

Coronavirus update

The number of cases of COVID-19 is continuing to increase; therefore we would like to give you an update on the school's contingency plan should the situation continue to worsen. The Senior Leadership Team have created robust plans for any scenario, this includes ensuring the education of pupils continues should they be offsite due to self-isolation or school closure.

We are also taking further steps to minimise the risk to pupils and staff. This includes the removal of water fountains. Water will still be available to pupils via taps to limit cross-contamination. Children are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water upon arrival to school and throughout the day. We also have a procedure in place should any staff member or pupil show symptoms of the virus.

We will, of course, keep you informed of any new developments but wish to ensure you that continuing pupils' education is our key priority and staff are equipped to work from home remotely. Information on how this will work for pupils will be clearly shared if it becomes necessary to do so. Please refer to the government advice should you wish to know any more information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy handwashing! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Mrs Dixon and the Senior Leadership Team

Attendance

Attendance school target: 96.0%
Actual School Attendance: 97.2%

Best Year Band: Year 5 with 99.1%
Best Classes of the Week: Rec/Year 1: 1A with 98.3%
Years 2-4: 3B and 4EP with 100%
Year 5-6: 5W with 100%

Number of children with 100% attendance for the whole week: 709

Congratulations to - RCL, RLB, 1A, 1J, 2W, 2SH, 2L, 2CH, 3C, 3H, 4B, 5P, 5W, 6G, 6M, 6R, 6H they all had an amazing 100% punctuality.

Caught Being Good



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STRANGER DANGER

A stranger is any person you do not know, this could be outside of school or on the internet.

Don't Talk to Strangers

Keep your distance and never go anywhere with someone you don't know.

Don't accept gifts, treats, or lollies from a stranger.

Never tell a stranger your name or address.

Don't believe what strangers tell you.

How can you support your child?

- * Set boundaries when your child plays outside.
- * Talk to your child about trusted adults and strangers.
- * Teach your child not to accept gifts from strangers.
- * Teach your child not to talk to strangers.
- * Remind your child not to believe anything strangers tell them.
- * Talk to your child about what to do if a stranger approaches them, teach them to 'yell and tell' to get someone's attention, run to a place of safety - home, closest shop, closest friends house or police station.

Year Band News

Tots

Big Tots:

This week in Tots we have been practising our scissor skills, cutting various materials. Forest school was also great fun, mud painting with our hands and sticks. Racing in the garden was also fun as part of sport relief.

Little Tots: Forest school was great fun, we all enjoyed bug hunting and trying to find wiggly worms, digging in the mud. Messy play continued in doors mixing various messy gooey ingredients for our mud pies.

Tiny Tots:

We joined with Little Tots mixing and making mud pies, getting very messy. Practising action songs has also been brilliant fun, bouncing and waving.

Top tips for talking

Non-literal language can be very difficult for children to understand....

Get Everyone Talking

#geteveryonetalking
Extending the 'Get Worcestershire Talking' campaign
Supporting every child's speech, language and communication skills

If you want children to understand then say what you mean!

SIMILIES

JARGON

If you need to use a figure of speech then try to give a real life example to help them to understand.

PERSONIFICATION

FIGURES OF SPEECH



#stworcs tip



Franche PTA

PRESENTS

PJs & Popcorn!

For Reception, Y1 & Y2 (this time!)

Thurs 2nd April

4.30-6.30pm

Tickets £2.50

Come along and enjoy an evening with your friends,
in your pyjamas!

Ticket includes a drink, popcorn and sweets!

Tickets must be purchased in advance from -
www.pta-events.co.uk/franchepta

A fun movie will be played during the event.

Location—Lower School Hall

Years R, 1 & 2 only
for this event please



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Limited tickets. Please book online.
For help or more information
please email -
pta@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk



Year Band News

Nursery

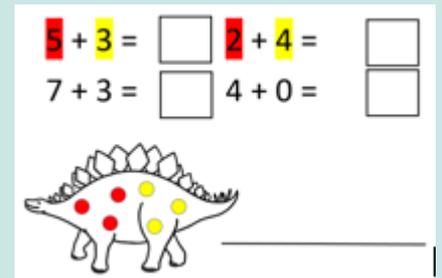
This week, children have been learning about a new story as part of our topic on Fairy Tales - Jack and the Beanstalk. Children have been creating beanstalks on the art table as well as using beans in their maths work and free drawing pictures from the story in their Learning Journeys. They all ended the week joining with the rest of the school to celebrate



Reception

This week, Reception children have been studying Carnivores within our 'Dinosaur Discovery' Topic. In Literacy we have seen some super sentences with many of the children remembering to use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and a full stop to finish. In Maths, as well as focusing on the number 19, the children have been looking at addition, adding two single digit numbers together, using coloured dots on dinosaurs to help work out the answers. In History we have been looking Timelines.

