



# Friezland Primary School

September 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

## Mission and Vision Statement

Part of our post-Ofsted work was to revisit and develop our school mission, vision and aims in order to ensure that it reflects what we are about and our aspirations for our pupils, staff and families. The Governors, staff and pupils explored this work in detail during the summer term and parent views were sought through our parent Governors and through the family questionnaire that was sent home. The word 'Family' was the most frequently used word by all key stakeholders and our 'family feel' is something we are very proud of at Friezland. As such it is now incorporated into our mission statement: 'Friezland Primary School - A family committed to making a difference.' A school's vision should form the underlying principle to all the work it carries out and we are confident that we have reflected our commitment accurately. We hope you like it!



## LA Attendance Update

Important information regarding school attendance and holiday absence during term time has recently been sent home. Fixed penalty notices regarding holiday absence have now been reintroduced by the Local Authority. Please ensure that you have seen this information which was e-mailed to all families.

## Grandparent lunches

Thank you to everyone who attended our grandparent lunches this week. It was lovely to see both young and older interacting and enjoying themselves. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their lunch time in order to ensure the event was well run and a success.

## Friezland Community Show

Well done to all our pupils who were winners at last Saturday's Friezland Community show. Pupils won awards in a range of categories including: poetry, art, baking and model making. The event was a great community success!

## LGFG Update

LGFG rounded up their ongoing success last weekend with a host of awards for badminton, football, tennis, cricket and rounders. We have a very talented and committed team. Thank you to the Team Manager, Mrs. Meek for her dedication whatever the weather! We have sent her a small token of our appreciation.



## Dovestone Learning Partnership

If you are not a new family to Friezland, then you will be aware that during the last academic year, the Governing Board at Friezland were exploring opportunities for the future of Friezland School in relation to Trust organisations. Several options were explored in detail, one of which was a formal collaboration and partnership between nine local Saddleworth and Lees Schools (Christ Church Denshaw, Diggle, Delph, Knowsley, Saddleworth Secondary, St Agnes, St Mary's and St Thomas Leesfield). From the 1<sup>st</sup> October, this partnership will become the Dovestone Learning Partnership (DLP). Following our Ofsted inspection last November, the staff and Governing Board took a step back from the work being done here, in order to quite rightly, focus their priorities on the immediate needs of the staff, pupils and families. We therefore won't be converting from a community to a foundation school along with the other members at this point. However, the DLP has offered Friezland School a position as an Associate Member for the current academic year and the Governing Board feel that this would be a positive position to be in: allowing us to benefit from the work being undertaken by the partnership whilst continuing to explore our future options. We will continue to keep you updated regarding any future decisions made.

## Dates for the diary

### OCTOBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Governing Board Meeting
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival, 9:30am at Friezland Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Reception vision screening (School Nurse Team)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: Open Morning 1, 9:30am (for prospective YR pupils, 2018)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Governing Board Workshop, 1-3pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Friezland Art Gallery, 2:45-5:30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Science Workshops (C1 & C2)
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y4, 5, 6 Bikeability
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Friends of Friezland Halloween Disco (details to follow)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Frostie Halloween Party
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: Book Bus visiting school
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: End of autumn term 1

### NOVEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> Nov: Return to school, autumn term 2
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Bonfire / Halloween themed lunch
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Pupil Interim reports sent home
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Mathletic Workshop for parents/carers, 9:30 & 3:30 (details to follow)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Freddy Fit Workshops
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Open Morning 2, 9:30am (for prospective YR pupils, 2018)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: YR-4 Flu immunisations (School Nurse Team)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parent-Teacher Meetings 1
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Parent-Teacher Meetings 2

