



Fremington Primary School Newsletter

Date: 16th Dec 2022

Edition 5



Message from the Headteacher:

We have had a wonderful festive week in school! Some of the highlights have been the KS2 Carol Service at St Peter's Church and the amazing Christmas Performances from the EYFS and KS1. We are so proud of the children and would like to thank, in particular, those children who returned for the final evening performance of Penguin Pete yesterday. Unfortunately, a large number of children were absent from this performance, but those who did attend adapted wonderfully and really did themselves and us proud! Thank you and well done! We will reconsider the value of putting on evening performances in the future, as so many are unable to attend.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all staff, in particular those who are leaving us, for their hard work and dedication this term. We are embarking on a journey and have already seen so many improvements! Thank you also to all of you for your ongoing support - we are incredibly grateful.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year, we look forward to seeing you all in January!

PTFA News

Thank you for another good year of supporting your PTFA, we have finally after 3 years managed to have a full year of events - from disco's, Frozen Fridays, Tuck shops, Bags2school, stay and plays, Autumn and Christmas Fairs, Presents4parents, Christmas card designs and gifting each year group £100 to spend on resources for the classes, thank you PTFA on behalf of the teachers, LSA's and of course the children.. All of these events are raising money to enrich your child's journey through school

Next event - Valentines disco: Thursday 9th February (more details to follow in the new year).

If you are able to help at the disco's please go to the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/348717885292513>

So it just leaves us to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your PTFA. x

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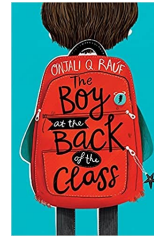
Please use the following contact details to report absences

Tel: 01271373979 Email: admin@fremingtonprimary.org

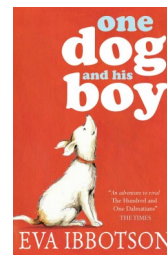
Reading books for spring term

Here are the class novels that each year group will be reading over the Spring Term. If you would like to purchase a copy of your child's novel so they can read along in class, they are listed below.

- **Year 3:** Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q Rauf



- **Year 4:** One Dog and his Boy by Eva Ibbotson



- **Year 5:** Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird



- **Year 6:** Holes by Louis Sachar



Important Reminder

If your child is off sick, please ensure that you report this to the school office **before 9am of each morning of absence**. Any absences that have not been reported will be marked as unauthorised and no follow up phone call will be made by the Admin team. This is more important at the moment due to Scarlet Fever/Strep A.

My Child At School -

www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin



Dates for the diary:

Whole School:

December:

- Christmas Party Day in class - 16th Dec
- Last day of term & Non-uniform - 16th Dec

January:

- First Day of the Spring Term - 3rd Jan

Around the school

Nursery

- Don't forget to apply for your primary place for 2023 via [Devon county council website](#).



Fremington Primary School - Spring Term 2023

After School Football Club



Dear Parent

We are really excited to be continuing our Fremington Primary school after school football clubs.

Our after school clubs are FUN based sessions, working on various techniques in football. The sessions will change each week and will be about learning to love being active and having fun with friends whilst learning new skills and techniques with good quality coaching from qualified, DBS checked coaches.

The after school football club will run each week on the school field and will last for 1 hour. The sessions are open to both boys and girls. All footballers will be required to wear the correct footwear, trainers or AstroTurf boots and a football or PE Kit. We recommend footballers to wear shin pads.

Reception, Year 1 & 2

Year 3,4,5 & 6

Monday's

Thursday's

3.15pm – 4.15pm

3.30pm – 4.30pm

9th January – 27th March

12th January – 30th March

Cost £55 (11 weeks)

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HOW TO BOOK:

Please go online to the following link and click on your school and follow the instructions:

<https://bookings.romarsports.com/list>

Please note unless your footballer is booked through our booking system, they will not have a place booked on the session! If you wish to pay by cash, please email andy@romarsports.com

You will receive a confirmation email. Please note there are limited spaces available per group so early booking is advised.



Catering Survey

Hello everyone

As you know we are working hard to improve the service we offer across our schools. We would love to have input from parents.

