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FRADLEY PARK

Primary & Nursery School**At Fradley Park we believe "What happens early, matters for a lifetime"**

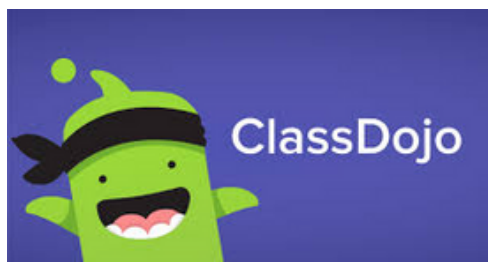
- HEADTEACHERS COMMENTS -

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Just an update to let you know that we have had some work completed in school to secure alarms on all our main fire exits. This means, that when opened, our intruder alarm will be activated. This will ensure that children cannot exit the school building through the fire exits without school staff being alerted. We have also had an exit button raised to adult height and, as with our other main entrance door, children know that they are not to use this exit button. These additional measures have helped to ensure that our school is as safe and secure as it can possibly be. We will be adjusting our entrance to and from Early Risers/Tea Club as this will need to take place through the main door. We will correspond with you about these changes in the first week back.



PARENT WORKSHOPS



A reminder that we have a parent workshop coming up next half-term. This will be the final in our series of three sessions focused on behaviour. This session will take place on Tuesday 11th November at 2.45pm and Mrs Perkins will be introducing our new positive behaviour management system; Class Dojo. It would be helpful to know in advance who to expect so please drop the office a quick message to let them know if you will be attending on, office@fps.jtmat.co.uk. we look forward to seeing you then.

DONATIONS



Thank you for all your donations this week towards our OPAL play provision – keep them coming! I just want to give a shout out to Jenson and Ophelia's Mum, Amanda, who has donated so much to us over the last few years. We really appreciate it! Thank you :-)

Please can you have a think about any of these resources that we are currently on the lookout for that you may no longer have use for. Please drop them off to the office:

- " Fancy dress clothes/hats
- "Small world (cars, dinosaurs, dolls, figures) and small construction kits
- "Pegs, tarpaulin, and rope (for den building)
- "Suitcases
- "Outdoor furniture cushions/seat pads or parasols no longer needed.

Wishing you all a wonderful week and we will see you back at school on Monday 3rd November.

Chrissie Allen – Headteacher

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- HEADTEACHERS WEEKLY ROUND UP -

We have had the Trust's Director for School Improvement, Lisa Farmer, visit us this week to conduct a monitoring visit. Lisa was particularly pleased with the behaviour and attitudes of our children and their enthusiasm and engagement in learning. The children really did do us proud. As ever, a huge thank you to the whole school team who work incredibly hard to make this school shine. Thank you to the teaching teams for providing a wonderful learning experience for our children – they are very lucky to have you!

FOREST SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that Forest School will be starting for ALL year groups week commencing 10th November.

Please send your child into school wearing their Forest School clothes on their allocated Forest School day. They will need to come wearing long trousers, long sleeves, jumpers and clothes that you do not mind getting muddy! If it is cold, your child will need hats and gloves. Your child will need a puddle suit and wellies that will be kept in school ready to go. As always, please ensure these are labelled with your child's name.

As a reminder, our Forest School days are as follows:

Monday - Nursery and Reception
Wednesday - Year 1 and Year 2
Friday - Year 3



STAFF CHANGES

Next half-term, we welcome Mrs D'Ambrosio to our teaching team and she will be leading the Nursery provision. Miss Pearson will be working very closely with Mrs D'Ambrosio to help her settle in and get to know the children. It goes without saying that, as a school community, we are incredibly thankful to Miss Pearson and to Mr Clancy for stepping up and looking after our precious Nursery children this half-term. They are both going to miss spending their days with that lovely class, but they are equally looking forward to getting back to their 'day jobs'!

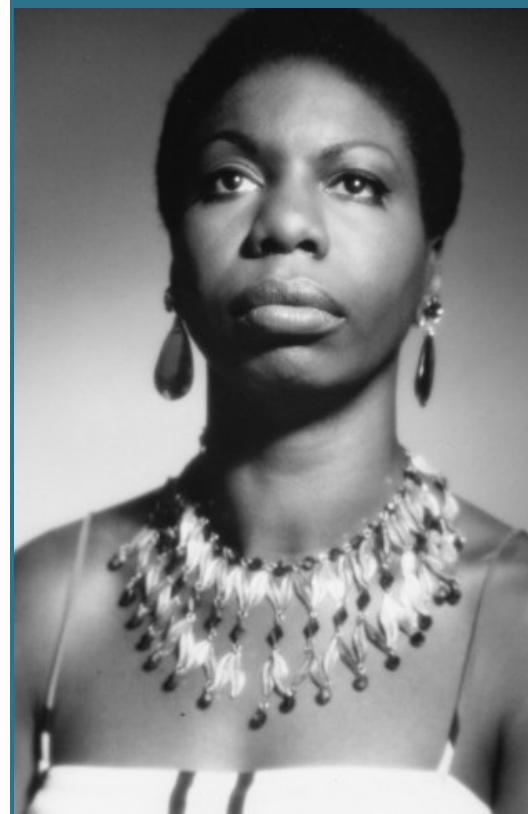
In the following week, on Thursday 13th November, we will be welcoming Mrs Battison to our Nursery Team. We can't wait! Please say hello to our new staff members when you see them out and about.

MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

We are excited to share that we will be introducing a Musician of the Month to the children for the remainder of the year.

This is a wonderful opportunity for them to discover different genres of music, learn about influential artists, and develop their own musical tastes.

For this month, we are delighted to highlight the incredible Nina Simone. Please see the poster below for more information.



UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

NURSERY TEAM UPDATE!

This week we have fully embraced autumn and our children have been developing their control, grip and precision by using hammers. The children then removed golf tees from the pumpkins using pliers.

We have also been fostering new language by digging inside the pumpkins and describing what they could feel and smell.

Finally the exploration tray has been home to an autumn collection and our children have enjoyed using the tweezers to make soups and potions.

A highlight has been the campfire, toasting marshmallows and telling stories.

Miss Pearson and Mr Clancy wish you all a very happy half term and we hope you enjoy your break.



RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



Wow! We cannot believe we have completed our first half term in Reception! The children have all done incredibly well at settling into their new class and understanding the new routines in place. We are so proud of them all.

In literacy this week we have had a focus on handwriting and letter formation. The children have written their names in their literacy books again this week and the improvement they have all made since the beginning of this half term is amazing!

In maths we have continued to focus on 1, 2 and 3 to gain a deeper understanding of each number and their compositions. The children have enjoyed playing a simple number track game with each other in provision.

We have been busy completing phonics assessments based on the sounds we have taught this half term and we are very happy with the progress made - well done everyone! Your child will begin to read a book based on their assessment results at the start of next half term.

This week we have also been busy creating Diwa lamps for Diwali. The children have been exploring the festival of light and are excited for their Diwas to dry ready for them to paint!

Once again a big well done from Miss Nicholson, Mrs Barnes and Miss McAteer for a fantastic first half term. Have a lovely break and rest up - next one is a busy one!

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

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YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

In English, this week we have focused on consolidating our knowledge on writing letters. We have been busy writing letters to Mrs Allen all about what clubs we would love to do at Fradley. We had such lovely ideas ranging from reading, scooter skills and football club and many more fabulous ideas.

In Maths we have begun using our knowledge of parts and wholes to create number sentences and complete part whole models. We have discussed what resources we could use, where to find them? And the key vocabulary.

In computing we were able to experiment with different media including wax crayons, coloured pencils, and the different tools on the iPads to draw pictures. We then were able to discuss what we enjoyed using most.

In Art we had our own mini art exhibition, showing off the art we have created over the last few weeks! We were so proud to share the beautiful spiral creations. The children were very complimentary of each other's work and were able to begin to reflect on their own work.

In music this week we rehearsed the menu song for the last time and put our final actions to it. The children were then recorded on the class iPad and were able to listen to it back. They have done so well learning a new song, keeping their singing to the beat, and getting so involved

Thank you, Year 1 for making this first half term so brilliant! Have a lovely week off.



YEAR 2 TEAM UPDATE



The final week of the first half term is upon us! What a jam-packed half term it has been. The children have been working extremely hard.

In literacy this week we have been creating our own leaflets to persuade families to visit our innovated Pirate Adventure Parks. We have been including colourful pictures, using superlatives and asking engaging questions to try and persuade families to visit.

In maths we have continued to practise addition with a particular focus on adding by making 10, adding three 1 digit numbers together and bridging to the next multiple of 10.

Not only have we been thinking about trying to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day in Science we have been completing a Digital 5 a Day is about having a 'balanced digital diet'. The children enjoyed recording messages, taking photos and getting creative on the iPads! They had to remember to ask permission from others if they wanted to take a photo of them.

Our vehicles are almost complete and will hopefully be ready to show you at the beginning of next term where Mr. Yates will visit us again to see how we have been getting on!

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

YEAR 3 TEAM UPDATE



Year 3 have had a really busy last week of this half term! Maths lessons have been extremely this week, where the children learn how to use the column method for both addition and subtraction. They have worked extremely hard and should be so proud of their achievements!

In English, they finished their writing to sell their gingerbread house - they generated some impressive rhetorical questions and sentences using imperative verbs, persuading the reader to buy the house!

In DT, the children were creative when investigating shell structures - designing and making their own packaging for biscuits. They made links to maths, investigating the nets of 3D shapes and constructing their own net templates, which were really impressive! They also practised different ways of shaping card in preparation for making their own biscuit packaging. What a creative bunch they are! Some of the children enjoyed our Spooky and Sparkly disco this week - I loved seeing their amazing costumes!

