



Framwellgate Moor Primary School
March 2019



Parent Review

Thank you for your feedback in completing the Parent Questionnaires.

The following is a summary of issues raised by parents:

Parking – It is felt that the Main Gate next to Chastleton Doctors Surgery is very overcrowded on the path and with cars parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please *do not* park half on the pavement, half on the road. Parking can be located in the housing estate and in the Community Centre on Framwellgate Front Street.

8:45am School Opening Time – We open our doors earlier than the official school starting time to give the children time to settle into class before 9am registration. The period between 8:30am and 8:45am is not officially supervised and pupils and parents *do not* need to arrive until 8:45am. However, I know that the children (particularly the older children) like to play football/socialise before school and of course I am happy to assist the children if required.

If you require child supervision before this time, please find out about our school Munch Bunch Breakfast Club. You can ask for more details at the school office.

Homework – There was lots of views both for and against homework as in previous years. However, I do think that the quantity of homework can be reviewed in the Upper KS2. Discussions have begun around this.

In Year 1, there appears to be pressure to complete the Read Write Inc books quickly. It may be more beneficial for pupils to complete one book per week and focus on the quality and understanding of this. There is no rush to complete the scheme as discussed at the Year 1 meeting in September. We really appreciate the hard work from parents to support their children outside of school and I agree that family time is very important. Also, please continue to read other home reader books and ask children questions to check for understanding.

Transition – I am going to introduce a transition evening this July for parents to visit the teacher their child will have for the following year. This will be a drop in session and your child can attend with you to show you their new classroom and for you to informally meet the teacher and have discussions around your child.

We do follow the DfE guidance for reporting progress to parents. However, if you have any concerns at any time, please make an appointment or ask for a 'quick word' between 8:45am and 9.00am via the Main Entrance.

Lunches – I have all of the comments to report to Taylor Shaw in an arranged meeting. The intended outcome of the meeting is to ensure the following: portion sizes meet the needs of older pupils, pupils at the back of the queue receive a decent meal, that there is also a hot vegetarian alternative. Other suggestions: more variety of fruit options, Chinese food at Chinese New Year and another option to Fish on a Friday.

Outside playtimes - The school has been working towards a Resilience project this year and lots of assemblies and discussions in class have taken place thinking about the skills required to be resilient. This combined with the requirement to ensure children are active at least 20 minutes a day and taking into account pupils views around playtimes, has led to the decision to embark on a new project called OPAL, 'Outside Play and Learn' project. In our Early Years we have so much provision for exploration, investigation, physical movement and imagination and it is hoped that the ideas from the OPAL project will develop this excellent practise into KS1 and KS2 instead of just balls/skipping ropes etc.

There may be a Mud Kitchen/tyres to roll/builder barriers to make a den etc. There will be zones that children can choose to play in. This will be more like the 'play' that they do outside at weekends. Pupils will probably keep wellies in school and may get a bit muddier while in school. However, the enjoyment and enrichment opportunities provided, I am sure will be very beneficial to pupils' physical and emotional wellbeing.

There will be an audit and a steering group set up to develop school actions. Then hopefully, the project will start during the Summer Term. I am hoping that parents will get the opportunity to come and play with the children once the zones are established.

In the meantime, if your profession lends itself to recycling some products for the school to use, these would be gratefully received. For example: tyres, empty cable reels, crates, logs/pieces of wood/plastic low height barriers. We will collect and store these as soon as they are available.

School improvement suggestions from pupils

Thank you to all of the pupils who were honest and thought of areas of improvement for our school. The ideas are great. The ones listed below are the improvements that we can now consider going forward subject to costs. The school is going to embark on a new project with OPAL and lots of the ideas of exploring/investing outside will be developed.

Outside – the children suggested the ideas below to improve our outdoor space:

Nice flowers on the grass where the staff park their cars.

Flowers in the playground.

Swings and slide.

Twinkle lights.

Make the building bigger quicker!

New toys outside.

Monkey bars outside.

Bigger equipment outside.

Basketball hoop.

Outside drawing tables.

Buddy bench.

Outdoor wildlife.

More outdoor playthings.