A super well done again to those RED children. It was fantastic to see so many children reading and recording in their books. Let's see if we can beat last week's record!



Year 1

This week in Year 1, we went on an exciting walk to the orchard at White Wickets. We then compared that orchard to the one we have at school. We are thinking of ways to improve our school orchard and what we could do to make it better. In Maths we have continued our learning of halves and started to look at quarters. In Science, we have been observing our seeds and recording the changes in our Bean Diaries. On Thursday we had an exciting visit from the local PCSOs who talked to us about how to keep safe and stranger danger - we even got to sit in their police car!



Year 2

After graduating as polar explorers, pupils received a very important letter from Kensington Palace. The letter was from Prince George, explaining that he will one day become King and needs to know which of the previous monarchs from King Henry VIII, Charles II, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II would be the best role model in helping him become the best ruler! The children have been researching each of these monarchs to find out significant events during their reign and will be presenting these in a duel next week. Who would you choose as the best role model and why?



This **Mindful March** Action Calendar has daily suggested actions to do throughout **March 2020** to help you be more mindful and live in the present moment.



ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2020



SUNDAY

1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

8 No plans day. Slow down and let spontaneity take over

15 Stop to just watch the sky or clouds for ten minutes today

22 Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers

29 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

MONDAY

2 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

9 When someone is speaking, take a full breath before you reply

16 Do something creative that absorbs your attention

23 Take an unusual route and notice what looks different

30 Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

TUESDAY

3 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

10 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

17 Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant

24 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

31 Go nature spotting today. Even in a city, life is all around

WEDNESDAY

4 Start today by appreciating that you're alive and have a body

11 Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

25 Make a list of amazing things that you take for granted

THURSDAY

5 Every hour simply take three calm breaths in and out

12 Feel the cool of a breeze or warmth of the sun on your face

19 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

26 Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

FRIDAY

6 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food

13 Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day

20 Happy International Day of Happiness! dayofhappiness.net

27 Stop work earlier and use the time to be still and relax

SATURDAY

7 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

14 Enjoy doing any chores or tasks more mindfully today

21 Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life

28 Bring to mind all the people you love and care about

"Mindfulness means being awake. It means knowing what you are doing" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org



Franche Family Challenges

- **W/C 16th March** - Try something new for breakfast.
- **W/C 23rd March** - Devise your own exercise routine.
- **W/C 30th March** - Litter pick in your local park.

BE ACTIVE...
live well



Year Band News

Year 3

This week, children have been writing poetry about their own superheroes. Classes have challenged themselves to use new writing skills of possessive apostrophes and present perfect tense. In Maths, children have continued developing their knowledge of measurements by finding equivalence between different units of length. Across the year band, we have been really impressed with the children's curiosity and inquisitiveness towards their Science work. We have looked at animal skeletons and used the language of exoskeleton and endoskeleton. Can you ask your child at home to explain the difference between these?

Year 4

This week, the children have completed a Science experiment to see if sound gets fainter the further away you get from the source. They had a look at how a data logger works and found out that sound is measured in decibels. They have decorated their Iron Man poems to send to their penpals. During their art lesson, the children have used clay to make an Iron Man model so that they can share them with their buddies.



Year 5

This week, the 'Baboon on the Moon' character was introduced to Year 5. We have been learning to create a narrative with a flashback in order to explain how the Baboon arrived on the moon. In Maths, we have been revisiting some objectives from earlier in Year 5 such as factors, multiples, area and perimeter. Our computing lessons this week have been to develop databases to present information about a variety of different space vehicles.



Year 6

This week, the children have made us proud. They have worked exceptionally hard taking last year's SATS papers in our mock week, in preparation for May. Besides that, some of the children have become masters at algebra (getting secondary ready) and some children have been learning how to convert between miles and kilometres. As well as that, as a way to wind in the afternoons, the children have been developing their own personal style using artist, Hokusai's waves as inspiration. Finally, on Friday, children and parents have been getting to grips with the tricky written method of Long Division in the workshop.



Sports News



Netball League

The Year 5/6 netball team made a winning start to the School Sports Partnership netball league with 4 wins out of 4!

