

Freeman's Endowed Church of England Junior Academy

Summer Newsletter

July 2020



What a year it has been! I am guessing that this has been one of the most unusual years in the school's long history! There have been so many positives this year - joining the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust, the development of the relationship with St Barnabas School, the welcoming of new staff and a continuation and development of the high standards of education upon which the school prides itself. There have also been many challenges along the way and we have really appreciated the continued support from the whole of our school community.

As the Summer holidays are quickly approaching, we are busy making plans to say farewell to our amazing group of Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their transition to secondary school, and to welcome the next generation of Freeman's pupils - our new Year 3 pupils! We are really looking forward to welcoming them to Freeman's in September.

Year 6 'socially distanced' end of term class get together!

On Friday 17th July, our Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to spend some socially distanced time together in the playground, sharing memories and saying their goodbyes to each other. Our Year 6 children have missed out on many of the traditional Year 6 events that would usually happen in their final term, so we feel it is really important that they get the chance to say goodbye and good luck to each other!

Year 6 Reading Books

Please ensure that all school Reading Books are returned to school before the end of term, to be put back into the school library.

If your child has borrowed a school laptop during the lockdown period, please organise a time to return it before the end of term.



Virtual School Games—Wednesday 9th July

Northamptonshire School Sport are running their 'School Games' virtually this year. They are asking children to participate in events at home or at school, record their scores and send them in to compete against other children from across the county. We would love to hear some fantastic results from our Freeman's pupils—do please encourage your child to take part in this event!



We will be saying our goodbyes to Mrs Parker and to Mr Lee who are leaving Freeman's at the end of term. We know you will want to join us in thanking them for all of their hard work and join us in sending them our very best wishes for the future.



Class 'get togethers' on Google 'Meets'.

This week and next week we are offering all of our pupils the opportunity to meet up with their class and current teacher. The meet ups on Google Classroom will be in class groups - we hope many children will join their meet up! If your child would like to take part do make sure you have returned the permission slip via email by Monday latest!

New Class Teachers

Your child's new class teacher will be recording a short video to introduce themselves to the children—these will be posted on the Google Classrooms on Thursday 16th July—please do encourage your child to take a look!

New Playground Markings



Our new Playground markings look fantastic!

We have had a world map, a 'daily mile' track, an agility trail and a chessboard installed and we are really looking forward to seeing the children using them during break and lunch times!

Garden Area

Our garden area has been transformed over the past few months into an amazing space full of herbs, fruits, vegetables and colour!

The children have really enjoyed spending time in the garden and have been a great help with the watering, planting and care of the area (and a big thank you to our green—fingered staff!).

Return to school in September.

In line with guidance from the DFE, all of our pupils will be welcomed back to school in September. We are currently planning how this will look in terms of safety, timings for different classes, and day to day arrangements. We will share our plans with you as soon as we can, before the end of the Summer Term.

Freeman's School Vision and Values

We are currently in the process of renewing our school vision and our associated values and would like to thank all of the families who contributed their opinions and ideas. We will be launching our new vision and values in September, when all of our children return to school.

Term Dates

School will close for the Summer holidays on Friday 17th July 2020

Pupils will return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020