



16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Newsletter

## Play Leaders



In autumn term we gathered information from the children about playtimes and used their feedback to create our Play Leaders project. Children in Key Stage 2 volunteer to be a lunchtime Play Leader and, for a full week, they organise activities and help with games on the playground, in the shelter, on the MUGA and the trim trail. Our Play Leaders take responsibility for setting up, packing away and looking after the equipment, as well as carrying out a litter-pick with Mr Simpson when needed.



Some of the activities include giant Jenga, giant chess and giant connect 4 in the shelter, hula hoops, beanbag games and skipping on the playground. Thank you to Roman and Poppy's parents for donating many of these items from the Amazon wish list, and to Sienna T's Dad for printing out our official Play Leader hi-vis jackets for the children! Some activities we would like to introduce in spring are parachute games, construction in the shelter and regular chalk drawing.

We are really proud of how well all our Play Leaders have taken on their role each week and we have some new volunteers for Spring who are excited for their turn! Roles such as Play Leader, Buddy, School Counsellor and Assembly monitor, as well as being part of our Teams, all ensure that the children develop a strong sense of **belonging** at Friezland.

## Reminder: Book and Uniform Swap Shop!

 Please drop off any **books** or any **CLEAN uniform** that you would like to donate to the swap on **FRIDAY 23rd January** to allow us time to sort them into age groups. On **30<sup>th</sup> January**, children will have an opportunity, during the day, to choose a book to take home. From 3.15pm, parents are invited into the Lodge to pick up uniform from the swap shop.



## Friends of Friezland Update



The Friends of Friezland team will host their next meeting on the evening of **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** to plan ahead for upcoming events including activities for World Book Day and Easter Bingo. Please save the date and look out for meeting details!

There will be a tuck shop as usual on the last day of term, **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Safety Assemblies



As part of our PHSE curriculum, and our commitment to teaching the children about keeping themselves safe, we have invited Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service into school on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** to share more seasonal safety messages with the children.



We will also have Ellen Weedon, a member of Oldham's Safeguarding Team, in school to deliver an online safety assembly to our children on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**. Do you feel confident about keeping your children safe online? If you would like the most up-to-date advice, and to understand how we share online safety messages with your children, Ellen has opened the invitation to all parents and carers. Please fill in [this form](#) to let us know you are coming, and we can ensure seats for everyone in the hall.

**Reminder: Y6 SATs Information Meeting**  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 4.30-5.00pm. Mrs Lewis will email out the online link on Monday.



## Dates for the Diary

### January

20<sup>th</sup> Y6 Virtual SATs Meeting 4.30-5.00pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Drop off Book and Uniform swaps  
30<sup>th</sup> Uniform and Book Swap Shop



### February

5<sup>th</sup> Choir Young Voices Concert at Co-op Live Arena  
10<sup>th</sup> Online Safety Assembly – PARENTS INVITED 2.20pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Friezland Flip (details to follow)  
13<sup>th</sup> Tuckshop 3.15pm