

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

FRADLEY PARK

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

- HEADTEACHERS COMMENTS -

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Reminder: If anyone has any children's and adult's books that they would like to donate to school, that are in good/excellent condition, then please bring them to the office. I am collecting books for our 'Cool Reads' free library that will be situated by the main office.

Reading More: This week, Year 3 have really embraced recording the number of pages they are reading on their Rainbow Tracker. Well done Year 3! Please remember to read with your child AT LEAST 4 times in a week.

Reading for Pleasure: We all know it is not just about reading more – although regular reading habits are super important – but it is about enjoying reading and reading a wide range of different texts. Does your child like reading books by a certain author? Do they like listening to stories (audio books)? Do they like comics? Do they like reading with you or on their own? Why not spend some time this weekend, chatting about books and try to unpick your child's 'reader identity.' Please share feedback from these conversations on TAPESTRY for the class to share.



- HEADTEACHERS WEEKLY ROUND UP -**OPAL - REMINDER**

What are

LOOSE PARTS?

Loose parts are items that can be used to facilitate different kinds of play, or any material that a child can manipulate for playful purposes.

Natural Loose Parts**Upcycled Loose Parts**

We are looking for lots of loose parts to support our OPAL play. Have you had a post-Christmas sort out of toys at home? Please think of us before taking things to the charity shops or recycling centre. Remember, one person's rubbish is another person's treasure! Thank you to those families that have become regular supporters!!

SCHOOL SOCIALS

I hope that you are following us on Instagram and Facebook as the teaching teams are engaging the children in some wonderful opportunities and sharing these experiences on our social sites. Have you seen the biscuits and baskets that the Year 2 children made as part of their 'Talk for Writing' hook? Follow us and take a look!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!
Kindest regards,
Chrissie Allen – Headteacher

UPDATES ON THIS WEEK'S LEARNING!

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NURSERY TEAM UPDATE!

This week our roleplay area has turned into a post office, the children have loved taking the role of postman/postwoman and working in the post office. The children have really enjoyed writing postcards, adding stamps and posting the letters.

We have been reading the story We're Going on Bear Hunt. The children have loved learning the story and acting out it out using the repetitive story language. We have even made a giant class bear collage which we have painted and decorated.

The children are now becoming more confident with using Numicon and recognising the numbers. We have also used tweezers and pom-poms to show the total amount.



RECEPTION TEAM UPDATE



This week in Reception we have continued with our story 'Whatever Next!'. The children have really enjoyed creating a whole class story map and retelling our story with actions. We have also written a list of things we would take to space if we were Baby Bear.

In maths we have been exploring mass and capacity. The children have loved using the balancing scales to explore heavy and light objects and finding the mass of classroom items.

In PE we continued to focus on our Jack and the Beanstalk gymnastics! This week our focus was jumping and landing safely and accurately off a bench onto a small base station.

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YEAR 1 TEAM UPDATE

In English we have been getting our creative imagination heads on to innovate our story of farmer duck. The children have changed their main character and have begun adapting part of the story.

In maths this week we have been estimating on a number line. The children have worked well to recognise where halfway is on the number line to help them accurately estimate what the missing numbers are or where a number might be.

In DT we had a go at creating our own carp kites. The children had to put their gluing and sticking skills to the test to create their colourful carp kites. They can't wait to take them home.

In PSHE the children have been thinking about accomplishments over the last couple weeks and how we can set goals and reach them. The children have created their own accomplishment box that they can take and write their accomplishments on a paper and put it inside. A great way to remember all the amazing things they have done!



YEAR 2 TEAM UPDATE



In literacy this week, we were surprised to find Little Red Riding Hood's hood in our classroom and the cookery room left in a bit of a mess. We enjoyed baking biscuits using the ingredients left by Little Red Riding Hood.

In literacy, we have been exploring our senses to describe a setting and developing our understanding of similes. We have been generating our own ideas.

In maths, we have been creating amounts using a combination of coins and comparing amounts.

We had a bit of a wet and soggy Forest School but that didn't stop the children from having a great time! Thank you to Darcey for snapping some lovely photos!

In science we have been exploring habitats and identifying which animals would belong in each and why.

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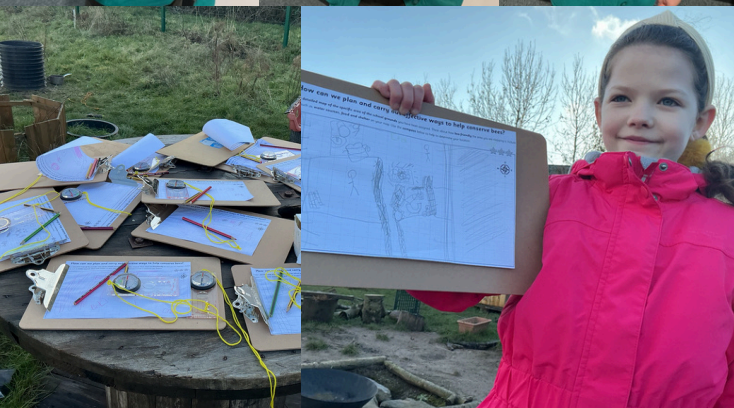
YEAR 3 TEAM UPDATE

This week, year 3 have been combining their learning in Science, Geography and Forest School. They have been learning about the structure of plants, thinking about the best conditions in which they need to grow. The children had to decide whether they wanted to deprive the plants of air, water or soil. They made predictions about what they thought would happen and have been monitoring their plants with excitement all week! They have found that some grew better than others and were able to decide how accurate their predictions were. In addition, they have been learning about the different parts of flowering plants, linking this to their learning about bees and pollination. In Forest School, they created a map (using their compasses to help them!) to map out areas that they could improve to be more bee friendly. They have lots of great plans!

In maths, the children have been looking at multiplication of a two-digit number by a one-digit number. This has been a very tricky concept but the children have persevered, many mastering this difficult skill. Please look out for further practice on tapestry!

In English, they have been planning how to catch the dragon that was spotted last week at Fradley Park! They have been planning some fantastic, creative writing pieces that we have published at the end of the week! Look out for some fantastic examples being shared! Next week, we will move onto our next fiction piece which is called 'The Magic Brush' We wonder what the children's magic brushes will paint...

Please look out for letters in your child's school bag about some wonderful opportunities we have coming up in Year 3.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE



Next week, is Staffordshire's first event of this kind.

Happy family relationships make us all feel good and help our children feel secure and loved. Often as a parent or carer, we are trying to juggle lots of things and keep our own relationships as positive as can be. Sometimes all relationships can become difficult, and this may impact everyone.

The event is a week-long celebration of relationships, helping us to understand the importance of building connections in our personal and professional lives. It is designed to encourage reflection on relationships and exploration of what matters to individuals, recognising that talking about them can sometimes be tricky.

Please remember that we are always here at school to lend an ear or provide signposting to the services available in Staffordshire. Please contact Chrissie Allen (DSL) or Lorna Perkins (DDSL) for help and advice if needed.

For help and advice in Staffordshire, search for:

[Home - Relationship Matters](#)

[Staffordshire Connects | Reducing Parental Conflict – Healthy Relationships](#)

[Support for your family - Staffordshire County Council](#)



DATES FOR THE DIARY AUTUMN TERM

26.01.26	Monday	Year 1 Church Visit
03.02.26	Tuesday	Camp-In Experience Information Meeting - 3:30pm
06.02.26	Friday	NSPCC Number Day - Details to follow
10.02.26	Tuesday	Packington Farm Talk for Nursery, Reception & Year1
12.02.26	Thursday	FoFP - School Disco
13.02.26	Friday	Reception Art Exhibition Year 2 Camp In experience - Details to follow Break up for Half Term
23.02.26	Monday	School Re-Opens
10.03.26	Tuesday	Parent Consultations - 1:00pm - 6:00pm
11.03.26	Wednesday	Parent Consultations - 3:30pm - 5:00pm
20.03.26	Friday	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
24.03.26	Tuesday	Spring Bonnet Parade
25.03.26	Wednesday	Year 3 - Church Easter Story to Parents
27.03.26	Friday	Egg Race Break Up for Ester Holidays
13.04.26	Monday	School Re-Opens

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 - 96.7%

Reception - 100%

Year 1 - 98.5%

Year 2 - 96.8%

Year 3 - 93.0%

**Fradley Park's
Grand Total - 97.2%**

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

Date: Tuesday 13th January 2026

Dangerous dragon on the rampage in OUR village!



BREAKING NEWS: DRAGON SPOTTED IN FRADLEY!

Over the last few days, an **orange and green dragon** has been seen flying over the village of Fradley near Lichfield! The creature has been spotted in the mornings and evenings, and now school staff at Fradley Park Primary are very worried.

Headteacher Mrs Allen was the first to see the dragon after school last Monday. She told our reporters: *"I couldn't believe my eyes! It was huge, with shimmering green scales and bright orange wings. I'm worried it might come during the school day and try to take some of the children captive!"*

Caretaker **Mr Gee** has been working hard to catch the dragon. He even set a trap last night using **a giant net filled with sausages and custard tarts** (because everyone knows dragons love custard tarts!). Sadly, the trap didn't work. Mr Gee said: *"I thought the sausages would tempt it, but the dragon was too clever! It flew off before I could catch it."*

Meanwhile, **Lisa from the school kitchen** is worried about the food tempting the dragon indoors. She explained:

"If that dragon gets into the kitchen, it will eat everything! The children will have nothing left for lunch. I'm keeping the doors locked, just in case."

Strange clouds have also been seen in the sky at playtimes, and some neighbours have reported to have seen the dragon **peering into the Year 3 classroom windows**. Could it be planning something?

What Should You Do?

School staff are asking for help from the public to catch the dragon. If you have any ideas for a trap, please let us know! But **be careful** - this dragon is very dangerous.

If you spot the dragon in the skies, **call the emergency services on 999 immediately**. Stay safe and keep looking up!

Sports



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**Keeping Kids Active
whilst having fun!**

MORE INFO

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Booking is deemed acceptance of our Terms and Conditions.
Not all venues have a URN OFSTED number

**Fradley Park
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STEP BY STEP

Get Active

Your Journey, Your Pace



**FRADLEY VILLAGE
HALL, WS13 8NL**



**CHAIR BASED
EXERCISE
2:30PM - 3:30PM**



**BALLROOM
&
LATIN
4PM - 4:40PM**



**FREESTYLE
4:40PM - 5:20PM**

**STARTS
MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY**

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