

Franché News

Week Ending: 6th December 2019



Theme: Giving



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....

Your children may have come home and told you about the arrival of our super sized Christmas tree in the upper school hall! The tree comes with quite a story that we would like to share with you. This beautiful tree has been kindly donated by a Poppy and Alfie W's grandparent who has had it in their garden for 15 years. The tree arrived with the family when their daughter, now 23, received it as a gift in a small pot. This young lady was a pupil at Franché Primary School at the time and made the decision to plant the tree in her back garden. Sadly, the tree has become too big for the garden and when the family heard that we were looking for a tree it felt like the perfect end for its journey, for it to return to the school that helped to mould their daughter into the lady she is today.



But, the story doesn't end there! The tree was kindly cut down by the family and prepped for collection by the site staff. Sadly when the caretakers went to collect the tree some one had also realised what a beautiful tree it was and cut the top few feet off it. This left us with a rather flat topped Christmas tree! Luckily the ever ingenious children of Franché have turned this into a learning point and we have heard children talking about the spherical shape of the tree! The Reception children have also made a beautiful cone shaped angel to cover the flat spot on the top- Thank you Reception.



Check the dates on the back page for all our Christmas activities and events!



Attendance

Attendance school target: **96%**
Actual School Attendance: 95.5
Best Classes of the Week:
Rec/Year 1: - 1A with 96.7%
Years 2-4: 4B with 97.8%
Year 5-6: 5W with 99.3%
Best Year Band: Year 4 with 97.6 %
64 lates this week: please help us reduce this.

Last week there were only three classes in the whole school that had no lates- well done to 2SH, 5T and 6G.

Come on Franché Primary let's improve this next week !

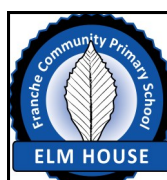
Caught Being Good To-



243



348



430



277



FESTIVE FRANCHE!

Monday 9th December

3.30pm-6.30pm



Stalls Lucky dip

Tombolas

Elf wrapping room

Santa's Grotto

Mulled wine & mince pies!

Free Entry!

Come along and enjoy a delicious mince pie and a cup of mulled wine. Children can choose a present for mum or dad in our wrapping room and our elves will help wrap so it stays a surprise until Christmas Day! There will be reindeer food and hot chocolate cones for sale, everything you need to get into the festive mood! And of course Mr & Mrs Claus are waiting to meet you in our Grotto! Please book your timed entry in advance.



All proceeds will go to Franche Community Primary School Association.

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Year Band News

Big Tots

This week Big Tots have been showing off their musical skills when practicing Christmas songs. They have been testing different instruments to discover sounds they can make. We have also been learning action words when playing physical games outside. The most exciting thing happened in Big Tots this week: we had a very special delivery! Our very own Elf Ernie came to play and help with our festive preparations! We are so excited!

Little & Tiny Tots

This week have also been getting creative with Christmas craft activities. We have even produced a cardboard box tree!! We have been using our turn-taking skills well when playing small group games. Tiny Tots have been enjoying story sacks using puppets as prompts and also practicing listening skills during song time.



Top tips for talking

Top talking games for younger children

THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN JOIN IN MAKING UP A SILLY STORY!

EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE! ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BUT DON'T SAY YES OR NO!

GOOD FOR ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO BE MORE CREATIVE WITH LANGUAGE

GREAT GAME FOR ASKING QUESTIONS!

AN EASY CHILD FRIENDLY VERSION OF CHARADES

GREAT FOR QUESTIONS AND REASONING!

Get Worcestershire Talking

The Dummy Elf is coming to Franche!



The Dummy Elf will be visiting
Franchise Nursery
On Monday 9th December 2019 at 1:30pm.
Come along, meet the Dummy Elf and swap
your dummy for a prize and certificate.

Turn Giving Up into Growing Up!



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Nursery:

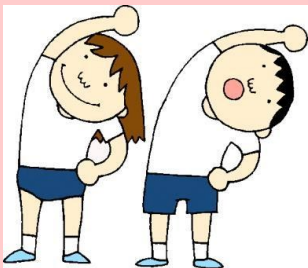
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas here in Nursery! Our decorations have been put up and we are feeling very festive. This week, children have been able to take part in the first of our fun swim sessions at our on-site pool and we had a very lovely time with all the children really building up their confidence in the water. We have also been writing our letters to Santa to tell him what we would like - we have been very good of course!! We are definitely looking forward to more Christmas celebrations over the coming week.



Reception

This week we have had an exciting week starting our Christmas activities. The children have been working really hard singing and practising play lines in readiness for the Christmas play and are very excited to show you very soon. In Literacy, we have been independently writing Christmas wish lists, applying the children's phonic knowledge. They have done this by making sure they stretch each word out and sounding out each grapheme before blending it back together and writing the word neatly on their Christmas lists. The children then had the excitement of going on a shape walk as well as posting their letters. In Maths, we have learnt about the number 10 and the 3d cylinder shape. I wonder if your child can show you some everyday cylinder-shaped objects? Winter bugs have been prevalent this term and so we have had lots of discussions about personal hygiene; including always washing our hands, using tissues and ways to keep those germs at bay! Fingers crossed for a healthier start to 2020. Well done to those children that are reading every day, let's see which class will be the lead next week!