It would also be helpful if the parents who don't currently have school lunches could also provide their input so we can work to improve the service further.

We have not requested any personal data in this survey so have no GDPR challenges to overcome.

<https://forms.office.com/r/y8tiTr4vHa>

Kind regards

Cat Walker

Administration Assistant (Catering)

South West Norse

Celebration & Achievements

Non-Negotiable Ned & Persevering Pete

Reception -

Fireflies: Whole Class for their performances in the play!

Dragonflies: Whole Class for their performances in the play!

Year 1:

Otters: Blake G & Aurea-Rose F-S

Foxes: Alfie T & Evie B

Year 2 -

Hedgehogs: Whole Class for their performances in the play!

Owls: Daisy J & Tianna-Rose B

Year 3 -

Kestrels: Jack G & Myla L

Eagles: William M & Olivia W

Year 4 -

Hawks: Ellie D & Harry B

Falcons: Noah B & Ellie Y

Year 5 -

Leopards: *"It would be impossible to choose just two children for the certificates this week as my class has over the last term been a delight to teach, I will really miss them. My Non-Negotiable Ned goes to Leopards for always trying their best, working really hard, and always being such a delight to teach. You are all amazing. Thank you to all the staff, parents, and children for making my time at Fremington such an amazing experience. Have a lovely Christmas"* Mrs Brennan

Panthers: Chanel S & Imogen S

Year 6-

Tigers: Sophie N & Mia L

Lions: Ruby H & Adam G



'Autism and Us' Parent Programme and autism themed workshops (Spring Term 2023)

[Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk)

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.



Our 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Spring term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

Full programme details and application process below:



Autism & Us programmes:

No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2	Trainer
1	Autism overview	Wed 11 Jan - 4.30 – 6.30	Mon 6 Mar - 10 - 12	Paul Lamanna
2	Communication	Wed 18 Jan - 4.30 – 6.30	Mon 13 Mar - 10 - 12	Laura O'Shea
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Wed 1 Feb - 4.30 – 6.30	Mon 20 Mar - 10 - 12	Laura Matthews
4	Sensory	Wed 8 Feb - 4.30 – 6.30	Mon 27 Mar - 10 - 12	Kevin Jones

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk



To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes. We will confirm your booking request, and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered on line 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Topic based workshops:

The following topic based workshops, are also available for parents/carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. You can choose from these based on the relevance to you and your family.

Date	Time	Topic	Trainer
Tues 17 Jan	10 - 12	Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Kevin Jones
Thurs 26 Jan	9.30 - 12	Autism and Girls	Robert Good
Tues 23 Feb	10 - 12	Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Robert Good
Tues 2 Mar	10-12	Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Laura O'Shea
Tues 14 Mar	10 - 12	Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Alison Cann
Thurs 23 Mar	10 - 12	Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Paul Lamanna
Tues 28 Mar	10 - 12	Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies)	Laura Matthews

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Scarlet Fever/Strep A

What is strep A?

It's sometimes found in the throat or on the skin. Many people carry it harmlessly without even knowing, but they can spread it to others who might become ill.

How can you get it?

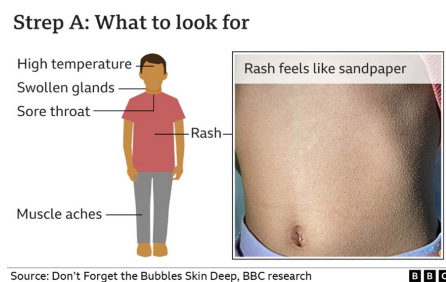
People can catch it through close contact and from coughs and sneezes. Outbreaks can sometimes happen in places like schools and care homes.

What are the symptoms?

Most often, symptoms are mild - a sore throat or a skin infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics. Strep A can cause a range of things - and some of them are more serious. One is scarlet fever, which mostly affects young children and, again, needs antibiotics.

What is scarlet fever? It is a notifiable disease, meaning health professionals must inform local health protection teams of suspected cases. This is so they can be treated quickly and possible outbreaks brought under control.

It causes a rash and flu-like symptoms, including a temperature, sore throat and swollen neck glands



On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpaper feel.

