

# Franche News

## Week Ending: 25th October 2019



Theme: Celebration

I am sure you will agree this has been a busy but exciting half term. With year band trips, parent workshops, visiting musicians and Greek adventures it has been a whirlwind of fantastic learning experiences for us all. We hope the pupils have all enjoyed the half term as much as the staff have and get a well deserved rest over the half term holiday.

It is with great sadness that we are, today, saying good bye to three extremely valued members of staff. Mrs Laluk has been with the school for 27 years and has nurtured many children and staff with her kind words, consideration and commitment to the family of Franche.



Happy Retirement Mrs Laluk! Mr Smith has been a member of the Franche

family for 6 years and has enlightened us with his musical talents as well as reigning for two years as our Spelling Bee champion. Miss Carter has been with the school for



5 years and has looked after pupils from Nursery to Year 6 through our 726 provision, mini bus service and has been a well loved Key Person in Pre School. I am sure you will join with us in wishing them all the best with their new adventures.



We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 3rd November for the school bonfire. Happy half term everyone, best wishes Mrs Dixon and the Senior Leadership Team.

### Attendance

Attendance school target: **96%**

Actual School Attendance: 95.6

Best Classes of the Week:

Rec/Year 1: RSL with 99%

Years 2-4: 2SH with 100%

Year 5-6: 99.2%

Best Year Band: Year 6 with 97.2

Lates this week: 46, please help us reduce this.

**Lessons start promptly at**

**08.40!**

**arrive in**

**Lessons start at 8.40am prompt.**

We're holding  
**ODD SOCKS DAY**  
for Anti-Bullying Week  
again this year

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Andy and the Odd Socks SafeToNet

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes.

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks day will take place on Tuesday 12th November 2019 to help raise awareness of bullying.

## Year Band News

### Tots:



This week in Tiny Tots the babies have been developing their gross motor skills by practising to sit unsupported and have been working on their crawling by crawling towards a desired object. They have also created pictures using leaves which they have dipped in paint and printed onto paper. We have really enjoyed getting messy in slippery gloop play.

In Little Tots this week the children have been getting ready for Halloween. The children have made their own candy apple using icing sugar and sprinkles. They have also been painting pumpkins with shaving foam. They really enjoyed looking for Halloween objects hidden inside in the shredded paper .



This week in Big Tots the children have enjoyed taking part in Halloween themed activities such as spaghetti play, where the children could use either their hands or tweezers to pick out the Halloween objects. The children have also been practicing their hand and eye co-ordination by hammering golf tees into pumpkins. This week at forest school we collected wood to make a fire and cook yummy hotdogs.



**We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents that donated toward the foodbank collection.**

## Top tips for talking

**Listening advice.** Concentrating on one thing at a time helps your child to learn to listen better. Too much competing noise makes it harder for your child to listen to anything. If your child is on the computer do they also need the TV on? Encourage your child to plan what they watch on TV.

**Build a story.** One person starts a made up story with one sentence, such 'as once upon a time an enormous giant was sleeping when.....' Other players then take turns to build on the story one sentence at a time. This is great to play in a group but is also fun when there are just two of you. Get creative and see what twists and turns you can add to your story.

**Listening walk.** When walking down the street stop talking for a moment. Spend a short time listening. When you have stopped listening talk about what you heard. What was making all those noises? If one person heard a noise that others didn't then spend a few more seconds listening. Can you hear it now?

**Information for parents.** Check out this website: [www.talkingpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk) it has lots of information for parents about speaking and listening.



You're invited to.....

# Fun Friday!!

Come along and get messy!!

Join the Tots team on:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

10.00 till 11.00

For a morning of messy madness

£1 per child

Children aged 3 months to 3 years.

Bring your friends!!

Refreshments will be available

Why not buy some yummy cakes to!



If your child has any allergies please inform Tots prior to the session.

