the time. We monitor attendance carefully, have regular meetings with the Educational Welfare Officer and contact parents when their child's attendance falls below 85%.

The D of E recommendation is that school should contact parents when attendance falls below 90%.

You may be surprised to read that 90% attendance is equivalent to missing 19 full days of school per year! Nearly 4 full weeks! This is around 100 lessons in total!

Clearly, this has a significant impact on your child's progress at school. It is in everyone's interests to ensure your child misses as little school as possible and we look to you to support school in maintaining good attendance throughout the year.

Mrs Baker—Inclusion Leader

**Reminder**—Please can you hand any slips/forms to your child to give to the class teacher (forms/envelopes containing money for residential visits can be handed directly to the office). Thank you.