General ideas – I will look into implementing these ideas as they are lovely suggestions - A cookery club, a day where we dress up as a country, free fruit for break, music at lunchtime, toilet refurb in Y5/6, outdoor wildlife area and more library books.

Food - Generally, older pupils expressed that they thought that the portions were too small and that food runs out if you are last for lunch. Other suggestions were mainly pupils' favourite foods. I have organised a meeting with our Taylor Shaw to discuss ways of improving the above concerns. We also have three 'themed lunch days' planned; 5th April – UK Day, 17th May – American Day and 14th June – Australian Day.

Year 6

I am very proud of the children's efforts in completing the Mock SATs this week. They are all trying their best which is what we encourage.

We will be offering free places at Breakfast Club during SATS week from 7:30am for Year 6 pupils. A letter will follow nearer the time.

School Uniform

From Tuesday 23rd April (Summer Term) we will have a new uniform supplier called Tots to Teams. More information will follow nearer the time.

Uniform Rules

No earrings are allowed to be worn in school.

Shoes should be black.

Royal blue jumpers/cardigans worn (not navy blue or grey.)

Thank you for supporting the school in this.

Class Assemblies

This term parents are invited to watch class assemblies in the Upper Hall at 2:45pm. Arrival from 2:30pm.

Thursday 14th March Year 3 Assembly – Upper Hall

Thursday 21st March Honey Bees Assembly – Lower Hall (Please enter via the Lower Hall entrance)

Friday 22nd March Y4 Assembly – Upper Hall

Friday 29th March Year 5 – Upper Hall

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March 2019. Children will be asked to donate £2 and come into school dressed as a character from their favourite story. Juice and a Comic Relief biscuit will be provided at morning break.

Adam Bushnell

Author, Adam Bushnell will also be visiting school on Friday 15th March to tell stories to each class of children.

Spring Term Disco

The Discos will be held on Monday 11th March 2019.

KS1 Disco - The Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Disco will be held from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Pupils wishing to attend the Disco can bring their Disco clothes into school in the morning. Pupils will be able to change and get ready for the Disco at 3:15pm. At 3:30pm all Disco children will be taken into the Disco with Staff. At the end of the disco all children will be taken to their own classrooms to be collected. Parents can collect their child from the Nursery door, Reception classroom door or Year 1 and 2 door. Your child will receive an Easter Egg before they go home. **Disco tickets went on sale on Wednesday 6th March** and cost £4.00 per ticket.

KS2 Disco - Y3/4/5/6 pupils can attend the Disco and enter via the main entrance at 4:45pm. Parents need to sign in their child and then leave. Please collect your child at 5:45pm via the Main Entrance. Pupils can buy sweets and drinks from the school tuck shop during the disco. **Disco tickets went on sale on Wednesday 6th March** and cost £3.00 per ticket.

From Y1 upwards we would appreciate it if the children can bring in their own money and buy their ticket from the Year 6 pupils. There will be support for this.

Easter Egg Decorating

On Friday 5th April pupils will be decorating hard boiled eggs in their classrooms. Pupils need to bring 2 hard-boiled eggs (just in case one breaks) and any resources they wish to use from home into school. There will also be lots of resources available in school to use too. All eggs must be created in school! We look forward to seeing the egg designs and prizes will be awarded in our Celebration Assembly.

Themed Lunch Days

There will be three themed lunch days in school over the next few months. The dates and themes for these lunches are as follows;

5th April – UK Day themed lunch.

17th May – American Day themed lunch.

14th June – Australian Day themed lunch.

Flyers will be sent home to those pupils who are on packed lunch so they can request to have a school 'themed' lunch on those days.

End of Term

School closes for Easter on Friday 5th April and reopens on Tuesday 23rd April.

Training Day

Please note: On Friday 3rd May school is closed for staff training purposes.

KS2 SATS Timetable 13th to 16th May 2019

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| Monday 13 th May | Spelling and Punctuation paper 1 Spelling and Punctuation paper 2 |
| Tuesday 14 th May | Reading Comprehension |
| Wednesday 15 th May | Maths paper 1 Arithmetic Math paper 2 Reasoning |
| Thursday 16 th May | Maths paper 3 Reasoning |

Showcase Assemblies

The Assemblies will be one week earlier than usual this year and be in the second last week of the summer term. Parents are invited to come into the Upper Hall for a short showcase displaying skills taught during the year.

