



Franklin Times

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Dear Parents

An exciting week comes to a close which saw the long-awaited arrival of our Ofsted report, 'of which we are very proud' 😊

I look back to April 2014 when I first arrived at Franklin and marvel at the journey we have taken together, the current year six were in Reception at that time. Thank you for your belief and ongoing support of Franklin as we continue to realise our vision for our children of an education rich in knowledge, culture and vocabulary; rooted in the best that has been thought and said so far and grounded in a nurturing environment that encourages all to thrive, with the aim of achieving real equity and equality of opportunity for ALL; thus equipping Franklin alumni to confidently and successfully navigate the world beyond our gates.

A few key upcoming dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 5 th March | Discussion @ The Hearth with panel of experts on children and the media: fact or fiction, tickets on sale via Wisepay |
| Friday 6 th March | World Book Day, children come to school dressed as their favourite book character |
| Friday 27 th March | Spring Awakening 2020 guest DJ @ Franklin, tickets go on sale on 9 th March via Justgiving |

A reminder to send in your recipe sheet for our Franklin Family Cookbook: a collection of recipes from across our school that will, when published, reflect and celebrate our diverse community whilst raising funds for Franklin.

Headteacher's thought for the week:
The best is yet to do.

On Wednesday 18th March at 9.00am in the dining room we will be running a parent workshop to explain the year one phonics screener check. Please come along if you have a year one child, as this will help you in preparing them for the screener, which is in June.

Our dear Lourdes De Lucia is going to be away from us for the next eight weeks as she has to undergo foot surgery, we wish her a speedy recovery and return to us, but please bear with the office staff in her absence.

Rest assured that we continue to be vigilant here at Franklin with regard to the spread of viruses of any kind, and follow national guidance from Public Health England, which is regularly updated. As a precaution we have stopped shaking hands at the gates and are not serving crudites with humus in the dining room, we are also, as ever, encouraging our children to wash their hands as often as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend, we look forward to seeing you at 8.30am on Monday.

Warmest regards
Janine Ryan
Principal of Ark Franklin