



# Newsletter



## **KS2 End of Year Show: The Next BIG Step**

Tickets will be available to book via your Eduspot account from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10:00am in the 'SHOP'. **In the first instance**, tickets will be limited to TWO per family for the afternoon performance and TWO per family for an evening performance (taken as two on the same evening or one on each evening). All spectators **MUST** have a ticket (including any children). All Friezland pupils will have the opportunity to watch the performance whilst at school. **Please only apply for your allocated number of tickets.** Any additional purchases will be credited back to your account. We will inform families of any surplus tickets nearer the time. **All Class 3 and 4 pupils will be involved** in the production, and we ask that you are able to ensure that they attend the evening performances, to make the event a success.

## **Friends of Friezland: Lucky Bag**

Please support our summer fair by decorating and filling a 'Lucky Bag'! Your child will bring home a bag which, after decoration, should be filled with treats- sweets, puzzle, stationary etc to the value of £2 and then sealed. Please return to school by the 5<sup>th</sup> July.



**We have spaces for September 2023!** If you know anyone who is unhappy with their allocation or who considered Friezland but thought they may not be within the catchment area, ask them to contact school.

**PSHE Education** Important information has been e-mailed home this week regarding our PSHE Education curriculum. Please speak with staff if you have any questions / queries.

**Parent/Carer Friezland Survey 2022-23** We issue a survey every year to gather your thoughts and feedback, to help us shape the next academic year. We would be grateful for as many completed surveys (one per family) as possible using the following link: <https://forms.gle/hoczZhYDmEfMhVWR6> They're anonymous so please share your thoughts honestly! However, as always, please come and speak with staff if you have any queries or concerns. We can't help if we don't know.

## **Piano in need of a new home!**

Our digital Piano is sadly no longer used so is in need of a new home in exchange for a donation to school funds- make us an offer! Piano would need to be collected from school via large car/van.

## **Midday Supervisor: Join the Team!**

Friezland are looking for a friendly and child-centred Midday Supervisor to join our team from September. The role involves supervising our children during their lunch break (1h 10m per day) and is a term-time only position. If you know anyone who may be interested, ask them to contact school to enquire.

## **Friezland Farewell**

Next week will be Miss Skeldon's (LSA) last week with us here at Friezland. We wish her well as she pursues her drama passion and begins a new adventure! Miss Skeldon has been part of our Friezland team as a pupil before joining us as an LSA in 2020. Goodbye and good luck!



## **Dates for the Diary**

### **June**

- 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Kingswood Residential
- 15<sup>th</sup>** Guitar Awards (*selected children only*)
- WB 19<sup>th</sup>** Healthy Me Week 3
- 20<sup>th</sup>** Class 3 Halle' Visit
- 21<sup>st</sup>** Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:45-9:45am (*pre-book ONLY*)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>** DLP Spelling Bee Final
- 28<sup>th</sup>** Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:45-9:45am (*pre-book ONLY*)
- 30<sup>th</sup>** Class 2 Castleshaw Visit

### **July**

- 5<sup>th</sup>** Friezland Move-up Morning 1
- 7<sup>th</sup>** Non-uniform in exchange for tombola item
- 8<sup>th</sup>** Summer Fair- ***we need volunteers!***
- 10<sup>th</sup>** Friezland Move-up Morning 2
- 12<sup>th</sup>** The Next BIG Step KS2 Production, 2pm and 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>** The Next BIG Step KS2 Production, 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Leavers' Service, 9:30am, Friezland Church
- 19<sup>th</sup>** Y6 Leavers' Lunch

**£2.00  
ENTRY**



Friends of Friezland Presents

The

# **SUMMER FAIR**

8th July 2023 | Friezland Primary School  
Church Road, Greenfield, OL3 7LQ

**BBQ  
&  
BAR**

**TOMBOLA  
&  
LUCKY BAGS**

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES**

**FACE  
PAINTING  
& HAIR  
BRAIDING**

**BOUNCY  
CASTLE**



**PLEASE REMEMBER ITS CASH PAYMENTS ON THE DAY!**



Fundraising for SANDS  
Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society

# Last of Summer Ball

AT THE SADDLEWORTH HOTEL

DRINKS RECEPTION, 3 COURSE  
DINNER, MUSIC,  
ENTERTAINMENT, CHARITY  
AUCTION & RAFFLE PLUS  
DANCING TILL LATE.

DRESS CODE - BLACK TIE

23 | SEPT | 7PM TILL LATE | £65PP

Contact Rebecca: 07407617534 /  
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## Get involved in Oldham's Holiday Activities and Food programme

As part of our ongoing efforts to support families during the school holidays, we are providing free activities for children aged 5 to 16 across Oldham through the winter, Easter and summer holidays.

Oldham's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a package of support for children and young people on benefits-related free school meals and is funded by the Department for Education.

From cooking sessions and arts and crafts to indoor and outdoor sports, drama, and dance, we have a wide variety of enriching activities available for you to enjoy in partnership with our local providers.

As part of every session, children will also receive a healthy meal alongside plenty of interesting and useful nutritional information to take home too.

For more information on Oldham's HAF programme, please visit [www.oldham.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/HAF)

Department for Education  
Oldham Council

**FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL PRESENT**

# A CAR BOOT SALE

**9AM - 12PM  
ON SATURDAY 17 JUNE  
AT SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL  
HUDDERSFIELD ROAD  
DIGGLE OL3 5NU**

**£12 PER CAR  
(UNTIL 5 JUNE THEN £15)  
ADVANCE BOOKINGS  
ONLY  
STRICTLY  
NO NEW GOODS**

**PITCHES AVAILABLE TO BOOK BY EMAIL  
CONTACT [FRIENDSOFSADDLEWORTHSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FRIENDSOFSADDLEWORTHSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM)**

**FREE ENTRY (DONATIONS WELCOMED) \* LARGE CAR PARK \* REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE \* PROCEEDS IN AID OF SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING  
**PEGI 3**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

## Meet Our Expert

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