

# Princess Fred's Matters



Friday 10th November '17

*"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart and tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1*

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Workshops across the school

Children in Year 1 and Year 3 have been enjoying workshops this past week in different curriculum areas. In Year 3, the children were lucky enough to attend a Stone Age workshop run by One Day Creative. It was a wonderful way of bringing history to life through art and drama. About the workshop, Ana Chemale said, "I loved acting and pretending to be a Stone Age hunter. It was so much fun!" Nalini Patel added, "I liked the fact that we got to play lots of games and work in teams."

In Year 1, the children thoroughly enjoyed the "Magical toy museum" workshop with the Freshwater theatre company. They learned all about toys from the past (including teddy bears, dolls and moving toys) and really engaged with the storytelling side of it.

Both these sessions as well as others approaching- such as The Shakespeare Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6- are made possible by your continued support of the PSA run cake sales. Please keep on supporting! Thank you

## Remembrance

Reverend Will spoke to the children on Thursday in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 about remembrance and the reasons why we have this occasion every year. The children were very thoughtful. They explored what the poppy stands for and why people wear them. The children also discussed remembrance in their classrooms and what this special act of remembrance is all about.

## Easy Fundraising

We have now raised over £100 for the school from Easy Fundraising. Thank you to all the parents who are now using Easy Fundraising to make their purchases. Please use the app when buying any Christmas presents as it's a great way for the school to make some extra money that can be spent on an exciting project. This project will be revealed in the next edition of Princess Fred's Matters! The link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

## Shoebox Appeal: The Samaritans Purse

Information has gone home today (along with an e-mail) about our yearly shoebox appeal. Please read the outline carefully and support us in helping this cause. All shoeboxes to be at school by Monday 20th November.



# Proud of reading at Princess Frederica

Teachers believe in the power that reading has and there are many initiatives that happen in the classroom to encourage our children to become confident, independent readers. Retaining the joy and fostering a love of reading is very important and so we wanted to share some of the different things happening with reading outside the classroom. These are all things that are either in place or are being launched this week.

**Accelerated Reading Programme:** The school continues to work with this programme. It means children are able to complete quizzes on the books they've read from the library and is an enjoyable way for the children to develop their comprehension skills.

**Library at lunchtime:** From this week, children in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to visit the library on either Thursday or Friday during lunchtime. Children will be able to read quietly for 30 minutes after they have eaten and will be joined during this quiet time by a teacher (who will equally have that rare opportunity to enjoy some quiet time to read!).



**Christmas Reading Challenge:** Over the last couple of years, the children have been focusing on book marks and challenging themselves to read as many books as they can. At school, we have been impressed by how many books the children read and how enthusiastic they were about the challenge. This year, we will be having a different challenge around reading and this will be communicated nearer the time.

**Book Reviews in Assemblies:** Every week, a child from a different class shares a book that they have really enjoyed and believe other children in the school will enjoy. Their review is put on display for all to see after they have talked about the book in assembly.

**Our library and librarian:** We continue to benefit from the beautiful space in our school that is given entirely to selected and enjoying books. Ms Turner continues to run our library and ensures it remains a comfortable and welcoming area that children feel they want to visit and spend time in. Ms Turner also works with the teachers to

ensure that, in class, there is a wealth of books around topics the children are studying.

**Staff Book Club:** Many of the teachers are involved in a reading club. They discuss the latest children's book they've read, characters in the story

and any aspects they found interesting. Research has shown that teachers who read are more effective in developing a love of reading among children. The teachers are currently reading *The Boy in the Tower* by Polly Ho-Yen.

**Birthday Books:** Children bring in a book to assembly and tell the whole school about it. We all sing happy birthday and the book is donated to the library with a stamped entry inside. It's a great way to share our favourite books with each other!

**Children's Book Club:** The year 5 and 6 children's reading group continues into its fourth year. Among the many books that have been read and discussed, their favourite has been *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson, which scored an average of 9.8 out of 10.



## Maybe, just maybe...

The latest exciting project to be mooted is the refurbishment of the decorated mini-van that now proudly sits in our playground. The PSA discussed how it would be fantastic if any parents were able to come forward and maybe do some work on the inside of the van and transform it into some kind of comfortable

reading space for the children to enjoy during break and lunchtimes. Anyone with any fantastic ideas, please speak to the PSA or e-mail the school.



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**Library visits outside of school:** This week, Year 5 went on a trip to Kilburn library. The children listened to Sally Pomme Clayton who retold the ancient Greek myths using music and drama. The children also had the opportunity to use the library facilities and each child took a book for the book corner back in class. Keep an eye out for more classes that will be taking advantage of all the books on offer at Kilburn library.



## Academic Success With Reading

Are all the different initiative and projects having an impact? We were delighted with how our children are performing in their reading assessments both at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Last year, 91% of our Year 6 children reached the expected standard compared to 71% nationally while 61% reached the expected standard in greater depth compared to 25% nationally while in Key Stage 1, 95% reached the expected standard and 30% the expected standard at greater depth.

We were also delighted that Princess Frederica children are making fantastic progress in their reading. In 2016, Year 6 children achieved a progress average measure of 3.5 (national average is 0) and this was improved in 2017 with a 4.4 points progress average.

