



## Franklin Times

20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents

As another week comes to a close it has been wonderful to see all our enrichment clubs up and running, we currently have 28 clubs with 80% of children attending one or more; there are still spaces in KS2 gymnastics and gardening, please contact Lourdes if you would like to come along.

Our professional musician, Julie Thompson, who leads the choir and teaches all of KS2 the ukulele is considering offering after school tuition in the piano, and possibly the guitar and ukulele. If you would be interested in such provision please let Lourdes know and we will liaise with Julie.

**Attendance** is the key to success in school and a priority target here at Franklin. For 2016-17 we set ourselves the target of 96% in our post Ofsted improvement plan. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, three days before the end of the Autumn term we were at **96.4%**, a wonderful result, unfortunately by the end of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, due to high levels of absence during the last three days of term, we dropped to **96%**. Currently, three weeks into the Spring term we have dropped further to **95.9%**. We understand that children do occasionally fall ill, but request that they return to school promptly after their recovery. With regard to holidays in term time, we do not authorise them, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please help your child reach their potential by having them in school every day and, on time.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday at 8.30am.

Warmest regards  
Janine Ryan  
Headteacher

### Headteacher's thought for the week

There is no shame in not knowing, the shame lies in not finding out.

### Key Dates

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening (not nursery) 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening (not nursery) 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff Training School closed
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter holidays school ends at 2.00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school

### The Garden

An update, as I informed you last week our outdoor classroom is under construction and, weather permitting, should complete at half term. Currently in the garden we are growing eleven different herbs, plus, spinach, cabbage, pak choi, beet leaves, lettuce, cauliflower, chard, kale, carrots, onions, radishes, leeks, peas and broad beans; all will be making their way to Orville in the kitchen over the next term.



Year 3 enjoyed a visit to the science museum this week.