

Weekly update

Week ending: 10.11.17



Theme: Remembrance

At Franche we are very fortunate to have a great Forest School site and new this year is our cycle coaching. More and more of our pupils are learning and enjoying these fantastic facilities. Now we have the opportunity to do more! One of our Forest School leaders, and cycling coaches, Hannah Escott has the opportunity, through her charity [Opentrail.co.uk](https://opentrail.co.uk) to raise £10,000 to help pupils at Franche and other Kidderminster schools get out more! They need our help to get the funding though. By voting via this link <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-3534> (or search Aviva Community Fund and "Get Out There" you could help provide 1000s of local children with 100s of hours of bicycle coaching and forest school leadership. Open Trail has already made a difference to 1000s of children by teaching disabled children to ride for the first time when their parents thought it impossible, encouraging troubled young people back into mainstream education, developing ambition and drive into the next generation and simply giving kids time to be kids, to ride a bike, and play in the dirt. 3 minutes of your time could really make a BIG DIFFERENCE! Thank you!



The Franche Elves need your help! Christmas Fayre is on Friday 8th Dec, 4pm-7 pm.

This year's is expected to be bigger and better with the addition of a fabulous fireworks display! We are in need of donations of Fairy or rope lights; plugged or battery operated. Christmas decorations, Flood lighting. Volunteers to form a safety barrier during the firework show; 30 mins max. Please contact the main school office if you can kindly donate any of these items.

**ATTENDANCE: Whole school target
96%**

Best Classes of the Week:

Reception — RLB 99%

KS1— 1C 99.7%

KS2— 3D 99.3%

Best Year Band— 98.1% year 6

Whole School Attendance—

WELL DONE ALL !

There has been a significant increase in late arrivals at school. Please be aware that lessons start prompt at 08.40 am.



1st

4th

3rd

2nd



On Monday 13th November we are having a very special visit from Pudsey Bear!!! The children are invited to come dressed in their own clothes (spotty/superhero theme) in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need. We are aiming to cover our map of the world in the playground with 20 pence pieces. If you can donate any 20p coins to this event please also bring these in on Monday. Thank you!

Christmas market trip—9th Dec Tickets still available for the Christmas Market within Lincoln Cathedral grounds. Tickets are £20 or 5 tickets for £80! The bus will leave from school at 07.30 am and depart from Lincoln at 17.30/18.00 pm giving a full day at the wonderful market. Please contact the school office ASAP to confirm



Forest school - our forest school leaders have some exciting new things planned and have asked for any donations of the following items to make this happen:

- ◇ Stones or shells of any size, Pinecones & Conkers
- ◇ Old Pots and Pans, old garden tools, old spare wellington boots
- ◇ Sticks— width of a 50p coin, 2m long. 'Y' shaped sticks

Please bring any items to the main school office.

Please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for forest school as the weather changes. Waterproofs, boots, warm clothing, coats. Thank you!

There are places available for years 3-6 for flute lessons from Severn Arts. The cost is £5 for a shared lesson. Please contact Miss Thomas or Mrs Gudger for further details.

Last week Chloe Field of Yr 6 represented Franche in Trampolining in the West Midlands regional schools competition. She absolutely smashed it and Franche are now West Midlands regional champions as Chloe placed first. She has now qualified to the next round in chesterfield in January when again she will compete for Franche. Fingers crossed she does well to qualify for schools national finals in Northern Ireland later on in the year!



Operation Christmas child

Last week the children learned about Operation Christmas child and how we can contribute. A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. A voluntary donation of £ 5 towards the postage of each box would be gratefully welcome but is not essential. Further details can be found on <https://www.samaritans->

A brave and compassionate gesture:



and

Maisie in Reception class will turn 5 in December. Ever since she could talk she wanted her hair cut short. As a hairdresser Mum wanted nothing more than a little girl with long hair for her to play with. A compromise was made that when she turns 5 she can have it cut. Maisie has chosen to be so brave and selfless in deciding to cut off her beautiful hip length hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust. The trust make wigs for children who have lost theirs due to cancer. Every wig Little Princess Trust provides costs between £350-£500 so as well as donating Maisie's hair Maisie's family would like to raise enough money to help pay for the wig to be produced. You could help by donating via Maisie's; Just Giving page. <http://www.justgiving.com/maisiecook5>

Donating through Just Giving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with Just Giving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity. Good luck and well done Maisie, what a special little girl! We are all so proud of you!!!

Winter clothing

With winter weather truly here to stay please can all parents/guardians please ensure that children arrive at school with suitable clothing and footwear for the weather. Coats, jumpers, appropriate shoes. Many thanks



Wyre Forest and Hagley Project - WHP

The next Parenting Support Drop-In clinic with Caroline Hallam for advice and support is for Friday 8th December 9am-10am.

Inter House Hockey Tournament Well done to all pupils in Year 5, who have competed in this competition. Over the last few weeks, they have worked really hard developing their skills and confidence. The competition has allowed them to put their skills to the test and to demonstrate just how good they really are. Pupils demonstrated passing, tackling, dribbling and scoring skills and everyone tried really hard. We are also proud of their teamwork and sportsmanship. An example of this was after Ellis scored a goal and Isaac (4S) who was on the opposite team, said "that was a great goal!"

RESULTS:

4th—Elm 22 Points

3rd—Oak 24 Points

2nd—Beech 31 Points

1st—Willow 43 Points—Well done!!

Christmas Workshops / Productions



	Date/s + times	Type
Nursery	6 th December 9:15am & 1:30pm	Nativity
Reception	RD/RLB – 12 th December 9:15am LSH RHF/RJ – 13 th December 9:15am LSH	Play
Year 1	1H/1C – 11 th December 2pm LSH 1B/1L – 12 th December 2pm LSH	Workshop and Carols
Year 2	Thursday 7 th December 9:15am and 2pm USH Parents can attend either the morning or afternoon	Play
Year 3	Wednesday 13 th December 1:45pm USH All classes	Workshops
Year 4	4S/4LB – 5 th December 9:15am USH 4EP/4B – 6 th December 9:15am USH	Workshops
Year 5	5AM/5R - Tuesday 5 th December 1:45pm USH 5C/5NC - Wednesday 6 th December 1:45pm USH	Workshops
Year 6	Thursday 14 th December 1:45pm USH All classes	Workshops