



*"Growing and Learning Together with God"*  
*Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service*



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# **Newsletter 10 Summer Term**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Message from Mr Hart**

It has been a busy week with many of our Year 6 children undertaking transition visits to their new secondary schools. It was great to hear about their positive experiences and how well Fritwell School has equipped them for this next chapter in their learning.

Our Class Swap morning went really well on Wednesday, with the children enjoying time with their new teachers and class focusing on our vision of 'Growing and Learning together with God'. It was lovely to meet our new starters in Nursery and Reception and their parents.

Also, on Wednesday, we had our SIAMS Church School Inspection and we look forward to sharing our report with you in a couple of weeks. Thank you to my staff, pupils, governors and parents who were involved throughout the day.

Our musicians, who undertake lessons with the school music service, led worship on Tuesday and it was super to see how much they have developed and the confidence they showed in their performances.

Well done to our Seahorses who led a fabulous sharing assembly earlier in the week; it was lovely to see so many parents joining us to share this special time.

Today I have been working with my County Advisor on school improvement, in readiness for the new academic year and the priorities that we as a school will be working on. It was a productive morning as we looked at how we can further enhance our school provision.



Finally, all the children will be bringing home a seed heart to plant as we have thought about what 'Growing and Learning' will look like in our next phase of learning this week. Happy gardening!!



## Class Activities

### Tiddlers & Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows have really enjoyed starting their new topic, Heroes, this week. They started this topic by reading a class favourite 'Supertato'; they knew just from the front cover that Supertato was the hero in the story. The children have discussed what characteristics a hero has and know that heroes aren't just superheroes in books and TV shows but there can be real life heroes too.



The Minnows wrote a super sentence about who their hero is and why that person is their hero. In Maths, the Tiddlers have continued working hard on counting actions and verbally counting up to 10, and the Minnows have enjoyed learning about odd and even numbers. They were very good at spotting the pattern of even numbers being in between odd numbers. Another busy week in Early Years!

### Sticklebacks

The Sticklebacks have had a very sporty week learning table tennis, hand ball, and even football with Mr Bradley! They all enjoyed the different exercises and showed great *Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance* as they tried the new activities.

During the week the children spent some time learning about the five K's in Sikhism, what they signify and how they show their devotion to the religion.



They have also been reading 'Tadpole's Promise' in English and were very surprised by the ending.

### Seahorses

This week the Seahorses have been reflecting on how they have grown and learned this year and how they want their 'seeds' to continue to grow next year. They have made some beautiful artwork based on the Parable of the Sower and they have discussed the meaning of the different types of soil.

In science the children have been investigating food chains and have relished the opportunity to use new scientific vocabulary like 'tertiary consumer'.



In maths the Year 2s have been investigating lengths and learning how to use bit metres and centimetres, whereas the year 3s have been exploring grams and kilograms.





## Class Activities (continued)

### Stingrays

This week Stingrays have been working hard on their performance of "Shakespeare Rocks" and, as you can see from the photos, are really looking forward to performing for you next week.



In between rehearsals, they continued to embrace opportunities to try out new sports. This week it was handball and the warmup drill certainly required a lot of concentration and teamwork to achieve 'Personal Success' for everyone.

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They have also been looking at time in Maths this week and using their problem-solving skills to remind them of all the different number facts they need to know to be able to tell the time accurately. Some pupils were even inspired to spend their break time working out how many seconds there are in a year!

The children also started work on their news reports about Tsunamis - there were definitely some 'Inspired Minds' as they thought about the vocabulary they could use in their writing.

## Class Activities (continued)

### Sharks

What an exciting week of transition! As well as our school move-up morning on Wednesday, where the new Sharks Class planned how they were going to *grow and learn together with God* next year, lots of the Year 6 children have been on transition visits to their new secondary schools as well. We've enjoyed hearing about all the exciting Science, Art and PE lessons they have enjoyed and are delighted to see their confidence and enthusiasm ahead of their move in September!

Their English lessons this week have also tied in with their growing and learning focus, studying Jason Reynolds' poem *For Everyone* which is all about never giving up on your dreams. Sharks found the poem incredibly moving and inspirational; we have added a link to a video of Jason Reynolds reading his poem to our class page on the website if you would like to share in our *Inspired Minds and Wisdom*.

Sharks have also been working hard on rehearsals for their upcoming production of "Shakespeare Rocks", fine-tuning stage directions, increasing volume and practising with costume changes and props. They look forward to sharing all their hard work with the school and with families on Monday and Tuesday next week.

### 'Child of the Week'

Well done to the following children who received certificates in Worship today.

Tiddlers	Teddy S
Minnows	April M
Sticklebacks	George W and Saffron M-C
Seahorses	Oscar M and Sanvid G
Stingrays	Macy K and Harriet C-M
Sharks	Aiden C-M and Harvey B



Family Group Points : Unicorn

Whole School Attendance : 94.26%

## Activities Next Week

### Forest School

Please remember that **Seahorses** have their wellbeing morning on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July** so all kit must be brought in first thing after the weekend.

### Clubs

**Forest School Club**, **Sewing Club** and **Gymnastics Club** all have their final session this coming week. **Adam Bradley's Football Club** and **Field Sports Club** are both finished for the term.

### Brass Concert for Year 6 Parents

Parents of the children doing brass are invited in to watch their final session with Mr Probert on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. The concert will start at **9.30am**.

### iRock Concert

Parents of iRock children are invited in for their Summer Concert at **9.30am** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**.

## "Shakespeare Rocks"

We hope that you have all contacted the office about seats for the production on Monday and Tuesday evenings next week. All requests for two seats have been allocated accordingly and we will let you know whether there are any seats available after the weekend.

The school children will be seeing the show during the day on Monday.

Please can we ask that you arrive promptly for the shows so that there is no disruption with late arrivals. Thank you.

## Congratulations

We have just been advised that **Daniel D** has received *Distinction* in his first piano examination recently. Well done Daniel!

All school reports went home today so please do check your child's bag. Absent children will be given theirs as soon as they are back at school.

I hope that you enjoy a sunny weekend.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**  
Headteacher



*Mondays*  
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*Tuesdays*  
*Wednesdays*  
*Thursdays*

MfSF Music Lessons  
Forest School Club – Years 1 to 3  
Year 6 Brass  
Sewing Club – Years 4 to 6  
Gymnastics Club – Years 1 to 4

<i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Seahorses Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'
<i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Upper School "Shakespeare Rocks" 6.00pm
<i>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Upper School "Shakespeare Rocks" 6.00pm
<i>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Minnows, Sticklebacks & Seahorses Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
<i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</i>	iRock Summer Concert 9.30am
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Leavers' Trip to Hill End
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Sharks Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'
<i>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque Party
<i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Leavers' Service and Presentation 10.00am
<i>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<b>Last Day of School</b>
<i>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<b>Start of Summer Holidays!</b>
<i>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<b>Start of Term and new Academic Year</b>