During the session parents are responsible for supervising their child/children

## Year Band News

### Nursery:

This week in Nursery we have had a great time with our autumn themed activities. Children have had the opportunity to bake Autumn flapjack, test their threading skills by using conkers, explore Autumn themed sensory bags and go out on an Autumn walk. We have also been able to sing some autumn songs as part of our singing time as well as trace Autumn leaves on our lightbox. We have also said a very fond farewell to Mrs Laluk and Miss Carter this week, as they both leave us to begin exciting new chapters in their lives. We will really miss them!



### Reception



Reception have spent the week sending our final messages to Elmer the Elephant. Elmer was so grateful for all of our help teaching him that it is good to be different and unique that he sent us each a book to say thank you! On Wednesday, we spent some time with our buddies in Year 5 telling them all about what we have learnt and even got to go and visit their Viking Museum too! In Maths, we have been practising our 1:1 correspondence by putting spots on Elmer and counting how many there were. What a fantastic first half-term the children have had in Reception. We are really looking forward to next half term where we will be starting swimming lessons, learning more numbers, exploring more books and preparing for our Christmas Production. Have a lovely, well deserved rest Reception!

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*Every penny adds up. Thank you!*

### Year 1

This week in Year 1 we received another exciting letter from Rosie Revere to culminate our "Incredible Inventions" topic. She thanked us for all our hard work this term learning about different flying machines. She sent us some certificates too! We have also enjoyed finishing off writing our recounts about our trip to RAF Cosford. In Maths we have continued looking at subtraction, jumping backwards along the number line to help us.



## Year 2

In Science, the pupils have been using magnifying equipment to observe different materials closely as part of their scientific enquiry. They have been considering how materials can be grouped and classified and which materials are suitable for different purposes.



As part of the culminating, the children re-visited the question, *Was the Great Fire of London a good thing?* The children considered all the historical facts and knowledge obtained over the half term to review their original thoughts and ideas and discussed these opinions during some very expressive class debates.

## Year 3

This week, children have applied their chronological understanding by ordering significant World War II events on a timeline. To support themselves, they used their accurate retrieval reading skills. In PSHE, classes reflected on emotions and strategies to cope with our different feelings. To culminate our topic, the children had a World War II day where they played shelter games, sang some recognisable songs from the era and learnt some German phrases. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and we wish you a wonderful half term.



## Year 4

This week, the children have been learning about different Roman battle formations. They practised these formations with the shields they made for their parent workshop, before recruiting their Year 1 buddies and sharing what they had learnt. In Maths, we have finished looking at addition with more than one exchange in the formal written method and have started to look at subtraction. The children have also continued to work on their Scratch Roman quiz.



## Year 5

Year 5 began the week by drawing the conclusion to their science experiment. The children explained their findings using their scientific knowledge of the process of rusting. In English, we have continued with the creation of our own dragonology about the mystical, mythical creatures. Towards the end of the week, we met up with our buddy year band, Reception, to share our projects and knowledge in our 'Viking museum'. Reception were very impressed by our recreations of Viking Longboats, shields and information about that period in history.

## Year 6

This week in Year 6 hasn't been a 'normal' week with lots of fun things planned whether the children are in Wales or in school. For the children remaining, they have sampled traditional Greek food—yes, even olives! As well as that, they have had a go at a touch of baking, making a traditional Greek honey cake, which we hope mums and dads got to try a piece of. In addition to that, the children have created their own Trivial Pursuit games based on Ancient Greece and made collages of the famous Greek Parthenon.

Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

Year 3

Year 4

John P

Ayshnavy J

Alice P

Elsie C

Zoe D



Celebration Awards - Autumn 1



Nursery

Active Learning

Playing and Exploring

Creating and  
Thinking Critically

Good Citizen

Noah J

Madelyn C-P

Jesse C

Henry B



# Celebration Awards - Autumn 1



Most improved Readers	Most improved Writers	Most improved Handwriters	Most improved Mathematicians	Most improved Scientists	Most improved Linguists
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Reception

