



Welcome back to another exciting year at Friday Bridge Primary School. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and have made the most of the limited sunshine we had. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have returned to school and I have been incredibly impressed by their positivity and enthusiasm. I am greatly looking forward to seeing their continued learning journey, following our school vision to Aspire, Believe, Succeed and Excel.

Summer Holiday work

You will have noticed changes to the school grounds over the summer break and I would like to say a huge thank you to Scott and Kerry Green for the fantastic work they have carried out in our Forest School area. It looks fantastic and I know that children and staff are very excited to begin using this facility across the school. I would also like to thank Matt Crawford for the excellent work that he and his team have carried out extending our Early Years area. It has made such a fantastic difference to the outdoor learning experiences we are able to offer our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils.

We have also invested in new smart boards, installed in every classroom to support teaching and learning.

As you know our outdated boiler system is being replaced by the Local Authority, whilst much of the work has been done this is still ongoing and we thank you for your understanding in relation to disruption to parking.

Staffing

I would like to extend a warm welcome again to Erika Harvey who has joined us in the Office as Receptionist and to Charlotte Ulyatt. Miss Ulyatt will be joining the teaching team in Hawks on a Friday as Miss Brown will now be teaching on Mondays only. This will support Miss Fitzpatrick in developing her leadership role as Assistant Headteacher and will provide opportunity for her to deliver focused catch up tuition for pupils during her release time. This will also support our Year 5 and 6 pupils in developing readiness for transition.

As we are no longer required to remain in bubbles we have the opportunity to utilise staff specialisms and each Monday afternoon Miss Brown will deliver Spanish and RE to both Hawks and Kestrels, Mr Carr will be delivering PE across both classes. Karl and POSH will continue to lead Music and PE on Thursdays in Key Stage 2. Mrs Appleby will also be developing Forest School provision across Key Stage 2, again widening opportunities for all pupils.

At the end of half term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Moulis. I would like to thank her for the fantastic learning experiences she has provided for our Key Stage 1 children and for providing the stability needed during the past 18 months. The recruitment process is underway and we have advertised for a class teacher/SENCo; I will keep you informed following appointment.

Covid-19 Information

If your child develops any of the symptoms of Covid-19, they should not attend school and should arrange a PCR test. Please inform school as soon as possible of the outcome of PCR tests.

The symptoms are: · a new continuous cough · a high temperature · a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If in any doubt, log onto NHS (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) and check your symptoms. The flow chart in relation to isolation rules sent out last week also indicated measures to be taken if your child or a member of the household tests positive for COVID-19.

I do appreciate that the new guidance is quite confusing and am happy to discuss individual cases as they arise and if appropriate seek further guidance .

Attendance

As we adjust to new guidance, I would like to remind all parents of the importance of good attendance and punctuation to ensure that your children have every opportunity to access learning and maximise progress. It is important that if your child can be in school that they continue to attend.

Nut Allergy

I would like to remind you that one of our pupils has been diagnosed with a nut allergy. Please can I ask that children do not bring nuts into school either as a snack or as part of their packed lunch. Also, please be mindful of products that may contain nuts. Thank you.

Jewellery

Please can I remind parents that with the exception of small stud earrings (which the children can remove themselves for PE) and a sensible watch (no smart watches) jewellery should not be worn in school and children will be asked to remove items.

School Website

Please remember to check out our website regularly for updates and information:
www.fridaybridge.cambs.sch.uk.

Key dates:

- 14th September – Roots to Food- DT Cookery Day**
- 15th September- Ducklings Equine (outdoor clothing required)**
- 17th September- Robins Equine (outdoor clothing required)**
- 20th September- Kestrels and Hawks Tennis coaching**
- 24th September- Y4-6 Cross Country**
- 27th September- Kestrels and Hawks Tennis coaching**

- 15th October- Y4-6 Tag Rugby Tournament**
- 18th October- Flu Immunisations**
- 19th October- Parents meetings**
- 20th October- Ducklings Equine (outdoor clothing required)**
- 22nd October- Robins Equine (outdoor clothing required)**
- 25th – 29th October HALF TERM**

- 1st November AUTUMN B Starts**

