



**"Growing and Learning Together with God"**  
*Autumn Term 1 Value : Respect and Compassion*



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# **Newsletter 7 Autumn Term**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Message from Mr Hart**



I can't quite believe we are at our mid-term break already. It has been a busy but enjoyable term, with the highlight for me being our upper key stage 2 residential to Kilvrough where the children enjoyed an amazing experience together.

I have also been very happy with the way our lovely new members of school have settled into the unfamiliar routines and rigours of school life.

I must thank our staff for all their effort and hard work on our children's behalf.

When we return to school we will be preparing for Parliament Week (1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November). We will be formulating our Primary Leadership Team (PLT) and, if they wish to be nominated, I would urge children to prepare a short speech which they could deliver to their class members in the first week back, ready for election.

We have had very productive meetings with our maths, phonics and English advisor this week as we look to enhance provision further for all our children.

### *Covid*

We are all aware that Covid cases have increased and that, in the last few weeks, the school has not been immune either. If your child should fall ill or show any of the symptoms of Covid during half term please do have a PCR test done as soon as possible. Any positive results will incur isolation for 10 days from the date of the test. *Please note that no child is to return to school if the result of a PCR test is still awaited.*

School emails will be monitored and we would appreciate being advised of any situation which may arise.

## Class Activities

### *Tiddlers & Minnows*

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have mostly been learning about how to keep their bodies healthy. They know that healthy food helps them grow big and strong and gives their bodies energy and that doing regular exercise is good for our brains and our hearts.

In Maths the Minnows have been learning about 2D shapes and the Tiddlers are counting up to 10. The children also had a very exciting morning when they had a visit from a fire engine. They got to sit inside the cab of the fire engine and listen to the siren. The children loved this experience and had a great time learning from the Fire Fighters. They also enjoyed watching the Sticklebacks set their Tudor houses on fire. What a brilliant way to end the term!

### *Sticklebacks*

What an eventful week has been had in Sticklebacks! The Great Fire of Fritwell was carefully managed by the firefighters and the Stickleback Fire Brigade. How exciting it was for the children to see how quickly the fire took hold, and to watch the real firefighters put it out!

The class has also created some part-whole models to help them with their adding, and made some sundials in Science.



### *Seahorses*

This week the Seahorses have been looking at using base 10 to help the Year 2s add and subtract 10's to 2 digit numbers, and the year 3s have been using base 10 to help them exchange when they add and subtract 2 digit numbers to 3 digit numbers.

In English they have also finished their stories about hunting for food in the Stoneage and have moved on to looking at Cinquain poems. They also began to explore what Hillforts are and how important they were for people in the Iron age.

### *Stingrays*

Stingrays have worked hard in Maths revisiting how to make exchanges when subtracting 3 and 4 digit numbers. They also wrote their own diary entries based on the class book "Coming to England". At the end of the week the children performed their Circus dance based on Victorian style circuses that included ringleaders, acrobats and clown acts.

The Stingrays have now completed their Time Travelling French work by finding out how to say the month and date of birth of some famous French people in History.

## Class Activities (continued)

### Sharks

In English Sharks have been continuing to reflect on their experience at Kilvrough, writing thank you letters to their instructors which they will be sending after half term. The children have had to show real resilience in Maths as they have been learning written methods of short and long division, drawing upon their developing knowledge of multiplication facts.

After their term training with the Activators, the Sharks Play Leaders have led a practice games session with Seahorses, gaining experience of how to explain the games to younger children and support their play. We look forward to Play Leaders starting games at lunch times after half term.



## 'Child of the Week'

EYFS

Sticklebacks

Seahorses

Stingrays

Sharks

Amber B and Harlan E

Grace M and Dylan B

Connie L and Amelie M

Rupert R and Jack M

Asta H E and Jimmy S



Family Group Points :

Unicorn

Whole School Attendance : 96.09%

## FoFS

LOOK OUT FOR THE FoFS STAND in front of the school on **Wednesday 3rd November**; some members of the Friends of Fritwell School committee will be selling Fireworks tickets as well as entries for the Name the Guy competition! £1 a name choice!

If you are the winner of the name the guy, you get to start the fireworks on the event night!  
Please note that the firework event and the stand will be **CASH ONLY**.



Tickets can still be purchased throughout half term and the first week of term from Rebecca Kyte on 07971343885.



## Parent/Teacher Meetings

All parent/teacher meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**; *you will all be receiving your time slots throughout the next few days*. Please make sure that you have your child's unique log in. Parents of siblings will not be able to use the same log in details for each child.

## A Few Reminders

### *Forest School*

EYFS and Sticklebacks continue with Forest School on Tuesday mornings; please note that there **will** be a session on the first day back into school, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### *Lost Property*

With the larger classes it is extremely difficult to continually keep track of children's clothing although we are trying to show the younger children how to look after their belongings. It would be helpful if they could be reminded at home about putting coats on pegs and jumpers and cardigans into their bags while at school. Please can you also make sure that everything is named as it makes the sorting out much easier. Thank you for your support.

### *Behaviour*

We have recently been made aware of some unacceptable behaviour in the playground adjacent to the school; we know that this is not school property but we do not want our children in Fritwell uniform seen misbehaving in this area, or any other. We pride ourselves on our manners and conduct and we hope that this does not happen again.



Last but certainly not least, may I wish you all a safe and enjoyable week; I look forward to our exciting build up to Christmas in the term ahead.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**  
Headteacher



## Upcoming events

*Every Tuesday*

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*Every Tuesday Afternoon*

*Every Thursday Afternoon*

*Every Friday*

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October*

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November*

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November*

*Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November*

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December*

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December*

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December*

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December*

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

Multi Sports Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

**Half Term**

**Inset Day - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**

Pupils back in school

FoFS Sale of Fireworks tickets and Name the Guy

Parent/Teacher Meetings

FoFS Bonfire Night

Travelling Book Fair

Road Safety Week

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)

Key Stage 1 Nativity

'Jack & the Beanstalk' pantomime in school

School Christmas Dinner