There were some amazing team performances both in defence and attack. Over the 4 games, Franche scored 13 goals and only conceded 1. We are already looking forward to next Monday and hope to keep the winning run going. Well done to all players.

- Franche 3 vs. Comberton 1
- Franche 1 vs. Hagley 0
- Franche 7 vs. Birchen Coppice 0
- Franche 2 vs. Burlish 0



Indoor Athletics

On Thursday 5th March, 10 boys and 10 girls from Years 5 and 6 represented Franche at the SSP Indoor Athletics competition. There were some outstanding performances and they won a number of races! Around 15 schools took part with the boys finishing in 3rd place and the girls finishing in 4th place. What a fantastic achievement!



Football

The Year 5 and Year 6 football team took part in the first Kidderminster Harriers Tournament of the year. We had a number of draws and scored a great goal in the final match. All the boys who took part showed a great attitude and were a credit to Franche.





Franche Primary School, Chestnut Grove,
Kidderminster, DY11 5QB



NEARLY NEW SALE PTA SCHOOL EVENT

SATURDAY 28th March 2020

Lower School Hall

10am – 12Noon

Admission £1.00 per adult

(Children FREE)

Stalls available £10 each.

Book online at: www.pta-events.co.uk/franchepta/

Come along and pick up a few bargains from a range of gently used items from other mums, dads and grandparents.





SEND PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Date: Tuesday 17th March

Time: 9:00 - 10:15am

Location: Lower School Hall

Being a parent of a child with a Special Educational Need or Disability can be challenging at times, but you are not alone and support is always available. We would like to establish regular coffee mornings to enable parents to meet in a safe, friendly environment where they can share ideas, tips, strategies and have a chat to others who can relate and understand.

Each coffee morning will be themed around a particular area of SEND, starting with 'Reading & Spelling Difficulties'. As part of this we have invited Educational Psychologist, Laura Jellicoe, who will be doing a short talk around this area. This will be followed by time to enjoy a drink, cake and chat with other parents.

Please call 01562 751788 (Ext 230) to register your interest in attending.
We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.
Miss Cross (SENDCO)



Congratulations to all our wonderful Stars of the Week!



<p>Tots</p> <p>Tiny Tots: Arlow O'Brien Little Tots: Edie S Big Tots: Alarna J</p> <p>Nursery</p> <p>Yellow: Grace B Red: Joseph W Blue: Eva S</p> <p>Reception</p> <p>RCL - Chester M RLB - Matthew M RBF - Darcie G RSL - Joseph L</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>1A- Susana K 1C- Alex F 1D- Isobel R-G 1J- Ziva L</p> <p>Year 2</p> <p>2CH: Abigail M-P 2W: Ella B 2SH: Isabella M 2L: Lottie L</p> <p>Year 3</p> <p>3C: John P 3H: Craig O'T 3P: Zac L-H 3SB: Nathaniel C</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>4EP: Joshua H 4S: Grace M 4B: Olivia C-G 4M: Chloe H</p> <p>Year 5</p> <p>5P: Mila S 5T: Isabel S 5E: Ruth T 5W: Zayna J</p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>6G: Dylan C 6H: Lachlan M 6M: Finn B 6R: Alex V</p>
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Headteacher's Award

Nursery: Holly R
Reception: Chloe C
Year 1: Mason T
Year 2: Alana-Rae M

Year 3: Bella W
Year 4: Lucy G
Year 5: Hannah W
Year 6: William M



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SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020**

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applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk



Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

Year 2

Charlie P-W
Rose H

Year 3

Riley T
Alfie S
Ruby W

Year 4

Susie G Daniella M-A
Joshua H Ryan S
Alexander K
Leah-Marie A



Year 5

Jack B
Logan S
Luke S-H
Lewis F
Mila S
Tiarna O'B-W

Lilly P
Jessica B
Edward R
Ava c
Harvey E

Year 6

Joshua N
Joshua H
Charlie W

Congratulations to the following children for completing their Silver passports:

Year 4

George P
Oliver H
Cohen H



Franche PTA

PRESENTS

Franche's **FREE** Family Film!

Friday 27th March

6pm-8pm (Doors open
from 5.30pm)

Come along and enjoy a free event suitable for the whole family!

Although free to attend, space is limited and tickets must be ordered in advance from—www.pta-events.co.uk/franchepta

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult to attend.

There will be popcorn, nachos, sweets, drinks
and hot dogs available to buy on the night!