### Key Dates for the autumn term and spring term

Please see a list of key dates for the rest of the autumn term and some dates for the spring half-term. Please take note of them and add them to your diary. They are also on the school calendar which can be found on the homepage of the school website.

| Date                                    | Time                 | Event and Venue   |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November '17   | 9am<br>(1 hour)      | Philosophy for Children session for parents led by Nick Chandley (All parents warmly invited)   |
|   | 6pm-8pm              | 'Philosophy in Pubs' session led by Nick Chandley in The Whippet (All parents warmly invited to join at any point during the 2 hours) |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November '17 | 9am<br>(1 hour)      | Philosophy for Children session for parents led by Nick Chandley (All parents warmly invited)   |
| Friday 17th November '17                | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 6 Russia class assembly  |
| Friday 24th November '17                | All Day              | Non-Uniform Day for all children  |
|   | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 6 Moscow class assembly  |

| Christmas Dates                         |                      |  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December '17     | All Day              | Non-Uniform Day for all children   |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December '17   | 2pm-5pm              | <b>Christmas Fair</b> (organised and run by the PSA)   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December '17 | 2pm<br>(1 hour)      | Christmas Music Extravaganza   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December '17  | 10:30am<br>(1 hour)  | Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Nativity Christmas Show   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December '17    | 1:30pm<br>(1 hour)   | Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Nativity Christmas Show   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December '17    | 2pm<br>(1 hour)      | Christmas Music Extravaganza   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December '17 | 10:30am<br>(1 hour)  | <b>End of term service</b> at St Martin's Church for Reception to Year 6 children  |
|   | 1:30pm               | End of term for all children   |
| Start of the spring term 2018           |                      |  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January '18   | All Day              | Parent and Teacher meetings all day by appointment in classrooms.  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January '18    | 8:50am               | First day back of the spring term 2018 for all children.   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January '18      | 9am (1hr<br>15mins)  | <b>Year 6 SATS Workshop</b> in the dining hall. An important opportunity to find out more about the Key Stage 2 tests and work with your child on an assessment they have completed. |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January '18     | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 4 New Zealand class assembly  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January '18     | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 4 Wellington class assembly   |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February '18    | 2pm<br>(1 hour)      | Music Extravaganza   |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February '18  | 2pm<br>(1 hour)      | Music Extravaganza   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February '18     | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 3 Australia class assembly  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February '18   | 3:30pm               | End of half-term for all children  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February '18     | All Day              | School Inset Day. School is closed to all children   |
| Spring Half-term                        |                      |  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February '18    | 8:50am               | First day back for all children after half-term  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March '18        | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 3 Canberra class assembly   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March '18       | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 2 USA class assembly  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March '18       | 10:10am<br>(30 mins) | Year 2 Wellington class assembly   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March '18       | All Week             | Book Week begins   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March          | All Day              | World Book Day 2018  |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March '18      | 2pm<br>(1 hour)      | Music Extravaganza   |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March '18    | 10:30am<br>(1 hour)  | <b>End of Term service</b> at St Martin's Church for Reception to Year 6   |
|   | 2pm<br>(1 hour)      | Music Extravaganza   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March '18     | 1:30pm               | End of term for all children   |
| Easter Holidays                         |                      |  |

### School Prayer

Father God,  
Thank you for guiding us and sharing in our successes.  
Help us to be strong when we face new challenges.  
Amen



# Star of the Week

| Class              | W/B: 16 <sup>th</sup> October '17   | W/B: 30 <sup>th</sup> October '17   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Reception France   |   | Iris Abdy Collins for making great progress in her phonics and working hard to blend words.   |
| Reception Paris    |   | Cicely Laughton for her excellent behaviour and always being ready to listen                  |
| Year 1 Ottawa      | Yugo Fletcher for being an excellent role model to the class throughout the whole half term.                          | Huxley Gover for showing excellent behaviour and listening in class.                          |
| Year 1 Canada      | Ali El Faour for making fantastic progress in his maths work.   | Magnus Murray for making excellent progress in reading.                                       |
| Year 2 Washington  | Fox Swaby for showing excellent concentration and behaviour.  | Sam Oakes for showing creative and imaginative ideas in their purse design for DT.            |
| Year 2 USA         | Freda Kelly for working very hard in English, creating an excellent rhyming poem about shoes.                         | Ben Du Plooy for showing excellent behaviour and listening skills.                            |
| PE Key Stage 1     |   | Matilda Dyer for showing fantastic movement and balances in gymnastics.                       |
| Year 3 Australia   | Roman Phillips for making a huge effort to improve his behaviour.   | Eabha Kennedy for always following the school rules and setting a good example to others.     |
| Year 3 Canberra    | Jackson Cooper for being a polite and wonderful student throughout the last week of the half term.                    | Maddie Roskill for writing a creative ending for a comic book in English.                     |
| Year 4 New Zealand | Gonpo Wodser for showing excellent manners and always being polite both in and out of the classroom.                  | Mimirose Frostrup Campbell for working very hard in presenting an information text on horses. |
| Year 4 Wellington  | Sophia Richardson for making a huge effort in improving their presentation in her workbook.                           | Maisie St Giles for excellent work on Roman Numerals.   |
| Year 5 Lisbon      | Lauren Baptiste for improving her attitude towards reading.   | Molly O'Connor for always being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of the class.            |
| Year 5 Portugal    | Fergus Carty Day for using excellent adjectives and adverbs in English.   | Mia Harpin for always participating and contributing to all lessons.                          |
| Year 6 Russia      | Dylan Odds for showing wonderful behaviour, listening skills and being an excellent role model.                       | Iris Lee and Jemima Chalaby for creating outstanding pieces of writing in English.            |
| Year 6 Moscow      | Safa Moussati for always following the school rules and being an excellent role model.                                | Lily Maskell-Key for making great progress in English and Maths.                              |
| PE Key Stage 2     | The girls' football team for being excellent role models and ambassadors for the school during a football tournament. | 5 Portugal (whole class) for showing excellent teamwork, creativity and ideas in PE lessons.  |
| Music              | Elliot Birrell for great improvement, effort and achievement on the recorder.   | Jesse Zion for great improvement in his behaviour and achievement in music lessons.           |