

SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parents, Families and Children,

As we close our doors for the Christmas holidays I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all your support over the past 14 months. Originally, this Interim Headship was only supposed to be for a short time, but I've had the pleasure of holding the role for over a year now. From January 1st 2024, Mrs Porter will be the new Headteacher for Frederick Bird and I couldn't wish for a safer and more committed person to hand this over to. As Frederick Bird will be joining Inspire Education Trust in the new year, you will still see me lots in my role as School Improvement Partner, and Mr Darling in his role as Executive Headteacher. I am really happy that I still get to spend lots of time here with your amazing children and the fantastic team of staff and Governors who work so hard to give our pupils the very best education.

We have achieved a lot together over the past year or so, and your support and encouragement has meant the world. Frederick Bird is a very special place, and your children really are a credit to you.

On behalf of Mr Darling and I, we would like to say a very big thank you to our Governing Board, our huge staff team, you as our family community and of course your wonderful children. We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas break, filled with family, friends and fun. May 2024 bring you everything you wish for.

With much love,

Mrs Amy Husband
Interim Headteacher

Thank You Mrs. Husband

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Husband for leading Frederick Bird as Interim Headteacher. Over the last 14 months, she has achieved so much for the school, the children and our families.

After Christmas, she will take up her role as School Improvement Partner for Inspire Trust. She will still be based at Frederick Bird in the Spring Term for some days in a support capacity so you will still see her from time to time.

A huge thank you to Mrs Husband on behalf of the children, staff and governing body of Frederick Bird.

We wish her well in her new role.



We all know that Christmas can generate a lot of waste, so here are some tips to reduce that!

check your bin collection schedule check local supermarkets for additional recycling, e.g. soft plastics at Tesco use the Tub2Pub scheme at your nearest Green King location

can you donate anything to Crow Recycling?

are any local charities collecting items for donation, crafting, or exchange schemes?

what can you reuse or upcycle at home?

If children need an additional challenge/project over the holidays, they could create a diary of what they have taken where, and how that helps to reduce waste. We would LOVE to see them when we return!

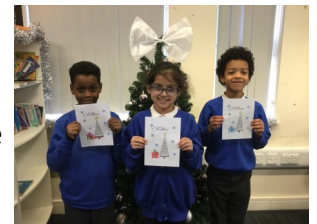


If your child attends Early Birdies Breakfast or The Nest Afterschool Club, you will need to make all payments in advance (before they attend) as we cannot have anything outstanding. Also if your child has a school meal that you pay for, all payments for this also need to be made in advance. At the moment we are chasing the same individuals for payment but especially on a Monday where payments have forgotten to be made. We have a duty of care to all of our parents and carers to not let them get into any arrears or at a point where they owe a large sum of money. If you have any problems using parentpay, please come and speak to a member of the office team where we can help and support you to either show you how to use parentpay to be able to make a payment or to provide you with a barcoded payment letter. If you do have anything outstanding, please can you ensure this is cleared before the school reopens in January, it would be greatly appreciated.

We would like to give a special thank you to everyone at the Gurdwara Baba Vadbhag Singh Ji Charitable Trust for putting together around 150 hampers and present bags for some of our families, as you can see they have put so much effort in putting these together and has brought some Christmas joy not only to our parents who received them but also to us.



Year 3 and 4 have been feeling festive and have been busy decorating Christmas cards for the community this week. They will be delivered to the residents of Coundon Manor Care Home, Charnwood House Care Home and Earlsdon Lodge Care Home in time for Christmas.



We hope all of our have a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. Don't forget school reopens on Tuesday 9th January 2024, gates will be open from 8.30am to 8.45am.

Studybugs

We're pleased to announce that Frederick Bird is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.

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