

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape

Newsletter 5 Spring Term

Fritwell Church of England Primary School



Headteacher: Mr Jonathan Hart

East Street, Fritwell, Oxfordshire, OX27 7PX

Telephone: 01869 345283

email: office.3065@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk

Friday 5th March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the Head

Finally, we can see some light at the end of the tunnel as we welcome back the whole school on Monday! I am sure that most children will be excited to return and see their friends and teachers and get back into a normal school day, but there may be those who are anxious or unsure about how they feel. We are aware of this and staff will ensure that everyone soon settles in and starts learning together again.

With the return to school we do still need to have rules and regulations in place and I ask that you **read the separate letter carefully** so that you are fully aware of procedures next week. These are reminders for all those coming back into school, based on our opening in September 2020.

School Vision Week – "Growing and Learning together with God"

Postponed from the beginning of January we will now be looking at how to raise the profile of the school's vision. It is also a chance for us to ensure that we relaunch our key drivers of resilience, diversity, health and wellbeing. The classes will be engaging in various activities to learn more about this and highlight our values in their daily lives.

World Book Day

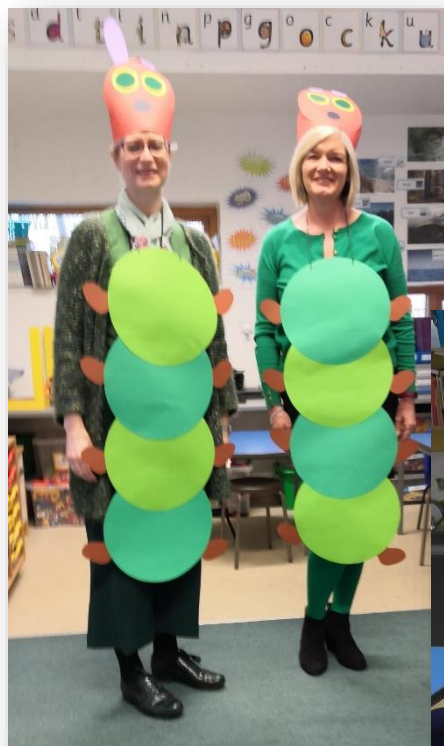
We had some delightful characters appear at school and on our screens from home to celebrate World Book Day yesterday. Well done to everyone who dressed up so brilliantly, and thank you to those who sent in photos of their child reading a book in every possible space!

Tiddlers and Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows had great fun during World Book Day; the children at school got to do a costume parade and tell their friends which characters they were dressed as and the children at home got to show off their costumes during our Teams Meeting. We then watched a video by Jonny Duddle, who shared with the children his love for drawing and where he gets his inspiration from. The children went outside to draw objects they could see and then used their imaginations to draw something they could not see.



Sticklebacks



Mrs Ejiogu and Mrs Clayton were extremely popular as the Very Hungry Caterpillars!

We also had Tigers (who came to tea), Darth Vader, Goldilocks, a dragon and a princess and more.....





World Book Day (continued)

Seahorses



The Seahorses had a very enjoyable day reading in all sorts of unusual spots!



World Book Day (continued)

Stingrays

The Stingrays class listened to the author Katherine Rundell describe how she writes her adventure stories and focused on the story *Skysteppers*. We challenged ourselves to write about an adventure our favourite character may have had that would have been before they were part of a story.



Sharks



World Book Day was a magical day in Sharks when we were visited by three characters from Harry Potter! As well as enjoying exploring what inspires us during our World Book Day Author Academy from Sita Brahmachari, we were also excited to find out what inspires authors Clare Balding and Christina Gabbitas when they answered some of our questions during the Fonetti World Book Day Bonanza live lesson. It was great seeing our questions and videos of our reading being shared with other schools around the country, and with all the Sharks watching at home too!



Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March

Fritwell School will be celebrating Red Nose Day on the 19th March, which will be a non-uniform day for all pupils. Some exciting activities are planned for the day as we raise money to support vulnerable people and communities in society.

Thank you to those parents who have already donated to Comic Relief online. We do ask that £1 per child is paid towards this worthy cause by simply clicking on the following link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1954> where your donation will be gratefully – and anonymously – received.

Thank you all in advance.

Report on external Music Lessons

It is not often that we are able to report on extra curricular activities undertaken by our Fritwell children, especially over the last year, and so, when we do receive news, we like to share it with the school. A number of our pupils have been continuing piano lessons virtually with Becky Bignell, a piano teacher in the village, and she wanted us to mention all her superstar pupils. It has not been easy online with sound delays and internet problems but the children have excelled themselves and have taken exams by sending in recordings to be adjudicated.

Over the past year we have had the following achievements :

Sam G and Jamie Mc – initial piano Distinction and shortly taking grade 1 exam

Emilia G – grade 1 piano Distinction and shortly taking grade 2 exam

Connor H-C – grade 1 piano Pass and now working on grade 2

Zoe W, after only a few face to face lessons will be taking her first exam in the next few months.

Audrey L jumped a grade during lockdown and is now on grade 2 and Evie Mc is shortly taking her grade 5 exam.

Those children not mentioned by name have also worked hard and enthusiastically throughout.

Well done Fritwell!

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher