



# What's Cooking?



Next week sees the start of our first week using ParentMail for the ordering of school hot dinners. It is really important that all hot dinners for children from Reception—Year 6 are ordered through ParentMail to ensure that there is food ordered and prepared for them. You still need to use ParentMail to order your child's meals even if you are eligible for Free School Meals, this includes the Universal Free School Meals in Years R, 1 and 2.

**Unfortunately, based on our normal figures, one in three children have not ordered a meal for next week. We have estimated how much food is going to be required but will be unable to offer these children a choice as to what they will eat. To avoid your child being disappointed in the future, and to enable us to order enough food, please order your meals through ParentMail for future weeks.**



Thank you to those families that have begun using the system and have ordered hot dinners. 🧡

If you require any assistance with ParentMail please speak to the office staff

## Attendance

Attendance school target: **96%**  
 Actual School Attendance: **97.5%**

Best Classes of the Week:  
 Rec/Year 1: 1A with 100%  
 Years 2-4: 2SH with 100%  
 Year 5-6: 5P with 100%

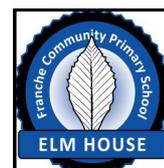
Best Year Band: Year 3 with 98.4%

**Lates this week: 71–916 minutes of learning was lost due to children being late for school. School gates open @ 08.30, lessons start @ 08.40**

## Caught Being Good



**178**



**205**



**298**



**248**

## Year Band News

### Tots

**Tiny Tots** This week have been enjoying number rhymes when role playing with "5 little ducks" in pasta play. We have been spending time listening to animal sounds to build on our early literacy skills.

**Little Tots** This week have been watching what happens when we mix shaving foam with sand to create a cement mixture that we used in our construction tuff tray alongside diggers and numbered blocks.

We have enjoyed practicing our early maths skill when counting and stacking the blocks.

**Big Tots** This week Big Tots have had so much fun playing in their igloo they created themselves, this linked with their 'cold' theme tuff tray which we filled with arctic animals and fake snow.

Our water play held lots of interest when we filled it with frozen animals and challenged the children to break them open using different tools.



## Top tips for talking

### 5 ways to make praise POWERFUL ★

Only praise what is in their power to change.



Make praise DESCRIPTIVE

Make praise SPECIFIC

Praise the EFFORT not just the achievement

Try some unexpected praise – it's powerful!  
Notice something they don't even know they are good at and tell them!

## Year Band News

### Nursery:

Children have had a great week this week in Nursery. They have enjoyed learning more about the story of Goldilocks and the three bears as part of our new topic of Fairytales and have even painted some lovely characters to go in our role play area. Children have also enjoyed time in the Forest School with Jodie, at PE with Miss Cox and Miss Millington and doing some music with Mrs Gudger. Blue group are continuing to settle in well and we are looking forward to spending more time getting to know one another over the coming weeks.



### Reception

This week in Reception we have focused on the job role of a firefighter in our topic 'When I Grow Up.' The children have involved themselves in an assortment of activities. This included writing some fantastic riddles about Fire Engines in Literacy and comparing and ordering lengths of ladders and hoses in Maths. We have continued to look at 3D shapes and looked at the number 12.



Reception finished the week with a special visit from a Firefighter! They learnt a lot about Fire Safety and how to stay safe in the case of a fire. Maybe you can talk about it with your children and plan your own escape route together for your own home?

## Franchise International Day

We are excited to announce that our annual International Day will be taking place on **Thursday 30th January**.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for children to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the wider world. We have lots of fun learning activities planned, including our very own 'Golden Globe Awards', where children will have the chance to put their locational and geographical knowledge of the U.K. and the world to the test. Get reading those maps!

As part of the day, we would also like the children to dress up as a country of their choice - this could be an elaborate outfit or as simple as wearing clothes in the colours of a flag. We can't wait to see what you come up with! Thank you in advance for your support.



### Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have started to create our own story maps for the "Gingerbread Man" story. This will then help us write the story next week! In Maths we have moved on to 3D shapes and their properties. We carried out an investigation: "What 3D shapes can roll?" and discussed what we thought. In Science we have continued to look at the human body and labelled body parts, linking them to the correct sense.

## Year 2

In Science, pupils have been exploring the different types of habitats that animals live in, around the world including ocean, pond, desert, coastal, woodland and polar. Following this, they have been considering how particular animals live and survive in a polar habitat and have been looking at Arctic animals and how they survive the harsh climate. Pupils have been learning about how certain Arctic animals have different ways of keeping themselves warm, such as extra fur, blubber or even feathery legs. How does this compare to humans? How would a great explorer keep themselves warm in the freezing conditions?



## Year 3

This week, the children have been creating their pieces of poetry by deciding on their own unique magical boxes and the items inside. We have looked at the skills of alliteration and personification to impress the reader and create imagery with our words. In Art, we have created optical illusions and explored colours. In Maths, we have applied our knowledge of known facts to help with our multiplication. If we know  $2 \times 3 = 6$ , we know that  $20 \times 3 = 60$ . Ask your child at home about some of the number facts they can work out.



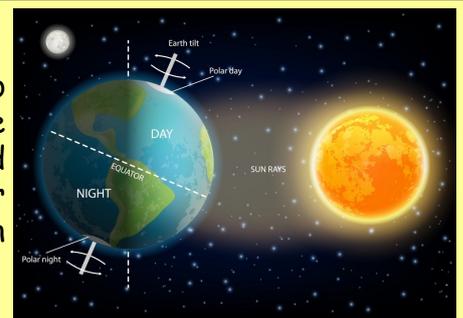
## Year 4

This week, the children have received a poem about a river from their pen pals. In English, the children created their own versions of a river poem using metaphors. We then explored mood through colour and have used this knowledge to create a calming background for our poetry. In mathematics, the children have been looking at 7, 11 and 12 timetables and multiplying three numbers together.



## Year 5

This week we have been preparing our space reports to transmit back to Space Commander Bob Lucas. We have learnt why we have day and night; why we have seasons and why the ISS appears to be staying over Kidderminster. Our maths learning has been around long multiplication whilst in PE we have been participating in Outdoor Adventurous Activities.



## Year 6

This week, the children have written letters home to grandma explaining how life on board the boat from Kensuke's Kingdom, the Peggy Sue, was going. They have focused on using punctuation for parenthesis (brackets, dashes and commas) to add extra detail. In Maths, they have moved onto multiplying and dividing fractions in different contexts. With topic, they have used atlases to locate places around the world where Michael docked and begun to understand the geographical terms: Longitude and Latitude as a means to locate places based on these coordinates.





**Congratulations to all our wonderful  
Stars of the Week!**



**Tots**

Tiny Tots: Nora  
Little Tots: Emlyn C  
Big Tots: Bleu H

**Nursery**

Yellow: James L  
Red: Ivy N-M  
Blue: Clara B

**Reception**

RLB: Poppy M  
RSL: Emmett H  
RBF: Chloe S  
RCL: Ross T

**Year 1**

1A: Jessica E  
1C: Lucie J  
1D: Alice C  
1J: Amelia O'D

**Year 2**

2CH: Isobel T  
2W: Max K  
2SH: Rudi C  
2L: Sophia W

**Year 3**

3C: Ethan C-P  
3H: Tyler G  
3P: Archie S  
3SB: Isabelle C

**Year 4**

4S: Max R  
4B: Riley H  
4EP: Susie G  
4M: Kyle M

**Year 5**

5P: Charlie W  
5T: Lucy B  
5E: Ruth T  
5W: Declan F

**Year 6**

6G: Jack H  
6H: Jayden H  
6M: Harry B  
6R: Summer M



**Headteacher's Award**

**Reception: Isla R**

**Year 1: Penny C**

**Year 2: Zach H**

**Year 3: Holly B**

**Year 4: Ethan D**

**Year 5: James W**

**Year 6: Natasha M**



# Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

## Reception

Skye K

Scarlett M

Carrick S

Ashton T

## Year 2

Alfie McG

Joseph S

Grace W

Abigail M-P

Eillithia F

Courtney-Faye G

Elise C

Lily W

Poppy W

Henry P

Noah V

Rose F

Millie P

Tobias T

Phinneas R-J

## Year 3

Oscar T

## Year 4

Kayla L

Ruben N

## Year 5

Lewis O'N

Farley D

Alexie B

James McH



## **Bronze button badges shortage!**

Unfortunately, the company that provide Franche with their passport badges will not be able to deliver any badges to the school until mid January 2020. SLT will keep a list of those children who have completed their bronze passport and will ensure they receive these as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.



# Spelling Shed

The background of the top card features a light blue sky with white clouds, a green grassy hill, and a white picket fence. On the left, there is a yellow beehive and a cartoon bee. On the right, there is a wooden shed with a chimney and another cartoon bee. The title 'Spelling Shed' is written in large, yellow, bubbly letters with a grey outline.

