

Frank Wise School Newsletter



New School Film

In response to the high level of interest that the school receives from both professionals and families we invited a film crew in earlier this year to capture the essence of Frank Wise School. We hope you agree that they have captured the relentless commitment to putting our students first and how that influences the atmosphere of the school. It gives an insight into how the curriculum is delivered and other important parts of the week, such as inclusion. We have tried to capture a real sense of what we stand for, how we do it and the importance of our community. You can see the finished product here. <https://frankwise.oxon.sch.uk/portfolio/an-introduction-to-frank-wise-school/>



Winter Weather Wear

Now that the weather has started to become a bit more like what we would expect at this time of year, please can you make sure that your children are coming equipped for both indoor and outdoor activity at school. Whilst the new Primary playground reduces the risk of getting muddy a little, it is still rather wet at times and increasingly cold. As such, having waterproofs, gloves, hats etc. will ensure that the children can be outside comfortably, whilst hopefully reducing the amount of laundry we are sending home.

Whilst the nature of play in the Secondary field is less likely to result in children getting covered in mud, it is still important that they are well equipped for being outside in all reasonable weathers.

Quick Tips for Families - Online Safety

- Simple guide to safe set up of devices
<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Tips-Set-up-Safe-checklist.pdf>
- How to set up parental controls on a specific device
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>
- Playstation safety quiz for parents and their children
<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>

Christmas Bazaar

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to, attended, or volunteered at the Frank Wise School Christmas bazaar. There was a wonderful atmosphere and sense of occasion, with a fantastic mixture of stalls. The event has raised over £1,200 for the Friends of Frank Wise, which will help them to continue supporting the school in all sorts of ways, including subsidising the Residential Trips and the GC's off site work.

Pupil Illness

As many of you will be aware, both from the press and from letters and information that we have sent out as a school, there is a focus on ensuring that children attend school as frequently as possible. This has included a request that family holiday is not taken during term time and that, where possible, appointments are arranged to minimise disruption to education, although we know that is often something that there is limited control over.

However, it is also important that children do not come in to school unless they are well enough to be here. This is partly because they need to be well enough to learn, and also because being ill in school can increase the risk of other children becoming unwell and indeed the staff. So whilst there is clear guidance around not coming in if a child has certain illnesses or symptoms, there is also an element of decision-making being based on how the child is presenting. If families are ever unsure, then we are always happy to discuss this and talk through what is best.

There is also some information regarding this produced by the Government, that can be found here - <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

There is also a new website produced by the Oxfordshire Family Support Network, that has a wide range of EasyRead materials related to health that may be of use for pupils to access. This can be found here - <https://allabouthealth.oxfsn.org.uk/>