(hot dogs can be pre ordered, please do if you can)

Location—Upper School Hall

Parentkind
Member Association

Limited tickets. Please book online.
For help or more information
please email -
pta@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Spelling Shed

A colorful illustration for a spelling competition. The title 'Spelling Shed' is written in large, bubbly yellow letters with a grey outline. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds. On the left, a cartoon bee flies near a yellow beehive. On the right, a wooden shed with a chimney is visible. In the foreground, a green hill features a white picket fence, a white daisy, and another cartoon bee.

Well done to Kaidyn P
for being our top Franche speller!

Top class was 4M!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

A vibrant, colorful illustration for a times tables competition. The title 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' is written in large, stylized, glowing letters. The background is a dark purple with a pattern of pink and white polka dots. In the foreground, six cartoon children are depicted as rock stars, each playing a different instrument: a blue robot-like character with a guitar, a boy with a green guitar, a girl in a yellow leopard-print outfit with a guitar, a boy with a red guitar, a girl with a purple guitar, and a girl with a purple guitar. There are also speakers and a microphone on the stage.

Well done to Declan Wyer in 6G
for achieving 820 correct Franche TT
Rockstars answers over the last week.

Awesome effort!

Top class was 4EP with 90% of children
playing TT Rockstars last week!

SPORT RELIEF

Fundraising for Sport Relief



Well done to Izzie P- L'H in 3SB who has currently raised £220 for Sport Relief by running a mile a day for 10 days on a treadmill.

**Super fit,
Super fantastic!**



Don't give thieves 'shed loads' of opportunities!



www.westmercia.police.uk

Volunteer and Skills Fair
Thursday 26th March 2020
Kidderminster Town Hall 10am – 2pm

- Discover a whole host of volunteering opportunities
- FREE refreshments
- Gain confidence whilst learning new skills
- Have your CV checked
- Careers advice and employability

With more than 30 community volunteering groups attending there really is something for everyone to get involved with!

Volunteering enables you to make a difference, help your local community, make new friends, learn new skills and improves our wellbeing.

KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE | Jobcentreplus | National Careers Service

For more information see www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/volunteerfair or call 01562 732572



HEALTHY START

With Health Start you can get free vouchers every week which you can swap for milk, fresh fruit, veg and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins! (for more information on vitamins checkout the website:-

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/healthy-start-vitamins>



You can now purchase vitamins from us here at Chestnut!

I'd love to be on
time for school.

If only they would
listen when I tell them
what to do.

I'd like to know more
about what they're
doing on the
computer.

Does this



When I put them to
bed, I'd like them to
settle.

sound like you?



We have tried a
reward chart I wish
it had worked



I would like my
child to understand
'No' means 'No'

I wish my
stepchildren just
would listen to me.

I'd like them to
stay in 'Time Out'

Come with your
partner/friend

Pick up hints and tips

Swap ideas about how best to
manage children's behaviour



Positive Parenting Programme Plus

Take a break and share your experience over a cup of coffee/tea
with 10 other Parents/GrandParents/Carers/StepParents

FREE

**At Franche Community Primary School,
Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster, DY11 5QB
Wednesday 6.00 – 8.00pm**

Starts – 29th April 2020

Ends – 24th June 2020

**For more information and to book a place call
Wyre Forest & Hagley Project on 01562 851292**

The WHP is run locally in Wyre Forest and Hagley through the ContinU Trust.

Dates for your Diary:



Spring term:

Maths Workshops:

- Year 1 - Tues 24th March & Tues 31st March 9.00 - 10.00 Lower Hall
- Year 3 - Fri 27th March 9.00 - 10.00/ 10.30 - 11.30 Upper Hall
- Year 5 - Fri 20th March 9.00 - 10.00/ 10.15 - 11.15 Upper Hall

Year 2 SATs Parents' Information Meeting

- Tues 24th March - 2.30pm/5.15pm Upper Hall

Summer term:

Sports Days:



Year group	Date
Nursery (Blue)	Tuesday 23 rd June (9am)
Nursery (Red)	Wednesday 24 th June (9am)
Nursery (Yellow)	Thursday 25 th June (9am)
Reception	Thursday 9 th July (1.15pm)
Year 1	Monday 13 th July (1.15pm)
Year 2	Tuesday 7 th July (9am)
Year 3	Wednesday 15 th July (9am)
Year 4	Wednesday 1 st July (9am)
Year 5	Thursday 9 th July (9am)
Year 6	Wednesday 8 th July (9.10am)

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