Carol Service rehearsals are also well underway for our performance at St. Stephen's church on 12th December - 1:45pm. We have been busy learning the songs and presenting our lines - please support your child with learning these at home. All songs are available on Tapestry.

In computing, we investigated the pros and cons to drawing on a digital device rather than using paper and pencils and discussed the situations when digital technology might be useful. Many of us still preferred drawing by hand!

What a lovely first half term we have had in Year 3 - such fantastic progress made by all! Have a lovely half term!

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



MINECRAFT

Minecraft Child Safety Settings

Minecraft itself doesn't have a big built-in "parental control" menu but depending on how your child plays (Java Edition, Bedrock/Windows, or console), you can manage what they can do through a mix of Microsoft account family settings, platform parental controls, and server/world settings.

Bedrock Edition (Windows, iOS, Android, Xbox, PlayStation, Switch)

- **Microsoft Family Safety**
 - Log into your child's Microsoft account via family.microsoft.com.
 - You can set:
 - Screen time limits.
 - Spending limits (requires adult approval for purchases).
 - Restrictions on joining multiplayer/Realms.
 - Restrictions on adding friends.
- **Xbox/Console Parental Controls**
 - Each console (Xbox, PlayStation, Switch) has its own parental settings that allow you to:
 - Restrict online play.
 - Control voice/text chat.
 - Block joining servers or Realms.
 - Limit age-rated content.

Java Edition (PC/Mac)

Java doesn't have built-in parental settings, so you'll need to manage through:

- **Server settings:** If your child plays on your own hosted server, you can whitelist who's allowed to join, disable chat, or use plugins/mods to filter messages.
- **Launcher account:** Java Edition is tied to a Microsoft account now, so you can still apply Microsoft Family Safety rules (e.g. screen time, purchase approval).
- **Chat reporting:** Mojang added reporting and chat filters—strong language and personal info can be filtered automatically if enabled in account settings.

General Safety Options

- **Mute Chat / Toggle Chat** (both editions): You can turn chat off in settings to stop interaction with strangers.
- **Realms vs Servers:** Realms are invite-only (safer). Public servers often have less control over content and players.
- **Resource Packs / Add-ons:** Keep an eye on downloads; use only trusted sources (Marketplace or well-known modding sites).
- **Play Together Locally:** On consoles or LAN, kids can play with just friends/family without internet strangers.

DATES FOR THE DIARY AUTUMN TERM

03.11.25	Monday	School Re Opens
10.11.25	Monday	Book Fair Week
14.11.25	Friday	Children In Need - FOFP Cake Sale
05.12.25	Friday	Christmas Fair
09.12.25	Tuesday	Flu Immunisations (R-Yr3)
11.12.25	Thursday	Year 3 to sing at care home (Bowbrook)
12.12.25	Friday	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Stephens Church
15.12.25	Monday	EYFS Christmas Play to parents 9:30am
16.12.25	Tuesday	Panto Trip – Lichfield Garrick JTMAT Concert
17.12.25	Wednesday	Breakfast with Santa EYFS Christmas Play to parents 2:00pm
18.12.25	Thursday	Year 1/Year 2 – Christmas singalong to parents
19.12.25	Friday	Christmas lunch Afternoon Christmas parties School Closes for the Christmas Holidays
05.01.26	Monday	INSET Day - School Closed
06.01.26	Tuesday	School Re Opens

TIME TOGETHER SESSIONS

After October half term, our Time Together sessions will be moving from a Monday to a Tuesday morning, from 8:30am – 8:45am. These sessions will run every Tuesday for the rest of the half term, alternating between reading and maths activities. To give everyone the chance to join in, we will continue to change the day of our Time Together sessions each half term.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance matters at Fradley Park Primary and Nursery School. The more our children attend school, the more we can learn, achieve and celebrate success together.

Class Attendance

Nursery - 87.8%
Reception - 91.1%
Year 1 - 81.5%
Year 2 - 90.0%
Year 3 - 92.2%

**Fradley Park's
Grand Total - 88.5%**

**Every school day
counts! Thank you for
supporting your child's
attendance at Fradley
Park.**

Friends Of Fradley Park

Save The Date!

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025
FAMILY WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA
15:15 - 16:30

WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2025
CHRISTMAS WRAP/CRAFT
NURSERY, RECEPTION, YEAR 1
15:00 - 16:30

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025
CHRISTMAS WRAP/CRAFT
YEAR 2, YEAR 3
15:00 - 16:30

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2025
SPOOKY & SPARKLY DISCO
RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3
TIME - TBC

OCTOBER NURSERY EVENT - TBC

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025
CAKE SALE
15:00 - 15:30

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025
CHRISTMAS FAIR
16:00 - 18:30

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026
WELLBEING PAMPER SESSION
ALL YEAR GROUPS (INC NURSERY)
TIME - TBC

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2026
FRIENDSHIP DISCO
RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3
TIME - TBC

FEBRUARY NURSERY EVENT - TBC