P.E Kit



Please be aware that children are expected to bring to school appropriate kit for their P.E lessons: Franche navy t-shirt, navy shorts and pumps or trainers.

As we move into the winter months, we strongly advise that your child also has navy tracksuit bottoms/jumper. This is important for your child to keep warm and enjoy their outdoor P.E lessons.

Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have started writing our own fact files about different African animals. We have learnt lots of facts about them all. Thank you to Miss Clark's mummy for coming in to share some facts with us and show interesting African artefacts to help us with our writing. In Maths we have been counting in 2s - singing songs and using concrete objects to help us. We are really looking forward to performing our Christmas Play to you next week. See you there!



The PTA would like to say a massive thank you for all the gifts that have been donated for our Christmas Fair.

As always we're blown away by the generosity shown.



We would love to hold a cake sale during Festive Franche
(Monday 9th December! 3.30– 6.30pm)

If you would like to donate any baked goods (baked or bought!) these would be greatly appreciated.

*Please can we ask all ingredients are nut free,
we have children with severe nut allergies at Franche*

CAKE SALE!



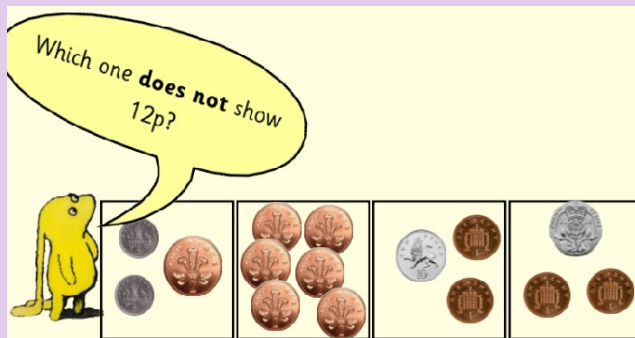
Donations can be taken to the school office before 3pm on Monday.

Thank you again for your support.

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Year 2 :

This week, Year Two have been continuing to help Beegu feel like she belongs by exploring the world around them, focusing on Peru and Kidderminster. They have been using compass points and grid references to explore these locations as well as the wider world and have developed their understanding of places near and far from each other. Guided reading has also taken us to Peru, where we have been reading information including a fact about some mysterious Nazca Lines and retrieving the answers to questions from the text to check we have understood. In Maths, the children have continued to help Beegu understand money, combining coins to make different amounts and solving problems involving money like this one...



Year 3

This week, the children have finished writing their 'Wild West' stories and have created front covers so they can publish their stories in our class libraries. In Art, children have explored primary and secondary colours and looked at ways to make paint lighter. Once children were happy with their correct shade of colour, they creatively named them. We look forward to using our new colours to create cactus pictures next week. Our focus in Science has been friction, where we have tested cars over a range of surfaces to observe the difference in friction. As Christmas approaches, we look forward to seeing our grown ups at our winter workshops.

3C and 3P: 9.00 - 10.00am on Tuesday 10th December in the Upper School Hall

3H and 3SB: 9.00 - 10.00am on Wednesday 11th December in the Upper School Hall



Year 4

This week, the children have been solving problems linked to perimeter. During our English lessons, the children have been writing the recount of their trip to the farm, using different sentence types. In PE, we are still focusing on ball skills in rugby. Please ensure they have an outdoor kit, including a change of socks. We all really enjoyed our Christmas workshops with you. The children were very proud of the decorations! We hope you had a wonderful time too.



Year 5

The children have been working very hard all week preparing for their Foodbank Fair on Friday. We are all very proud of their efforts. We will keep you posted on just how much money is raised for the local foodbank. Alongside their preparation, the children have been writing their escape stories, figuring out how Zoe will escape from Eels Island.

Next week is our Geography field trip - please remember to bring coats and shoes appropriate to the weather.

Year 6

This week, the children have begun examining World War One diaries as a source of evidence. They have considered the features and discussed what they have learned about the soldiers living in the trenches. As well as that, following on from our debate work last term and the issue of whether children should be trained in First Aid, Year 6 were visited by St. John's Ambulance. Over the course of 2 days, all Year 6 children were trained in basic First Aid: how to conduct a Primary Survey (checking for danger), the recovery position, how to control bleeding and dealing with head injuries. In Science, the children have continued investigating the effect of exercise on heart rate and drawn line graphs to represent their findings.

Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

Year 2

Toby T

Leo L

Rudi C

Year 3

Alfie D

Cole H

Lily-Ann M

Charlie W

Tyler S

Ryley M

Thomas H

James T

Freya R

Corey B



Year 4

Lexi H

Oliver H

Olivia C-G

Phoebe V

Harry B

Bronze button badges shortage!

