

"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Autumn Term 2 Value : Personal Success with Humility



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

It's been a productive week in school with a very positive visit from our School Improvement Partner who supports us and is equally ambitious for our children's education.

I have met with Curriculum Governors and we have Full Governing Body meeting during the coming week. I am extremely grateful for the work these volunteers put in on our school's behalf, and it is particularly good to be able to meet in person after so many Zoom calls over recent months.

Our challenge to improve the transition of classes through school is showing positive results and creating a calm respectful learning environment. Staff have scrutinised maths and English books across the school this week in order to identify areas which need improvement and to share good practice. Mrs Churchill has continued her specialist training in Mathematics with the mastery professional team from the Maths Hub and this leadership is much appreciated by all staff.

Covid

You will be aware that the school has some positive Covid cases presently and a few other children are currently undergoing PCR tests. To ensure the safety of our school community **we will be reintroducing face coverings from Monday at drop off and pick-up times.** We will allow parents and carers into the premises at pick up but only if a mask is worn.

We will continue to let you know of any further changes regarding Covid and where we have any positive cases. Currently we are hopeful that we will be able to run our upcoming school and community events but we will keep them under constant review in case our Covid cases should escalate. Please do check your emails for any adjustments to the calendar.

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows have mostly been learning about Algorithms this week. They know that an algorithm is the list of rules that robots follow to do their job. The children then had to give instructions to 'robot Miss Williams' to help her make a jam sandwich; afterwards the Minnows used their phonics knowledge to write instructions for making a jam sandwich!



In Maths, the Minnows have been learning about number bonds to 5 and the Tiddlers have been learning all about the number 3. The children have also spent a lot of time practicing their Nativity.

Sticklebacks

Sticklebacks have been enjoying practising the Nativity. They have shown resilience when trying to learn their lines and remembering when to come on and off stage.

In their PE lesson they have been practising techniques to roll a ball to score points in a hoop.

Seahorses

This week Seahorses have been using the column method to add and subtract 2 and 3 digit numbers.

They have also been working hard on their descenders in their handwriting (the part of a letter that extends below the base of the letter).



This week was also the first time that they rehearsed the nativity play on stage, which they were really excited about!

Stingrays

Stingrays have shown great confidence and endurance this week whilst they completed some of their assessments. They have demonstrated great resilience if things have been a little tricky!



They have also learnt how to make toothpaste and spent a great deal of time trying to balance out the flavour and making it the right consistency. Some of them really tasted like the real thing!

Sharks

Sharks have shown real Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance with their positive attitudes and hard work during their assessments this week; they are also celebrating lots of great Personal Successes as children are using the opportunity to show how much they have learnt so far this term!

In English, they have used all the grammar and sentence features they have practised over the last few weeks to write detailed explanation texts about the evolution of peppered moths; everyone has done a great job in adopting an authoritative and scientific tone.

In Science, Sharks have started learning about the human body by discussing the different stages of life and the aging process; we have linked this to Shakespeare's famous speech, All the World's a Stage.



'Child of the Week'

EYFS

Sticklebacks

Seahorses

Stingrays

Sharks

Pippa C and Evie W

Elih N-B and Teddy C

Esmé B and Mason C-M

Mya G and Megan P

Josh S and Evelyn B



Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows

Sticklebacks

George M and Harlan E

Reid C and Aria R-B

Family Group Points :

Phoenix

Whole School Attendance : 91.63%

Cross Country Finals

Nine of our children braved the wind and rain this morning for the NOSSP Cross Country Finals at Sibford School. There were excellent performances all round with Fritwell coming 3rd overall out of the 10 schools participating!



Our two individual runners in the Year 3 & 4 Girls, *Frances C* and *Layla-Jade M*, were both in the top 50 of their group which was a superb effort.



Our Year 5 & 6 Boys, *Connor H-C*, *Jimmy S*, *Harry T*, *Finn M-J*, *Sebastian W*, *Adam K* and *Charlie N*, were outstanding with three of them in the top 20 runners home. Massive congratulations must go to *Harry T* who came 1st out of everyone and is the North Oxfordshire Schools Cross Country Champion!



Friends of Fritwell School (FoFS)

It's now time to look for your **Christmas tree!** Don't forget that the school benefits from any orders you make for a tree through FoFS. Please contact one of the team if you interested in purchasing one or ask at the office if you need an order form.



Don't forget in the run up to Christmas you can also donate to FoFS when you shop :

Amazon Smile

Sign up to Amazon Smile (accessed via your Amazon account settings), select The Friends of Fritwell School as your chosen charity, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases when you shop.

Easy Fundraising

Shop as normal with over 4,200 retailers, just start your shopping journey first at [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), or via their App.

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and choose The Friends of Fritwell School as your chosen cause, register for a free account and go shopping!

Once you make a purchase, their retailer partners will make a small donation to FOFS to say 'thank you'.

School Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Teaching Assistant in the Early Years classroom to start in January 2022. This will be a permanent contract for 14 hours per week, made up of five afternoons and one morning. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in this position please visit our website where you will find all the details plus an application form under 'About Us' and 'Vacancies'.

http://www.fritwellprimaryschool.co.uk/website/early_years_support_worker_14_hour_permanent_contract/582185

Thank you to everyone for your generosity towards **Children in Need**; our school has donated £191, for which they are very grateful.

And finally, for the parents and carers of **iRock** children, if you have not already done so please let Julie know if you will be attending their concert on Thursday 16th December.

Take care this cold and windy weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher



Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday Afternoon

Every Thursday Afternoon

Every Friday

Tuesday 16th November to Friday 3rd December

Wednesday 1st December

Wednesday 8th December

Wednesday 8th December

Thursday 9th December

Thursday 9th December

Friday 10th December

Monday 13th December

Tuesday 14th December

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

Multi Sports Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

Gift donations and £1 for Secret Present Room

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)

Key Stage 1 Nativity (Sticklebacks & Seahorses) 2 p.m.

EYFS Nativity 9.30 a.m.

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Secret Present Room!

Community Christmas Tea Party

'Jack & the Beanstalk' pantomime in school

School Christmas Disco

School Christmas Dinner

iRock Concert (iRock parents only)

End of Term – Christmas holidays!

INSET DAY – no children in school

Start of Spring Term