Odin R

Chloe S

Reception

Skye K

Chloe C

Reception

Skyla M

Erin C

Reception

George L

Millie W

Reception

Cobe R-W

Jack G

Year 1

Rosco S

Halimah J

Year 1

Isabelle V

Isobel R-G

Year 1

Faith C

Jackson

Year 1

Harry L

Louis B

Year 1

James M

Toby A

Year 2

Kaylee N

Alfie McG

Year 2

Rose F

Jacob G

Year 2

Quinn H

Raya-Mae P

Year 2

Ivy E

Matthew R

Year 2

Oscar Do

Grace W

Year 3

Thomas C

Charlie D-B

Year 3

Lauren S

Corin C

Year 3

Kelsie-May S

Emily C

Year 3

Noah H

Isla N

Year 3

Corey B

Cayden C

Year 3

Kourtney W

Year 4

Esmee P-W

Leo T

Year 4

Isabelle M

Jacob P

Year 4

Ned H

Danny-Joe S

Year 4

Kyle B

Ollie G

Year 4

Alfie G

Susie G

Year 4

Rylan L

Year 5

Ben R

Ellie H-J

Year 5

Olivia A

Franki T

Year 5

Ethan B

Oliver R

Year 5

Tiarna O'B

Mitchell K

Year 5

Darcey E

Luke S-H

Year 5

Rose P

Year 6

Noah W-A

Jack P

Year 6

Naomi R

Lilly-Mae S

Year 6

Sidney B

Charlie T

Year 6

Emily-Jai A

Alfie D

Year 6

Eden P

Erik M

Year 6

Naomi R



# Celebration Awards - Autumn 1



## *Good Citizens*

## *For demonstrating a Growth Mindset*

### *Reception*

*Darcie B*

*Niamh D*

### *Year 1*

*Anna-Maria P-M*

*Chloe T*

### *Year 2*

*Summer H*

*Sophia W*

### *Year 3*

*John P*

*Isabel P-L'H*

### *Year 4*

*Lucy G*

*Oliver H*

### *Year 5*

*Imogen R*

*Sophie B*

### *Year 6*

*Elissa J*

*Jia Jun L*

### *Reception*

*Paige R*

*Cooper S*

### *Year 1*

*Lily-Rose O'B*

*Freddie W*

### *Year 2*

*Coco-Summer C*

*Isabel W*

### *Year 3*

*Tyler S*

*Gracie H*

### *Year 4*

*Brynn J*

*Rylan L*

### *Year 5*

*Lewis F*

*Blake M*

### *Year 6*

*Rigby M*

*Natasha M*



**Congratulations to all our wonderful  
Stars of the Week!**



**Tots**

Tiny Tots: Willow H  
Little Tots: Rupert G-P  
Big Tots: Ezri P and Eliza S

**Nursery**

Red: Jamie G  
Yellow: Barney S

**Reception**

RLB: Thomas C  
RSL: Sienna N  
RBF: Molly W  
RCL: Levi S

**Year 1**

1A: Ellie H  
1C: Sophie M  
1D: Olivia B  
1J: Georgia Pose P

**Year 2**

2CH: Summer H  
2W: Tobias T  
2SH: Shaya R  
2L: Rory L

**Year 3**

3C: Alfie D  
3H: Myla D  
3P: Yasmine H  
3SB: James T

**Year 4**

4S: Ethan B  
4B: Esmee P-W  
4EP: Tyler B  
4M: Danni W

**Year 5**

5P: Ava C  
5T: Ethan B  
5E: Blake M  
5W: Poppy B

**Year 6**

**All Year 6 Children**



**Headteacher's Award**

**Nursery: Shannon B**  
**Reception: Matthew M**  
**Year 1: Fergus C**  
**Year 2: Autumn T**

**Year 3: Freya R**  
**Year 4: Ethan O**  
**Year 5: George H**  
**Year 6: Imogen C**



# Spelling Shed

Well done to Kaidyn P in 4S  
for being our top Franche speller!

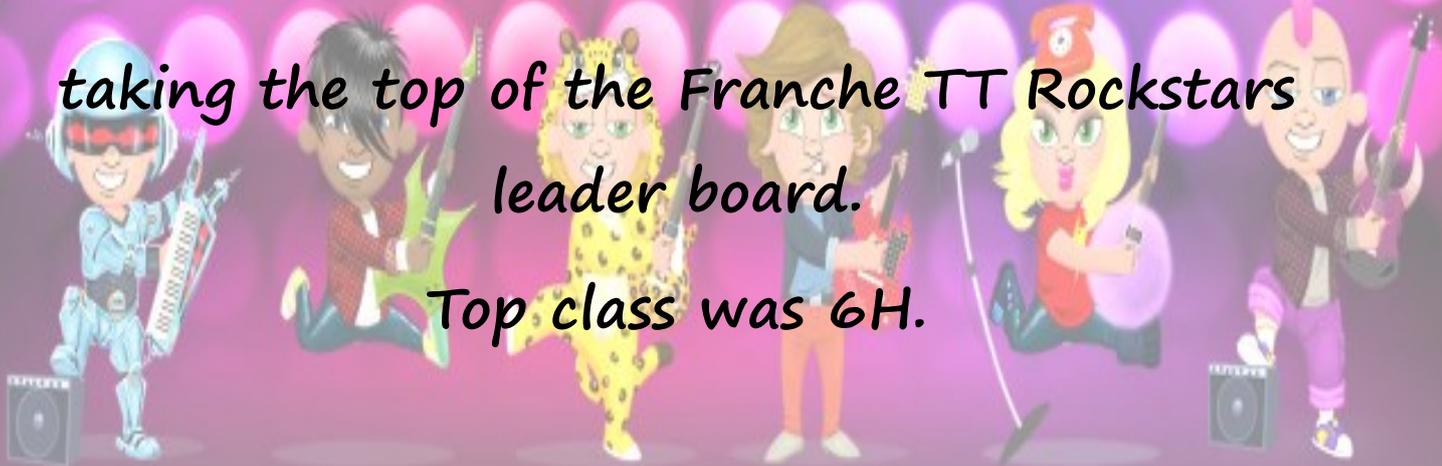
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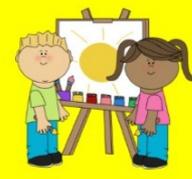
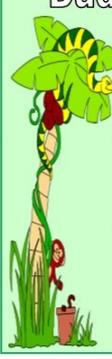
## TIMES TABLES

## ROCK STARS

Well done to Erik M in 6H for  
taking the top of the Franche TT Rockstars  
leader board.

Top class was 6H.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	<p><b>Talking Walk-in Drop-in</b></p>  <p>2nd &amp; 4th Monday every month Pre arranged appointments 9.30am—10.30am</p> <p><b>Drop-in</b> 10.30am—11.30am</p>	<p><b>Musictime</b></p>  <p>£2.00 per child</p> <p>9.10am—10.10am</p>	<p><b>Fun @ Franche</b> (stay &amp; play)</p>  <p>£2.00 per child</p> <p>09.15am—10.30am</p>	<p><b>Singing Beans</b></p>   <p>Little Beans Parties</p> <p>10.00am—11.00am</p>	<p><b>Marvellous Mess</b> Messy Play session</p>  <p>£2.00 per child</p> <p>9.15am—10.45am</p>
	<p><b>Positive Parenting Programme</b></p>  <p>for every parent</p> <p>Closed Group (call WHP to book (01562 851292)</p> <p>(12.30pm—2.30pm)</p>	<p><b>Little Chestnuts Stay &amp; Play</b></p>  <p>£2.00 per child</p> <p>1.00pm—2.30pm</p>	<p><b>Enjoy a fun family day out!</b> Dudley Zoo</p>  <p>Family passes are £6.00 and a refundable £10.00 holding deposit.</p> <p>For more information on how to borrow our family passes please call: 01562 751788</p>	<p><b>For information on any of our services call 01562 751788</b></p>  <p>@chestnutfp1 &amp;</p>  <p>chestnut@francheprimary</p>	<p><b>Baby Massage 4 week Course</b></p>  <p>(places limited)</p> <p>1.00pm—1.45pm Call to book</p>

# Singing Beans

Starting Thursday 7th November  
10am - 11am

Come along with your little bean on a Thursday morning to enjoy some singing with puppets, instruments, props, parachute and bubbles! Singing not only helps increase your little beans confidence but encourages communication.

