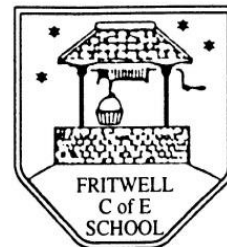


"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Autumn Term 1 Value : "Respect and Compassion"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the Head

It has been another fantastic week in school with the children responding well to our expectations and taking responsibility for their learning. I have been impressed with them engaging in our new class behaviour systems - our weather chart for Tiddlers, Minnows, Sticklebacks and Seahorses and our traffic light system for Stingrays and Sharks. It has been great to see many children being rewarded for exceeding standards.

This week it has been good to connect online with the Governors for our Curriculum and Resources meetings to discuss school improvement and the current situation surrounding Covid.

I have also liaised with all the heads in the Bicester partnership to discuss the ongoing 'return back to school' plans and consider how our schools can work together during this time.

On Thursday I met with the insurers to discuss the plans for the redecoration and repairs to both the 'green room' and the hall floor which will take place during half term. The flood during the holidays has certainly created a great deal of work for everyone!

The sudden spell of chilly weather is likely to bring about sniffles and colds but please do remember that, unless your child has a definitive symptom of Covid or is really unwell, he/she is encouraged to come into school. Please also make sure that coats are brought in every day.

Class News

This week the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have started their Phonics lessons; the Minnows have been busy learning new letter sounds and the Tiddlers have really enjoyed playing some listening games in the outdoor area. They have also been learning about all the important jobs that must be done on a farm to keep the animals safe and healthy.

Sticklebacks have been looking at baby pictures and observing how people have changed as they have grown older.

The children in *Seahorses* have been writing diary entries for their class novel "The Sound of Silence", and investigating the absorbency of materials in their Science lesson.

This week *Stingrays* had their first brass session with Mr P. They had great fun learning all about the brass instruments and how they are able to make sounds when blown through.

In their English lessons this week, *Sharks* have been finding out about Mars - the home planet of their Marrog. They have started writing a non-chronological report about the red planet, using sophisticated punctuation (like brackets, colons and semi-colons) and ensuring that they include complex sentences in their work, using commas to mark the subordinate clauses.

"Child of the Week"

<i>Tiddlers</i>	George M
<i>Minnows</i>	Samuel C
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Amelie P and Harry P
<i>Seahorses</i>	Sam O'G and Jack M
<i>Stingrays</i>	Sebastian W and Anna M
<i>Sharks</i>	Logan W and Dawson C-S



Family Groups Winner : Phoenix

Weekly Attendance : Minnows and Seahorses 100%!

Harvest Week

Unlike in previous years we will not be able to hold our annual Harvest Festival at the church. However, each class will be doing its own celebration and the children will be writing prayers for the community at harvest time. Photos and videos will be uploaded for parents to see.



There will be a cardboard box in each classroom and during the week beginning Monday 5th October pupils will be encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item. These will then be

gathered together, quarantined for 72 hours, and donated to The Bicester Food Bank. Suggested goods are pasta, tins, cereal, rice, tea, coffee, biscuits, etc.

We would really appreciate your support for those less fortunate than ourselves.



World Mental Health Day

To take part in World Mental Health Day we are inviting the children to come in to school wearing something yellow on **Friday 9th October**. This is to support #HelloYellow Day run by Young Minds, a charity which supports the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children.



Parents have always donated £1 per child towards this charity on #HelloYellow Day and therefore we will be asking you to go on to your ParentPay account to make this contribution.

This year has been particularly difficult and it has been hard to stay positive with so much uncertainty around. We want to brighten up the school day and, as well as wearing yellow, we would like the children to complete these challenges on the Friday :

1. Say something kind to a teacher
2. Wave and smile at a friend
3. Tell a joke to try and make someone laugh

Children will be working on some activities during the day to make it fun, as well as provide them with ways in which to support themselves in troubling times.

A Few Reminders.....

ParentPay

Thank you to those parents and carers who have activated their child's ParentPay account. **It is imperative that everyone does sign up to this by October or the system will not work for us.** The office has sent out a number of reminders and instructions to help you; **please** do contact Julie if you are having difficulties or are not sure how to proceed.

Premier after school Sports Clubs

As per the email you received yesterday we are happy to announce the start of two clubs after school :

Tennis for Years 1 to 3 (Sticklebacks and Seahorses) on Thursdays, and Hockey for Years 4 to 6 (Stingrays and Sharks) on Fridays.

Booking is online directly with Premier Education and there are only very few places left.



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Virtual Parent/Teaching Meetings

Your individual meetings with your child's teacher will be take place during the week beginning 12th October. As usual, you will be receiving a form for you to select the best day and time for your child(ren) which must be emailed into the office. This will then be passed on to the teachers to confirm. All meetings this term will be via MS Teams.

Unnamed Uniform

We are still finding that children leave items of clothing around with no name inside. Please can you all ensure that your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name.



Keep warm and have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 5th October

Mon 5th October to Fri 9th October

Fri 9th October

Tues 13th October

Thurs 15th October

Wed 4th November

Individual School Photos

Harvest Week in School

World Mental Health Day - #HelloYellow Day

Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.00pm

Virtual Parent/Teacher Meetings 5.00-7.30pm

Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations