

# SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we come to the end of our first full week back the school has been buzzing with the sound of busy minds, enthusiastic learners and singing! We have had our first week of Singing Assemblies, and it has been an absolute pleasure listening to the sound of all the children learning new songs.

You will notice there has been an additional communication sent out to you all this week via ParentPay, which is a letter explaining we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Our Governing Body at Frederick Bird meet a few evenings per year, and the role of parent governors is a crucial one as you will see the school from a parent perspective and can offer really valuable insights and challenge. I would encourage anyone who is interested to pop a reply slip back to us, or come and meet with Mrs Porter or I to discuss the role in more detail if you have any questions. Please do consider it; so far we have had no expressions of interest and in a school of nearly 800 pupils I imagine there is so much potential in our families to support our school in this way. Please get in touch for further information.

Next week we are starting our Parent Workshops, and you will receive a separate communication/flyer about these sessions which are due to be held on Wednesday afternoons (creche provided for little ones). If this is something you're interested in please speak to either of our Family Support Workers, Ronnie Wake or Lucie Mason.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend

Mrs Amy Husband

## 'Positive Family Foundations' at Frederick Bird School A free Family Learning course for parents

Have you ever thought about why your child behaves like they do and what you can do about it? These free, friendly, informal sessions will give you lots of new ideas. Based on Thrive well-being and mental health techniques, this course is for any parent/carers who has a child at Frederick Bird Primary School.

### We will:

- Learn about and reflect on, our own and other family units
- Look at practical examples focused on raising well-behaved, happy and secure children
  - Investigate general theory on parenting styles and family groups
- Consider how we as parents/carers use rewards, consequences, rules and expectations
- Give out plenty of free resources and suggestions of activities to do with your children
  - We will also provide a free creche for your pre-school children

The supportive sessions are focused on practical information, activities and resources for you to use at home with your family – encouraging a Positive Family Foundation!

The sessions will be starting in school on Wednesday 18th January from 1pm-3pm. Some of you have already signed up but there are a limited number of spaces available. Please speak to Ronnie or Lucie if you are interested.



Did you know?



Many supermarkets now accept soft plastic recycling?

Shops such as Tesco and Sainsburys are setting up drop-off bins for your old carrier bags, crisp packets, biscuit wrappers, and other similar soft plastics.



The children were excited to hear all about our new attendance incentives this week. We have awarded all our attendance

mascots, the classes were excited to look after their mascot for the week. Well done to 6 Robins who were the only class to get over 98% attendance. Come on everyone, let's get to school on time and everyday!

Meet Champ Ion Chameleon, who 6 Robins are taking care of this week!



Come and join Ronnie every Thursday Morning at 9:15am for coffee and a chat. All parents welcome!



welcome to Our Blog!

We would like to welcome back the children to school. we are sure that everyone will have an amazing start to the new year.

On Monday 16th January, after school clubs will resume. The selection of clubs will be available for the first half of the Spring Term. After the holiday there will be an option to join some different clubs. In Year 6, booster classes will run for the whole term.

On Thursday 19th January, the children can choose to have a Chinese New Year meal as part of our celebrations. The menu includes spring rolls, Quorn curry, savoury rice and sweetcorn, rice pudding with peaches or orange and mango smoothie. The celebratory meal will cost £2.00 per child, though Year 2, Year 1 and Reception have the dinners for free. We hope you have a happy Chinese New Year.

Stay Together Play Together at Harmony Family Hub



## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

If your child has brought their slip back for After School Clubs, they should be bringing home a confirmation slip of what activity they will be doing.

**Mondays**— Writing Year 3 and Year 4, Ipads Year 3 and 4, Rugby Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and Football Year 5 and Year 6

**Tuesdays**—Music Year 3 and Year 4

**Wednesdays**—Maths Games Year 1 and Year 2, Football Year 2, Reading Gladiators Year 1 and Year 2 (Invitation Only), Science Year 1 and Year 2 and Dance—Year 5 and Year 6.

**Thursdays**—Film Year 5 and Year 6 Remember all clubs finish at 4pm!

Can you always believe what you read in a book?

One of my absolute favourite picture-book authors is Jon Klassen  
and I particularly love his 'hat trilogy':

I Want My Hat Back

This Is Not My Hat

We Found A Hat



In *I Want My Hat Back*, the main character is looking for a hat which he has lost. One of the other animals he speaks to is a rabbit:



Have you seen my hat?

No. Why are you asking me.  
I haven't seen it.  
I haven't seen any hats anywhere.  
I would not steal a hat.  
Don't ask me any more questions.

OK. Thank you anyway.

Is the rabbit telling the truth?

What clues are there in the words?

What about in the pictures?



Excuse me, have you seen  
a rabbit wearing a hat?

No. Why are you asking me.  
I haven't seen him.  
I haven't seen any rabbits  
anywhere.  
I would not eat a rabbit.  
Don't ask me any more questions.

OK. Thank you anyway.

What has really happened?

How do you know?

If you fancy reading the whole book - or either of the others - come and find them in the library!





# STARS OF THE WEEK



## Nursery

Am

Amelia I

Pm

Kristina C

## Reception

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Trent M

Zand A

Jameel A

## Year 1

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Hidayatullah J

Kayal R

Harmony O

## Year 2

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Wrens

David I

Metin S

Lowand M

Carlos A

## Year 3

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Amina G

Isa M

Naomi M

## Year 4

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Wrens

Abde G A

Sabah F

Mason S

Amanah R

## Year 5

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Wrens

Delia B

Jason S

Klara P

Rawen S

## Year 6

Kingfishers

Owls

Robins

Wrens

Yarveen A

Tamjeed K

Darius F

Maria M



**Spring 1**—Friday 17th February 2023—Last day of term.

**Spring 2**—Monday 27th February 2023—First day of term. Children return to school

Friday 31st March 2023—Last day of term

**Summer 1**—Monday 17th April 2023—First day of term. Children return to school

Thursday 27th April 2023—School Photographs

Monday 1st May 2023—School Closed—Bank Holiday