"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Autumn Term 2 Value: Personal Success with Humility

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from the Head

It has been a busy week in school for everyone. All staff attended a twilight training session on phonics on Wednesday, with a further session booked for the 9th December. This is to enhance our phonics delivery and provision in school for all our children.

On Tuesday the Governors' Curriculum Committee met to discuss the impact of Covid and our plans moving forward in this academic year to ensure that the children catch up and make good progress.

Christmas

Most years children bring in Christmas cards for their friends; for safety reasons this year they can only be given out to those within your child's bubble. We ask that cards are brought in to school by Friday 11th December so they can be quarantined before being handed out the following week.



It is sad that we cannot hold the usual festive events we would normally have at this time, but the classes are working on a special Christmas message we can share with you in the next couple of weeks.

Watch this space!

Class News



Tiddlers and Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows have been working hard this week finding out facts about owls; they then wrote these facts in their literacy books. They have also been learning all about the numbers 4 and 5, how to recognise these numbers, and find them on a number line. Super Sentence Heroes this week: Olivia W and Jude R

Sticklebacks

This week the Sticklebacks have been learning about Greta Thunberg and her achievements and thinking about what her message to us would be if she came to visit our school.

Super Sentence Heroes: Ruben R-B and Harry P

Seahorses

The Seahorses class has been dividing using sharing and grouping, and learning the 3x table in maths. They have also looked at the book "If the World was a Village" and discussed coordinating conjunctions. In their art lesson they used shading techniques to add texture to their pictures.

Stingrays

Stingrays have written some great adventure stories this week based on their picture book 'Space Tortoise'. They had to make sure they used a mixture of simple, compound and complex sentences and also punctuate the direct speech correctly. They are also working hard in their dance sessions to come up with some 'alien inspired' routines.

Sharks

This week Sharks have been writing sci-fi adventures based around colonising a new planet. They have been using figurative language to help the reader visualise the unusual settings, describing the character's actions in a way that gives clues about their feelings, and developing techniques like varied sentence length to build tension. They have left their characters on a real cliff-hanger so are looking forward to finishing their sentences next week! In Maths they have started learning about fractions and have been excited to discover that all their recent practice of multiplication, division and factors is helping them to easily find equivalent fractions!

Child of the Week

Tiddlers Harlan E Minnows Teddy C

Sticklebacks Perran E and Ruben R-B
Seahorses Rupert R and Daniel D
Stingrays Rylynn P and Theo E
Sharks Harry T and Daisy K



Family Groups Winner: Pegasus Weekly Attendance: Minnows



FoFS Reminders



Christmas Fayre and Raffle

Be sure to remember the FoFS virtual fayre and raffle this weekend! There are some wonderful products on offer, ranging from beauty to food and drink to crafts to home merchandise and more. This is an ideal way to shop for Christmas gifts so be sure to go online and join the Facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/fofsfayre or look on their excellent website https://www.fofs.co.uk

The FoFS team has worked exceedingly hard to create this event so please do support!



Secret Present Rooms

Please diarise your child's Secret Present Room spending day and send him/her in with **up to £6.00 in £1.00 coins.** There will be *no change available* and *no I.O.U.s if money is not brought in.*

SHARKS will start the timetable this MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER.

STINGRAYS follow on <u>THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER.</u> SEAHORSES on <u>MONDAY 7th DECEMBER.</u> STICKLEBACKS on <u>THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER.</u> TIDDLERS & MINNOWS on <u>MONDAY 14th DECEMBER.</u>

Katharine House Hospice School Relay

You will have received an email about our school taking part in this fun event on Tuesday 15th December. The run is especially important to raise money for Katherine House, a hospice dedicated to looking after those requiring specialist palliative care and pain relief, as well as those needing attention in their own homes.

The minimum amount we are asking for is £1 per child, but we hope that your children will want to be sponsored and therefore raise extra funds for this worthy cause. The sponsor sheet is attached to the email you received but please do let the office know if you would like a separate one sent to you. If you cannot print at home please ask for a hard copy, which will be sent home in your child's school bag.















Christmas Jumper Day

It wouldn't be Christmas without the annual school Christmas Jumper Day! The children will be decorating their classrooms on Tuesday next week and all are invited to wear school uniform with a Christmas jumper.









Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart Headteacher



Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th November

Monday 30th November

Tues 1st December

Thursday 3rd December Monday 7th December

Thursday 10th December

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

Wed 16th December

Friday 18th December

Wednesday 6th January 2021

FoFS Virtual Christmas Craft Fayre and Raffle

Sharks Secret Present Room

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

Stingrays Secret Present Room

Seahorses Secret Present Room

Sticklebacks Secret Present Room

Tiddlers & Minnows Secret Present Room

Katherine House Hospice School Relay

School Christmas Dinner

School closes for Christmas Holidays

School opens for Spring Term