£3 per child, £2.50 for siblings or childminders.

Term time only, no booking required!

Mobile: 07870249129    www.littlebeansworld.com  
Email: natalie@littlebeansworld.com

Chestnut at Franche  
Chestnut Grove, Kidderminster, DY11 5QB



## Baby Massage Class

### Chestnut @ Franche

**Next 4 week course:**  
Starts: Friday 15th November 2019  
Time: 1.30pm—2.30pm  
Cost: £18.00 per course

**Call to book: 01562 751788 ex 234**

**Spend a little quality time between you and your baby and enjoy moments of bonding**

Studies suggest that baby massage is good for babies, improving their breathing, circulation, digestion and growth. Builds positive attachments between parent and child.

It can provide a good source of sensory and muscle stimulation, which is beneficial to all babies.




# Stay safe, stay spooky

## If you're going out to scare, know what to wear.

Keep yourself and your children safe this Halloween by following our top tips. This advice will help you and your children to buy safe costumes, trick or treat safely and enjoy Halloween.

### How to shop safely

#### Look for the CE mark on the label

Fancy dress costumes should be tested for flammability. The CE mark certifies it's been tested, but it can be faked by rogue or unscrupulous sellers. Compare the label to this mark to be sure.



#### Look for ratings and reviews from other customers

Other customers may have given feedback. Be wary of reviews that look fake.



#### Buy from a trusted store or website

If you're shopping online, check whether you're buying from a third-party seller and find out as much about them as you can.



#### Is it safe – check it hasn't been recalled

Visit [productrecall.campaign.gov.uk](https://productrecall.campaign.gov.uk) and check the costume hasn't been recalled. It's quick to do and could make a big difference.



#### Read all the safety information

This includes on the label and online. Remember that costumes might have laces, drawstrings, and small, trailing or floaty parts.



#### Speak up if you find an issue

If you find a problem, tell. You can report safety issues to the retailer, website, seller and your local Citizens Advice team.



### Trick or treating tips



When you have the right costumes, you can start scaring. Wrap up warm and stay away from candles, lanterns and bonfires.

#### If you're trick or treating, always:

- ✓ keep your child away from candles and open flames
- ✓ look out for trailing or loose parts of costumes
- ✓ avoid decorating your home with candles for visiting trick or treaters
- ✓ be considerate of people who may not be celebrating Halloween

Stay safe, stay spooky.



## Classroom Reading Corners Appeal at Franche

*Thank you, we have reached £55 already!*

Reading and writing is an area of key development and we are passionate about books! We are asking you to help to raise funds for a collection of fiction books for each classroom that the children can use for free reading and home reading. We would love to create a magical reading area in each and every classroom from Nursery to Year 6. We will also use some of the money to buy lovely soft furnishings so the pupils can feel comfortable and happy! **We are aiming to raise £1000.**

The minimum online donation is £5, but if you want to donate less, you can drop cash into the school office. To donate, please visit <https://supportyourschool.org.uk/franche-community-primary-school/classroom-reading-corners>

Please do not hesitate to contact the school number or email:

[office@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk) if you have any questions regarding our fundraising campaign.

Thank you in advance for your support!



## Dates for your Diary:



**Sunday 3rd November Franche PTA Bonfire Extravaganza**

**Gates open at 4.30pm**

**Fireworks start approx. 6.30pm**



As part of Anti Bullying Week we are holding 'Odd Sock Day' on Tuesday 12th November. Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!



**Franche PTA Quiz Night**  
**Friday 29th November**  
**7:30 - 10:30pm**

## Contact Us:

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