



Frodsham Primary Academy

Newsletter 17

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

School has been a hive of activity this week with fantastic learning taking place right across the school. I apologise for the newsletter not coming out last week, our website was down as we prepared to launch our new site. Please take a look at www.frodshamprimaryacademy.co.uk There will be more information uploaded over the next few weeks.

Children in Year 4,5,6 have started a new reading programme called Reading Plus. Reading plus is a new programme that we have invested in which is computer based and allows the children to make a selection from high quality texts that are of interest to them. Reading Plus not only assesses efficiency, but also measures and increases motivation and comprehension. Children are given choice and control to practice at their own pace with a program that uses adaptive technology in a truly meaningful way. This week we gave certificates out for children who have already progressed to the next level due to continued engagement both at school and at home. If any parents in Y4,5,6 are unsure of how to access this at home, please speak with Mrs Hayes or Mrs Price who will be happy to assist.

We had a new little girl start with us this week and we have more new children starting with us over the next few weeks. Families had a tour of the school and parents had made their decision to accept a place even before leaving the school grounds! All families were overwhelmed at how welcoming and polite the children were right across the school. We look forward to welcoming the children into our Frodsham Family over the coming weeks.

Our School SENCO, Mrs Arnaud will be sending out some information on Monday about a coffee morning for Monday 30th January coming up soon with a focus on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

We are also going to be holding a phonics workshop for parents on Tuesday 7th February at 2pm. We will walk you through how we teach phonics in school and demonstrate what progress will look like with reading and writing. Any one is free to attend. This is for adults only please.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Kasey-Leigh and Louie on being presented with Head Boy and Head Girl badges. Mrs Hayes spoke so positively about the positive attributes of these two children. I am confident they will do a fantastic job. Their predecessors Luke and Isabelle have done an incredible job in their role and will now mentor Louie and Kasey-Leigh into their roles and responsibilities.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Callaghan

Uniform reminders

Here is a reminder of correct school uniform. If parents have any uniform that is now too small, we would like to start a uniform bank within school. If any items of uniform are too small, please wash them and send them into school and I will keep a running record of what we have available should there be any families in need.

Item of clothing	School agreed standard
Shirt	White buttoned cotton shirt
Bottoms	Mid or dark grey (not black) Trousers/skirt/shorts/pinafore dress Summer Term options: Shorts/light blue checked summer dress
Jumper	Navy blue with logo V Neck Jumper or cardigan
Tie	Navy and white diagonal striped Elasticated
Shoes	Sensible black flat school shoes or plain black trainers with no other colour/logo
Socks	White/grey/black Grey tights
Nursery	White polo top and grey or navy-blue joggers/leggings with Navy Blue school jumper or cardigan with Logo
PE	White plain t-shirt Navy blue shorts Black plimsolls Outdoor kit- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms/jumper and trainers.

Please note that trainers are permitted under our uniform policy, but these must be plain black. **PE kits should be in school every Wednesday** as all children will have PE on this day.

Learning this week...

This week in EYFS we have continued to learn about whales in our English lessons, creating our very own whales for a display. We have also been focusing on new vocabulary within the text, adding actions to help us remember the meaning of the word. We really enjoyed exploring our snowy outdoor area, looking at what happens when you mix snow with water and observing the snow as the sun began to shine. In Maths we have been using the part whole method to find out the different ways that we can partition 5 objects. We have started to learn about the Lunar New Year celebrations, and are looking forward to completing some challenges next week along this theme. Well done children! Miss Curtis

This week Snowy Owls have been busy investigating our class text and an example text to find great language used to support them with their own story. We have been planning the language we are going to use in our stories and really excited to get writing next week! We have been creating some more Land Art this week practising our weaving skills using natural resources. We started our Science topic on materials and began thinking about the difference between an object and a material.

Miss Sands

This week Hawk Owls have been writing setting descriptions using images from our text Rhythm of the Rain. The children have really been working hard on adding more detail to their writing. The class have been investigating multiplication and making links with timetables that they already know. We have been using different songs and pattern spotting. In art, the children have started to look at different artists linked to our textiles unit. The children have looked at William Morris and Cath Kidson. They have learnt how to thread a needle and do two different types of stitch. By the end of the unit, the children will be making their own patterned piece of fabric using a number of different materials.