Well done to

Kaidyn P

for being our top Franche speller!

Top class was

4S!

## TIMES TABLES

## ROCK STARS

Well done to Scarlett W in 4B

for improving her Franche TT Rockstars accuracy by 82% over the last week .

Awesome effort!

Top class was 4EP

The background of the bottom card is a purple and pink bokeh pattern. At the bottom, there are five cartoon characters: a blue robot-like figure with a guitar, a boy with a green guitar, a girl in a yellow leopard-print outfit with a guitar, a girl with a red guitar, and a girl with a purple guitar. There are also two black speakers on the ground.



## Hire our hall for birthday parties and events

**Did you know our school facilities are available for hire?**

Both the school halls are available for hire at the following rates:-

### **RATES FOR HIRING SCHOOL PREMISES:**

**UPPER SCHOOL HALL** (with access to toilets off the entrance)

£35 for the first 2 hour block (minimum hire 2 hours)

£17.50 for every hour thereafter

### **LOWER SCHOOL HALL**

£30 for the first 2 hour block (minimum hire 2 hours)

£15 for every hour thereafter

For further information, full terms , conditions and availability please contact the school office:-

Tel: (01562) 751788

E-mail: [dj29@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:dj29@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<b>Talking Walk-in Drop-in</b>  2nd & 4th Monday every month Pre arranged appointments 9.30am—10.30am Drop-in 10.30am—11.30am	<b>Musictime</b>  £2.00 per child 9.10am—10.10am	<b>Fun @ Franche (stay &amp; play)</b>  £2.00 per child 09.15am—10.30am	<b>Crazy Crafts</b>  £2.00 per child 10.00am—11.30am	<b>Marvellous Mess Messy Play session</b>  £2.00 per child 9.15am—10.45am
	<b>Enjoy a fun family day out! Dudley Zoo</b>  Family passes are £6.00 and a refundable £10.00 holding deposit. For more information on how to borrow our family passes please call: 01562 751788	<b>Little Chestnuts Stay &amp; Play</b>  £2.00 per child 1.00pm—2.30pm	<b>For information on any of our services call 01562 751788 ex 234</b>  @chestnutfp1 &  chestnut@francheprimary		<b>Baby Massage 4 week Course</b>  (places limited) 1.30pm—2.15pm Call to book

**NHS**

# Have you got a vitamins voucher?

**VITAMINS VOUCHER**  
**FREE HEALTHY START VITAMINS WORTH UP TO £2.99**

Healthy Start Children's vitamin drops contain vitamins A, C and D. When given as instructed, these drops can help prevent vitamin deficiencies and maintain normal growth and health in your child.

Use this voucher to claim your free Healthy Start Vitamins. Take this voucher to your nearest stockist.



**Good News!**

Chestnut @ Franche now stocks Healthy Start vitamins. Women and children getting Healthy Start food vouchers also get vitamin coupons to swap for **free** Healthy Start vitamins. Healthy Start vitamins are specifically designed for pregnant and breastfeeding women and growing children.

Or vitamins can be purchased at a cost of 91p for adult vitamins and £1.80 for children's drops.



For me  
voucher  
NAME  
Don't I get any?!

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Promoting... Health and Well-being

Find out more online: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/healthystart](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/healthystart)

**worcestershire county council**



**HOME START**  
Wyre Forest



## Do you want to make a difference?

If you know how hard it is to be a parent and could give up 2-3 hours a week to visit a family with children 0-18 years who are experiencing difficulties, why not become a Home-Start Volunteer? Full training, support and travel expenses provided.

Volunteers can visit anytime of the day, any day of the week (including weekends). The role is subject to a DBS Enhanced Disclosure.

**Our next Courses are :**  
**Wednesdays for 9 weeks 9.30am – 1.30pm from 18th March**  
**Tuesdays for 12 weeks 6pm-9.15pm from 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

01562 825896 or email [info@homestartwyreforest.org.uk](mailto:info@homestartwyreforest.org.uk)

**“Volunteering has changed my life. It makes me happy and puts a smile on my face.”**





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## Dates for your Diary:



**Thursday 30th January : Franche International Day**  
(remember to dress in the colours of a country of your choice!)



**Thursday 30th January : Year 6 SATS meeting.**

Information meetings for parents will be held at 2:30pm. and 5:30pm

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