

"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 is a rather chilly end to a busy and productive week.

Meetings

As we are a maintained Oxfordshire school, I met 'virtually' with our School Improvement Partner, Zaheer Ahmed, on Monday to discuss our wonderful setting and our plans for this year to address the deficit in learning.

Yesterday I met online with the headteachers in the Bicester Partnership to discuss the impact of Covid on schools and how schools can respond to the pandemic, with thoughts and ideas put forward by all those present.

Earlier in the week we held a virtual Governors' Resources Committee meeting to consider our budget monitoring and plans moving forward.

Community Prayers

You may remember that a few weeks ago the children in all classes wrote prayers for the community. These have been distributed to the members of the 'Forget-me-Nots' and other elderly folk in Fritwell and the surrounding villages. It has been lovely to receive phone calls and emails of thanks from those who are self-isolating or lonely and were touched by these little messages of hope. We do feel sad that this year we cannot hold our annual Christmas Tea Party, an event which is anticipated and enjoyed by all.

Class News



Tiddlers and Minnows

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have been learning about all the things that give us light; they especially enjoyed it when we closed all the blinds and turned the lights off in the classroom and had to use a torch to see each other! They also demonstrated their artistic skills by making some impressive lighthouses out of paper cups.

Super Sentences heroes are **Elih N-B** and **Teddy C**.

Sticklebacks

Sticklebacks have been thinking about how to make a stand against bullying. They have suggested ways they can be united against bullying and have designed a jigsaw puzzle piece for a whole class display. They all enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Monday too.

Super Sentence heroes are **Oliver N** and **Eva O'G**.

Seahorses

This week the Seahorses have been using arrays to multiply and divide in maths, and writing diary entries as a WW1 soldier. They have also been using tone and different shading techniques to add detail to drawings in their art lesson. In football they have looked at dribbling and passing skills.

Stingrays

Stingrays have been working hard to develop their subtraction strategies and using them to solve problems using the inverse. They have also been focusing on learning how to punctuate direct speech accurately, develop their geographical knowledge by creating weather forecasts for places in the tropics, and investigating gravity in Science. They have also participated very maturely in our discussions about bullying, sharing some excellent ideas on the positive choices they could make in difficult situations.

Sharks

During this week's anti-bullying week, Sharks have celebrated the ways in which we are all unique and have thought about the different roles people might play within a bullying situation, including what action we could each take as 'defenders' as we stand 'United Against Bullying.' We have also had a busy week in Maths, using our understanding of finding multiples and factors to help us identify prime, square and cube numbers. Interestingly, lots of people have noticed that the number of stairs in their house is a prime number! Have you counted the stairs in your house?



Child of the Week

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Luna K
<i>Minnows</i>	Aria R-B
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Vanessa S and Leo S
<i>Seahorses</i>	Shay D and William K
<i>Stingrays</i>	Mya G and Matilda D
<i>Sharks</i>	Jimmy S and Emily B



Family Groups Winner : **Griffin**

Weekly Attendance : **Seahorses**

Message from The Royal British Legion

An outstanding amount has been raised from the sale of the poppy items – thank you all!



**EVERY
POPPY COUNTS**

Thanks to everyone at Fritwell School for your contributions to this year's Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy Appeal. You raised **£382.72p** which is amazing, well done!

2020 has been a difficult year for the appeal as many of our ways of collecting have not been possible. The RBL's good work of supporting serving and ex military personnel, their families and communities to a better life continues. Know that you have all helped.

Thanks,

Jon Shan
Royal British Legion

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Jon Shan.

Attendance

We cannot reiterate enough how important it is for your child to attend school regularly and not miss it unnecessarily. This week, as part of OCC's guidelines, we have had to send out letters to parents of children whose attendance at school has fallen below 90%. Whilst we do understand that there are genuine illnesses which prevent children from coming in, including the 48-hour rule for vomiting and diarrhoea, please remember that you are welcome to dose your child before bringing him/her into school and you are also able to fill out a form for the school to give your child a prescribed medicine. Anything Covid-related, such as isolation or waiting for a test result, is of course acceptable non-attendance.

The FoFS Page



Virtual Christmas Craft Fayre and Christmas Raffle

Don't forget that these events take place over next weekend, the **28th and 29th November!**

Please join the Facebook group for the event at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fofsfayre>

You will be able to browse all the goods from local crafters and businesses and stock up on Christmas gifts. We hope that you have also bought your raffle tickets!



Class Secret Present Rooms

You will have received an email yesterday regarding the FoFS Secret Present Room "with a difference". Below please find a reminder of all the details and information.

1. Friday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day for £1 payment. Payment to be made in advance to : **FoFS, Sort code 30-90-77, Account 00070014.** Mark your payment as 'non-uniform day'. **NO CASH PAYMENT TAKEN ON THE DAY.**

2. Pre-wrapped gifts will be brought to the classrooms on different days. There will be three different prices of gifts - £1.00, £2.00 and £3.00. All gifts are unisex. Each child can select a maximum of **two** gifts and will therefore need a **MAXIMUM** of £6.00 to take part.

3. Class dates for gift selection :

Sharks

Stingrays

Seahorses

Sticklebacks

Tiddlers & Minnows



Monday 30th November

Thursday 3rd December

Monday 7th December

Thursday 10th December

Monday 14th December



4. **On the day for your child to select gifts they will need to bring in a MAXIMUM of £6.00 in £1.00 coins. Please only send in the correct money. No change can be issued. The money will be dropped into a large jar to match what is spent.**



*Reminders will be sent out but please do make a note of your child's gift selection day as there will not be an opportunity for them again.

*Please do also pay £1.00 online into the FoFS bank account for each child taking part in Non-Uniform Day on Friday 27th November.



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Finally, we must make mention of one of our pupils, who has had 12 inches of hair cut off to be made into a child's wig, and raised £440 for the Little Princess Trust. Well done Lorelei!

We wish you all a warm and relaxing weekend. Stay safe!

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Fri 27th November

Sat 28th & Sun 29th November

Mon 30th Nov to Mon 14th December

Tues 1st December

Wed 16th December

Non-School Uniform Day for £1 donation

FoFS Virtual Christmas Craft Fayre and Raffle

Class Secret Present Rooms

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Dinner