Someone who has scarlet fever may have what doctors call a strawberry tongue - because its appearance looks a bit like a strawberry.

Is strep A dangerous?

Very rarely, strep A can also cause something called invasive group A streptococcal infection or iGAS. This can be deadly.

Invasive disease happens when the bacteria get past your body's immune defences. This can happen when you are already ill or are on treatments, such as some cancer therapies, that affect your immune system.

Warning signs of invasive disease include:

- fever (a high temperature above 38C)
- severe muscle aches

Urgent, early medical help is essential.

The UK Health Security Agency advises: "Anyone with high fever, severe muscle aches, pain in one area of the body and unexplained vomiting or diarrhoea should call NHS 111 and seek medical help immediately."

What to do if your child is unwell

If you think your child may have any symptoms from Strep A then you should speak with your doctor. Tell them if you have been in contact with someone who has had Strep A recently.

Scarlet Fever/Strep A

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other [signs of dehydration](#)
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs

- there are pauses when your child breathes

your child's skin, [tongue or lips are blue](#)

your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Can adults get strep A?

Yes. Anyone can catch it if they come into close contact with someone who is infected. Most people will not get very sick though.

Is there a vaccine?

No. Strep A is treated with antibiotics.

What is the UK doing about it?

Investigations are under way following reports of an increase in infections in children over the past few weeks, particularly with some causing severe illness.

Currently, there is no evidence that a new strain is circulating. The increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria.

Scarlet fever causes a noticeable rash



How can we stop infections from spreading?

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections.

Complications

Children who have Flu or chickenpox at the same time as a GAS infection are more likely to develop a serious infection (Invasive GAS), and parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason, please seek medical assistance immediately.

If your child has an underlying condition which affects their immune system, you **should contact your GP or hospital doctor to discuss whether any additional measures are needed.**

Please inform the school if your child contracts such an infection. Stay safe and keep this guide to hand. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

Dear Parent/Carer,

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION

I am writing to you to invite you to stand for election as a parent representative, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for 3 parent representative(s) and there are currently 2 vacancies.

The School Community Board is a Committee of the Board of Trustees and has some delegated decision making powers in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the school community board's work. Training is available for all representatives and this board of representatives has an expectation that those new to being a representative attend induction training.

Overleaf summarises the circumstances under which someone cannot serve as a representative. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Representatives must be aged 18 or over at the date of this election or appointment.

If you would like to stand for election, please see link below for the application form and job description and return it to the school office no later than Friday 10th February 2023.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary, voting papers will be sent to all parents together with details of the ballot procedure.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Huxtable

Returning Officer & Clerk

<http://www.fremington-primary.devon.sch.uk/vacancies>

Disqualifications to Serve as a School Representative

A Representative shall be disqualified from serving on the Academy/School Community Board if:

I. Their estate has been sequestrated and the sequestration has not been discharged, or that person is subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order.

II. They are subject to a disqualification order under the Company Trustees' Disqualification Act 1986, or to an order made under the Insolvency Act 1986.

III. By order of the Charity Commission that person has been removed from the office of charity Trustee on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity for which they were responsible or to which maladministration her/his conduct contributed.

IV. They are included in the list kept by the Secretary of State under Section One of the Protection of Children Act.

V. That person is disqualified from working with children in accordance with Section 35 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000

VI. That person is barred from regulated activity relating to children within the meaning of the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006.

VII. A direction has been made against her/him under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or is subject to a prohibition order which takes effect as if contained in this direction.

VIII. They have at any time, been convicted of any criminal offence excluding any that have been spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 as amended, and excluding any offence for which the maximum sentence is a fine or a lesser sentence except where a person has been convicted of an offence which falls under the Charities Act 1993, section 72.

IX. They do not provide the Chair of the SCB with a criminal records certificate at an enhanced disclosure level. In the event that the certificate discloses information which in the opinion of the Chair or the Head Teacher confirms their unsuitability to work with children that person shall be disqualified.

X. In exceptional circumstances there is clear evidence of a serious breach of the Representative's Code of Conduct.