Unfortunately, the company that provide Franche with their passport badges will not be able to deliver any badges to the school until mid January 2020. SLT will keep a list of those children who have completed their bronze passport and will ensure they receive these as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.



ParentMail has arrived! Hopefully all parents will have received a text or email link to register for a Parent Mail account.

A number of parents have had a message to say their registration has expired, this is because they may have received both a text and email registration. You only need to register once. Please ensure you download the FREE ParentMail App to your phone for optimum use!! If anyone requires any help please come and see us at the office.



Congratulations to all our wonderful Stars of the Week!



Tots

Tiny Tots: Grace L
Little Tots: Arley T
Remi A
Big Tots: Molly M, Mila L

Nursery

Red: Seeley B
Yellow: Emelia C

Reception

RLB: Eldin B-W
RSL: Holly M-C
RBF: Cooper S
RCL: Ivy W

Year 1

1A: Joshua B
1C: Zaiden B
1D: Maisey S
1J: Isla B

Year 2

2CH: Kerry-Anne M
2W: Rose F
2SH: Leo L
2L: Gabrielle W

Year 3

3C: Charlie Z
3H: Rose H
3P: Charlie L
3SB: Amelia T

Year 4

4S: Lexi L
4B: Tommy W
4EP: Ruben N
4M: Danny-Joe S

Year 5

5P: Billy C
5T: Harrison M
5E: Reuben D
5W: Ellie H-J

Year 6

6G: Jessika S
6H: Amelia R
6M: William D
6R: Evey C



Headteacher's Award

Nursery: Rico R

Reception: Brindley B-B

Year 1: Blake N

Year 2: Oscar N-M

Year 3: Shelby G

Year 4: Noah H

Year 5: Luka B

Year 6: Grace R



Spelling Shed

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

Top class was

4S

TIMES TABLES

ROCK STARS

Well done to Year 6

for the top speed!



Spooktacular Stories!

Children from across years 5 and 6 submitted some amazingly spooky stories (complete with lots of fantastic illustrations) for the writing competition launched at half term.

The winners have been chosen and presented with their spooky story prizes. Well done to Sophie (6M), Gracie (6H) and Abigail (5T)!



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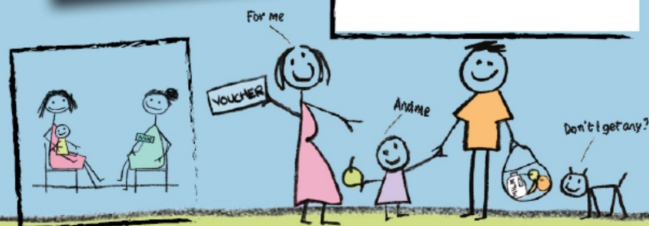
Use this voucher to claim your free Healthy Start Vitamins. Take this voucher to your nearest stockist.



Good News!

Chestnut @ Franche now stocks Healthy Start vitamins. Women and children getting Healthy Start food vouchers also get vitamin coupons to swap for **free** Healthy Start vitamins. Healthy Start vitamins are specifically designed for pregnant and breastfeeding women and growing children.

Or vitamins can be purchased at a cost of 91p for adult vitamins and £1.80 for children's drops.



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Dates for your Diary:



Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon 9th Dec	9am	2CH/2L Christmas Workshop	Upper School Hall
Mon 9th Dec	4.00 - 7.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair	Upper School Hall
Tues 10th Dec	Morning	Year 4 Carol Singing	Hollyfields Residential home—pupils only
Tues 10th Dec	9am	3C/3P Christmas Workshop	Upper School Hall
Tues 10th Dec	9.15am/2.00pm	Nursery Christmas Production	Lower School Hall
Weds 11th Dec	9am	1A/1C Christmas Production	Lower School Hall
Weds 11th Dec	9am	3SB/3H Christmas Workshop	Lower School Hall
Thurs 12th Dec	morning	Year 4 Carol Singing	Hollyfields Residential home—pupils only
Thurs 12th Dec	9am	1D/1J Christmas Production	Lower School Hall
Thurs 12th Dec	9am	2SH/2W Christmas Workshop	Upper School Hall
Fri 13th Dec	9am	6G/6H Christmas Workshop	Lower School Hall
Fri 13th Dec	9am	6M/6R Christmas Workshop	Upper School Hall
Mon 16th Dec	9am	Reception Christmas Production	Lower School Hall
Tues 17th Dec	9am	Reception Christmas Production	Lower School Hall
Tues 17th Dec	6.00 - 7.00pm	Christmas Concert	Upper School Hall
Weds 18th Dec	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch	Lower/Upper Hall
Fri 20th Dec	9am/ 1.30pm	Panto (funded by the PTA)	Lower/Upper Hall
Fri 20th Dec	4.30 - 5.30pm	TOTs Christmas Workshop	Lower School Hall