

Frizington Primary School



NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Unbelievably, we are heading towards the end of another School year. On **Wednesday 3rd July**, we will be having our "Move Up Day." We will be welcoming our new Reception pupils for the morning and the children will have the opportunity to spend time in their new class and with their new teacher. New classes will be sent out nearer the time when this has been finalised.

In preparation for the new School year, we will be sending out our Parent Questionnaires. This gives parents and carers the opportunity to have their say in the strategic planning of the School. We use these along with the Pupil Questionnaires at the annual Governor "Cream Tea" to look at what is working well for the School and what we would like to change/improve. The more contributions we have ensures that we have a comprehensive view from the parents.

LEAVERS'

DISCO

**THURSDAY 18th
July**

4:30-6:00 pm

£2 including Hot Dog and a drink. Sweets and treats available to buy too.

AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE WB 08/07

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School will close for the summer on **Friday 19th July at 1:15pm**. All children need to be collected and if they are walking home, will need to bring a note. We will celebrate the end of term and hold our Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 18th July at 2:30pm (no late entry). This will be followed by our Leavers' Disco from 4:30-6:00pm.

SPORT'S DAY 2019

It has been brought to our attention that the School/Whitestar field has been used inappropriately by trespassers, and as soon as a padlock is put on, they are taking it off and using it. If you see anyone who is on the field that should not be who is participating in anti-social behaviour, please ring 101. We need to ensure that the field is safe for our children to use and currently this is a concern and it may lead to the **cancellation of Sport's Day**

As discussed in our previous newsletter, we are hoping to hold our Sport's Day on **Friday 21st June**. We have a whole day of Sports with games in the morning and traditional team races in the afternoon. We would love parents to join us in the afternoon on the field at 1:30pm. Our reserve date is Friday 28th June. Children can come in to School in their PE kit or sports wear of their team colours.

Please make sure that the children have a water bottle in School.

LAST DATE FOR GUARANTEED UNIFORM DELIVERY IS 21/06

FOOD BANK—RAINBOW DAY

The Foodbank is celebrating its 10 year anniversary and to mark the occasion would like local schools to join in their celebrations. Unfortunately due to Sport's Day we are unable to join them on their organised date but will hold ours on **Monday 24th June**. We always encourage our children to "eat like a rainbow" and therefore will be holding a "rainbow" themed non-uniform day. Your child can come in to School in their favourite colours and we would like a donation for the foodbank in return. Please see the shopping list to the right for food that is needed at the Foodbank.

SHOPPING LIST

Cereal – 500g

UHT Milk

Fruit Juice

Tinned Soup

Tinned Baked Beans

Timmy the Tin of Tuna

Tinned Meat

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Chopped Tomatoes

Pasta

Pasta Sauce Jar

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Fruit

Jam Jar

Tea/Coffee

Biscuits



STATUTORY TESTING

Well done to our Y2 and Y6 pupils for completing their statutory assessments. Our Y1s are currently completing their phonics screening tests. The results from these assessments will be shared in the end of year report which is due to go out on **Thursday 11th July**.

BREAKFAST CLUB

It is brilliant to see that Breakfast Club is so popular however this does mean that we are frequently reaching capacity. If you know that you need child care could we please ask you to book in advance (preferably 24hours). We have also had children who have not attended, even though they have been booked in, when this place could have been given to another child.

Please note that if your child is booked in for the second session (from 8am) they must not attend earlier due to staffing ratios.

BOOK LEVELS



It is really important that parents listen to their children read and it makes a significant difference to their learning and should never be under-estimated.

Could we please ask that you follow School's guidance on the colour that your child should be reading from. This is linked closely to their phonics phase (knowledge of sounds and words). It can be detrimental to a child's learning, if faced with a text they are not prepared for.

If you think that your child needs to move up a reading level, please have a conversation with your child's class teacher. Following on from this the teacher will complete a running record which will decide if your child needs to move on to the next level.



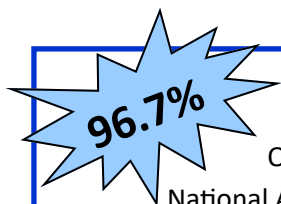
It is usual that at any one time 5% of children in a school will always have head lice. The best way to deal with the problem is to set a time where all children of the School are checked at the same time and any issues are dealt with.

Current guidance from County actually states that even if children have live lice that they should still attend school as they would have had them for up to three weeks previously. It also states that school should not inform parents through “alert letters” when there is an outbreak as these letters could potentially need to be sent out every day, this could also lead to parents attempting to treat their children preventatively which is neither effective or advised, which is why we have Bug Busting Days instead.

For us as a School to finally get rid of this problem it needs everybody to work together and also for everybody to know how to effectively get rid of the lice and the eggs (nits.)

Please ensure that you check your child’s hair over this weekend for a Bug Busting Clean-Up!

We have further advice on our Parents’ section of the School website or you can have a look at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance is currently in-line with the National Average which is really encouraging.

Throughout the year we have had a number of holiday requests which have been counted as unauthorised absence. This is because the reason for the holiday cannot be classed as “exceptional circumstances.” I totally appreciate that for many families finance is the main reason for holidays during term time, but unfortunately this does not constitute as an exceptional circumstance. I would please ask you to think about the impact that having time away from School has on your child’s education, particularly if their attendance is not “green.”

Cumbria County Council School Absence Enforcement Policy (available on our website) states that:

If the leave is taken a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued for the unauthorised leave of absence providing the following criteria apply:

- There have been 10 sessions (5 consecutive days) or more of unauthorised absence due to leave taking during an academic year.
- The overall attendance figures for a reasonable period (minimum half a term) would support the issuing of a penalty notice. **Or:**
- It is the second leave taken in any one academic year totalling more than five days absence

Please note that the testing period for next year is:

Year 6 SATs Mon 10th May—Thu 13th May

Year 4 Multiplication Check Mon 7th June—Fri 28th June

Year 2 SATs May

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test WB Monday 8th June

Cumbria Children and Families Services Access and Inclusion Officers plus the Access and Inclusion Officers work with schools and other agencies to identify pupils with school attendance issues. Any pupils whose attendance is less than 90% and where school interventions have failed to achieve an improvement in the pupil’s attendance, should be discussed with the Local Authority Access and Inclusion Officer (Attendance) for advice on next steps.

Please note this is a statutory duty of the School .

DATES FOR THE TERM

WB: Mon 10th June	Phonics Screening Tests
Fri 14th June	Bug Busting Weekend
Tue 18th June	Y1/2 Open Afternoon 2:45pm
Wed 19th June	New Reception—Getting Ready For School Meeting 9:15am or 5:00pm
Thu 20th June	New Reception Family Forest School 3:45pm
Fri 21st June	Sport’s Day
Fri 28th June	Sport’s Day (Reserve) 1:30pm
Wed 3rd July	Change Over Day/Move-up Day
Thu 4th July	Y2 Overnight residential New Reception Family Forest School 3:45pm
Tue 9th July	Y3/4 Open Afternoon 2:45pm Y5/6 Manchester Camerata Performance am
Thu 11th July	Annual reports out to parents
Fri 12th July	Y5/6 Open Morning 9:15am
Thu 18th July	2:30pm End of term and Leaver’s assembly 4:30pm Leavers’ Disco
Fri 19th July	End of School Year School Closes at 1:15pm



Please note, dates could be subject to change. Use the School Calendar to check.