



Froebelian School
FIV's Weekly Newsletter
12 January 2024

Next week, our whole school ethos theme will be:

We are physically active.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had an enjoyable break and some relaxing family time. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school, after the holiday. We have enjoyed hearing about the highlights of the holidays from each of them.

The children have embraced the start of this term with enthusiasm and determination and were excited to be awarded their Captaincy Roles for The Spring Term.

As your children approach their Senior School entrance exams, here are essential guidelines to ensure a smooth experience on each assessment day:

- **Restful Nights and Nutrition:**
 - ✓ Ensure your child gets ample sleep for alertness during exams.
 - ✓ Provide a balanced diet for sustained energy and concentration.
- **Equipment Checklist:**
 - ✓ Confirm each school's specific exam requirements.
 - ✓ Double-check that your child has the correct pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, and any other necessary items.
- **Acknowledging Hard Work:**
 - ✓ Recognise the effort your child has put into preparation, both in class and at home.
 - ✓ Reassure your child that the skills and knowledge gained are universal and adaptable to the various exam formats.
- **Adapting to Exam Formats:**
 - ✓ Emphasize that while the exam structures may differ, the core skills and knowledge remain constant.
 - ✓ Encourage flexibility in approaching diverse question styles, focusing on problem-solving and critical thinking.
- **Basic Exam Techniques:**
 - ✓ Remind your child to read instructions carefully and manage time wisely.
 - ✓ Practise good exam etiquette, like legible handwriting and clearly numbered answers.
 - ✓ Remind your child to show working out in maths questions.
 - ✓ In English, remind your child to look for clues and evidence. The amount of marks awarded gives an indication of how many points to make; remember quotation marks too!
 - ✓ Encourage a calm mindset, tackling one question at a time to prevent feeling overwhelmed.
- **Maintaining a Positive Mindset:**
 - ✓ Stress the importance of self-belief and a positive attitude throughout exams.
 - ✓ Remind your child that their hard work and dedication will shine through.
 - ✓ Remind your child how hard he/she has worked and how proud we are of the whole class.

The Form IV team extend heartfelt thanks to you for your unwavering support and collaboration in preparing your child for this significant step. Your words of encouragement on the day of each exam or interview are pivotal to your child's confidence and success.

Your children's efforts are commendable, and we believe in their success. We wish them all the best for the final hurdle.

Tests and Folders:

The test folder has been sent home, and should be returned by Tuesday. All papers are in the folder and are a good source of revision for the assessment days. We have been over the tests in class but re-visiting previous papers is a good idea to check knowledge and skills are embedded.

Uniform and Equipment:

Please ensure that your child has all items of uniform correctly labelled. It is difficult to return items to the correct owner if they have a previous owner's name in them.

Please also ensure that your child has at least one glue stick, a 30cm clear ruler and several pencils. These are all items that get used up quickly, get mis-placed or sometimes break.

If you have any worries or concerns about anything to do with your child, Mr Rawson and I are both available before and after school, so please feel free to come and see either of us immediately, or contact me on n.smith@froebelian.co.uk, or write a note in the Pupil Planner.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,

Nicky Smith and Joshua Rawson

Calendar Dates

- Saturday 13 January – Woodhouse Grove Entrance Exam
- Monday 15 January – FIV Mock Interviews in school with Mrs James
- Thursday 18 January – U11 Swimming Gala at Moorlands 15:00 – 16:00
- Friday 19 January – GSAL Entrance Exam