Mrs Price

Another week of hard work in Year 5 and 6. Our English work has been looking at the key features of discovery narratives, and then completing research tasks on the laptops to provide us with lots of information for our own writing. Our Steps to Read texts have linked in to this all week, exploring Natural Selection and the theories of Charles Darwin. Our maths work is continuing with multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000 using a Gattegno chart (he was an Egyptian mathematician.) We have been solving a range of problems and looking at some reasoning activities too. In Geography we have been learning about the different layers of the rainforest and the different species that inhabit each layer. We have looked at Picture News and have also been learning about the Five Pillars of Islam in our RE lesson. We are all continuing to make excellent progress with Reading Plus- don't forget the children can also use this at home. Please let me know if you need a reminder of their log in.

Mrs Hayes

This week Tawny Owls have been exploring different areas of learning. We have begun a routine in our mainstream classes to access both Maths and English every day.

In RP, we have looked at elephants to prepare us for the zoo visit next week. We have also celebrated Martin Luther King Jr Day. We created some beautiful art work and found out facts about his life.

Miss Pemberton

Attendance News

This week's school attendance is: **92.2%**
Overall school attendance for full Year 92.2%

Class attendance

Reception: 91.54%
Year 1: 79.63%
Year 2: 97.32%
Year 3: 98% **Winning Class**
Year 4: 89.94%
Year 5: 93.97%
Year 6: 94.95%



Stars of the week

Nursery: Kinsley
Reception: Joanna
Year 1: Nancy
Year 2: Rowan H
Year 3: Mason
Year 4: Harley
Year 5: Jayden
Year 6: Kian
RP: Poppy

Dojo Champions

Nursery: Jaxon
Reception: Isaac
Year 1/2: Praveesh and Aria
Year 3: Finley
Year 4: Kai
Year 5: Jayden
Year 6: Melissa
RP: Freddie



Birthdays this week

Melissa (11)

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!



SEND Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to our SEND coffee morning on Monday 30th January 2023, 9am-10am. It will be an informal way for you to come in and hear about how we make adaptations for children with SEND, and how the monitoring processes work before we are able to refer children to external agencies. Our SENCo will be available for a chat or to book appointments to discuss things in more detail. This invitation is open to all parents who have children at Frodsham Primary Academy.

Events for Spring 1 Term

Wednesday 4 th January	School opens
Monday 9 th January 5-6pm	Open evening for new parents
Thursday 19 th January	High Five Netball competition Y5/6
Tuesday 24 th January	Chinese New Year Dinner in School
Tuesday 24 th January	Year 6 BIG Maths at Helsby
23 rd , 25 th , 26 th January	Chester Zoo workshops in school
Friday 27 th January	Year 1-Year 6 Trip to Chester Zoo
Monday 30 th January	SEND Coffee morning 9-10am
Wednesday 1 st February	Young Voices concert in Manchester
Tuesday 7 th February	Phonics workshop for parents 2-3pm
Monday 11 th February	One-page interim reports to go home
Tuesday 14 th February	Nursery 2 year old reading session with the Children's Centre
Wednesday 15 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 17 th February	School closes at 3.20pm for 1 week.
Thursday March 2 nd	World Book day- Bedtime stories Pyjamas and dressing gowns

WORLD BOOK DAY
2 MARCH 2023

Cheshire West & Chester Council

Fancy Dress Swap

Saturday 11 and Saturday 18 February
10am to 12.30pm

How it works
Donate any children's fancy dress at one of the libraries below from now until the end of Friday 10 February.
You will receive a token for another costume for the swap days. If you don't want another outfit, then let us know and we will gift your token to someone else. All donated clothes must be clean and in good condition.
Any items not chosen by anyone will be either donated to charity or recycled.

Participating Libraries
Blacon, Ellesmere Port, Frodsham, Great Boughton, Helsby, Hope Farm, Lache, Little Sutton, Neston, Sandiway, Tattenhall and Winsford.

Get your clothes repaired on the Swap Days at Ellesmere Port and Blacon Libraries

Bring your clothing repairs to us and we can help you fix them!

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, *Dragonflight*, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary *Final Fantasy XIV*, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them 'quests') like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively 'pays' for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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