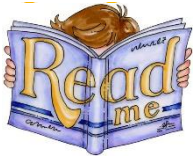




# Newsletter



## Weird and Wonderful Reading Competition WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who took part in our competition. It's great to see that our 'Love of Reading' ethos is continued at home in the most unusual places! The children who entered were invited to vote for their top three favourites and the winners are: **Arthur K, Reuben and Evie**, each receiving an Amazon voucher.

**Easter: Chocolate Bingo** The children enjoyed a game or two of 'Chocolate Bingo' today as a reward for their hard work, this term. Thanks to the Friends of Friezland for donating the prizes. Enjoy your chocolate, winners- don't eat it all at once!



## School Dinners: Summer Term 1

Please credit your Eduspot account in advance of a lunch being taken. Lunch is charged at £2.60 a meal.

**£13.00** per week

**£70.20** summer term 1 (27 days)



## The Kings' Coronation Picnic Lunch

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, the children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue and royal accessories! To celebrate the King's Coronation, we will be having a royal picnic themed lunch with a selection of our pupils' favourite bites! If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a school dinner on this day, please e-mail the school office by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and credit your Eduspot account, accordingly.



## St George's Day (Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April)

As part of St George's Day celebrations, your child is allowed to wear their alternative uniforms to school- Brownies, Scouts, Rainbows, Cubs etc on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. All other children should wear Friezland uniform as normal.



## Bag 2 School Collection: Spring Clear out!

Our Friends of Friezland have arranged a 'Bag 2 School' collection on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. Donations of good quality second-hand clothing will be gratefully received **ON THE DAY ONLY** and should be placed by the wall at the side of the main entrance by 9:00am. We will receive cash according to the weight of the items. The more we collect, the more we raise!



## Happy Easter Friezland



The staff and Governors wish all our families a Happy Easter. We hope you can enjoy some time together as a family before we return for a busy summer term.

## Friezland Extra-Curricular Clubs: Summer Term 1

Details have been e-mailed home regarding the clubs on offer for the first half of the summer term. You must return the slip AND pay for the club via Eduspot in order to secure a place. Waiting lists will be held if a club becomes fully booked.

## Dates for the Diary

### April

**17<sup>th</sup>** Start of Summer Term 1 (**MON**)

**19<sup>th</sup>** FOF Planning Meeting at Royal George, 7.30pm

**20<sup>th</sup>** Road Safety Workshops (Year 1 & 5)

**21<sup>st</sup>** Friends of Friezland Clothesline Collection, 9:00am

**23<sup>rd</sup>** St George's Day Uniforms (Brownie, Scout etc)

### May

**1<sup>st</sup>** Bank Holiday- School Closed (**MON**)

**4<sup>th</sup>** Polling Day- SCHOOL OPEN (*Friezland Church is now the polling venue*)

**5<sup>th</sup>** King's Coronation Picnic Lunch

**8<sup>th</sup>** Bank Holiday- School Closed (**MON**)

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 SATS

**18<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Kingwood Meeting (virtual), 5pm (*link to follow*)

**19<sup>th</sup>** Outdoor Learning Day (*details to follow*)

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Y5 Kingswood Meeting for 2024 (virtual), 5pm, (*link to follow*)

**25<sup>th</sup>** Sport Race Afternoon (*details to follow*)

**25<sup>th</sup>** End of Summer Term 1 (**THUS**)



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

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