Y3/4/5 – 9th July 2019

R/Y1/Y2 – 10th July 2019

Year 6 Leavers' Show

The Year 6 Leavers' Show will be held in the Lower Hall on 17th July 2019.

Seeing and Sharing Scary Things Online

Keeping children safe is a top priority at Framwellgate Moor Primary, whether on school premises or beyond, and this of course, extends to the online world.

Online safety or digital resilience is a whole school effort: it is embedded throughout the curriculum, explicitly in subjects like PSHE and Computing, but it is also taught in all subjects and topics throughout the year. In addition, it is very much part of our safeguarding focus, given the real risks and dangers which exist online. In all we do, however, we like to focus on the positives of the online world. We recognise that technology is here to stay and children live and learn through technology.

If you want to find out more about the realities of life online for young people, which includes more information about the risks, you may wish to visit the following website;

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

In the past week, there have been many press stories about a particular nasty challenge circulating with a scary image on social media. These stories are based on an urban myth/hoax which circulates every few months. Whether that is the case or not, we would advise you not to show any scary images from the newspapers to your children in order to talk about it, and try not mention the challenge by name. Instead, as above, talk about what to do if they see something scary or someone dares them to do something silly or dangerous. Encourage them to talk to you or a trusted adult if something they see online scares them and make sure they know never to forward these things to their classmates.

Please take time to talk to your children over the next few weeks about what they do on their devices and with whom, what they love, and what worries them.

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 11 th March | School Easter Disco |
| Thursday 14 th March | Year 3 Class Assembly |
| Friday 15 th March | Adam Bushnell (Author) in school today |
| Friday 15 th March | Comic Relief– dress as a character from a story - £2 to raise money for Comic Relief |
| Monday 18 th March | Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre (Dance After School Club children only) |
| Tuesday 19 th March | Year 3 Oriental Museum Trip |
| Thursday 21 st March | Honey Bees Class Assembly |
| Friday 22 nd March | Year 4 Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Year 5 visit to All Saints Church for the Easter Journey |
| Friday 29 th March | Year 5 Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 2 nd April | 1pm – Tennis Club children to attend St Godrics |
| Friday 5 th April | Egg Decorating |
| Friday 5 th April | Themed School Lunch – UK Day |
| Friday 5 th April | School closes today for the Easter holidays today |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | School reopens today |
| Monday 29 th April | Summer Term After School Clubs start this week. Letters and club information to follow. |
| Wednesday 1 st May | Class photo day |
| Thursday 2 nd May | School closes today for the May Day holiday today |
| Tuesday 7 th May | School reopens today |
| Monday 13 th May to Friday 24 th May | Y2 SATS |
| Monday 13 th May to Thursday 16 th May | SATS week for KS2 pupils |
| Friday 17 th May | Themed School Lunch – American Day |
| Friday 24 th May | School closes for the Summer Half Term holiday today |
| Monday 3 rd June | School reopens today |
| Wednesday 5 th June to Friday 7 th June | Robinwood Residential Trip for Y5 & Y6 pupils |
| Week beginning 10 th June | Y1 Phonics Tests |
| Wednesday 12 th June | Durham Dash |
| Thursday 13 th June | Year 5 to visit Framwellgate School - PE and Science |
| Friday 14 th June | Themed School Lunch – Australian Day |
| Friday 14 th June | Intraschool Athletics Competition (FMPS children only) |
| Monday 17 th , Tuesday 18 th , Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st June | Year 5 Bikeability Sessions |
| Tuesday 18 th , Wednesday 19 th , Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th June | Year 6 Bikeability Sessions |
| Monday 1 st July | NO After School Clubs – this is due to the School Summer Disco |
| Monday 1 st July | School Summer Disco |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Year 6 Transition Day to Framwellgate School |
| Tuesday 9 th July | Y3/4/5 Showcase Assembly |
| Wednesday 10 th July | R/Y1/Y2 Showcase Assembly |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Y6 Leavers' Show |
| Friday 19 th July | School closes – break up for Summer |