

Weekly update

Week ending: 12.01.2018



Theme: Appreciation

Welcome back and a Happy New Year

It has been lovely to welcome children, parents and staff back after the Christmas break and we hope that everyone had a restful Christmas. Franche Community Primary continued to feature on National News over the holiday with both BBC Breakfast news and Radio 4 sharing the penpal story of our Year 4 pupils; something that we are very proud of. You can watch or listen again to the reports on 30th December on iplayer, or view the BBC breakfast report by clicking on this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bqmmguyitav8zvr9/penpals.mp4?dl=0>

Just before the holidays, we had the exciting news that two of our staff are now proud first-time parents. Mrs Barnett from Year 4 had a daughter, Florence, and Miss Cox from Nursery and 726, had a son, Theo. Both new mums and their babies are doing well and we wish them well.

Thank you for all the kind messages, presents and memories that were shared with Mrs Hall at the end of last term. She was very touched and delighted. Pupils gave her a wonderful leaving assembly, sharing some of her favourite songs and their memories of her over the years.

On Wednesday, staff took part in training looking at the opportunities and experiences that your children receive at Franche and how we can continue to develop and improve the academic, pastoral and lifestyle skills so that all pupils foster a life-long curiosity for learning. Staff explored how we can use coaching skills to improve the outcomes for our pupils and how pupils of all abilities can support each other. This will promote independence and confidence in learning across the school. The children have come back into school looking smart and ready to learn and there was a very purposeful feel to school at the start of this new term. Thank you for all your support.

Home time arrangements. Please ensure that amendments to home time collections are notified to the main school office prior to 12.00 unless in an emergency situation.

We are proud to announce that our school has been awarded 'Music Mark' in recognition of our to provide high quality music education for all children and young people.



Well done to William in 2P, who won a junior pool competition at Franche Village Club before Christmas. After winning 3 knock-out matches to reach the final, William had a tough match against a much older player and played brilliantly to win and be crowned champion.



Pots and Pans

If you have any old metal pots, pans, saucepans, spoons (wooden and metal) that you have planned for replacing could we please ask you to donate them to our Early Years department to be able to use them as part of their music curriculum.

Healthy lunch boxes

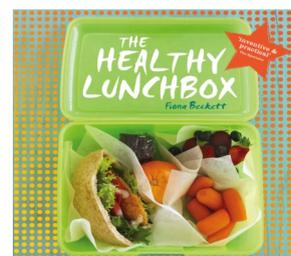
Details and ideas for healthy lunch box ideas can be found on the Change for life website.

A reminder that all lunch box rubbish will come home in your child's box so that you can see what they have or haven't eaten each day. Children must show their box to the Lunchtime supervisors to ensure that they have eaten something before they can leave the dinner halls for play.

School uniform

Thank you to everyone coming back to school looking so smart in their winter uniforms. Keep up the good work. Please can we ask that ALL items have names on them in case they get lost.

Uniform details can be found on our school website.



Playground Activities

At this time of year with the field being muddy, the PE team have devised a rota of new and exciting activities for break and lunchtimes that make the most of the playground. To support this we have asked the children not to bring in balls from home for this term.

Please note that all after school clubs commence next week from Monday 8th January 2018.

A huge thank you from all the staff for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts given to the staff for Christmas. These kind thoughts and gifts are gratefully received. Thank you!