

**"Growing and Learning Together with God."**

*Autumn Term 1 Value : "Respect and Compassion"*



# Newsletter 2 Autumn Term

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### Message from the Head

It has been a beautiful sunny week in school and the children have all worked hard, despite the hot conditions.

I have been particularly pleased with our new Minnows and Tiddlers who have settled really well and are growing in confidence daily. Also, our Stingrays class have been excellent in their morning routine by coming in and being straight on task. Well done!

My thanks go to parents and carers for following our advice and adhering to the new Government rules of not congregating in groups of more than six, and for the majority of you wearing face masks. It is really good to see our safety procedures speeding up so that we can engage fully in our learning time.

It was very enjoyable for staff to meet up with you via Teams at our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. It is hoped that these have helped to keep parents fully on board with routines and class expectations. Individual online parent/teacher meetings will take place later in October. Please do remember that if you have any questions for your child's teacher you may contact the office or send something in via the homelearning email.

I also met the Chair of Governors this week to discuss and plan how the school moves forward in these difficult times.

## Class News



In the Early Years classroom the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have been busy creating a story map for our key story "What the Ladybird Heard" and using this to retell the story; they really enjoy joining in with the animal noises!

They have also been helping Miss Fricker to dig out the vegetable patch in our outdoor area.



*Sticklebacks* have been looking closely at the pictures in our text "Fairy Tales for Mr Barker" to look for clues which tell the reader where the story is set.

This week the *Seahorses* have been developing their running techniques in their PE lessons. In the classroom they have been writing letters to 'Auntie Sue' from the class novel "Diary of a Killer Cat".



The children in *Stingrays* have investigated the different planets in our Solar System and have discovered some amazing facts about each of them.

Mrs Montgomery has been so impressed by the *Sharks'* positive attitudes as they have completed their assessments this week. Everyone has shown great confidence, self-belief and endurance; there have been some notable personal successes celebrated with humility as well! In between their tests, they have been playing some games to help them practise their Maths skills, for example playing 'Elevens' using multiplication facts, 'Pel-math-ism' to remember Roman Numeral symbols and 'Tug Harder' to count into negative numbers.

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## "Child of the Week"

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Amber B
<i>Minnows</i>	Olivia W
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Lucas P and Rhys V
<i>Seahorses</i>	Zoe W and Harriet C-M
<i>Stingrays</i>	Aiden C-M and Louie S
<i>Sharks</i>	Connor H-C and Adam K



Family Groups Winner : Unicorn

Weekly Attendance : Seahorses

## Moving Forward

We are very pleased that our iRock music lessons have started and we look forward to brass lessons with the Stingrays class next week.

Music lessons with the Music for Schools Foundation and The Musical Box also commence next week, bringing back a bit more normality to the children's lives.

We are also finalising with Premier for two after school sports clubs to start with us in October; more information will be following shortly.

In the next couple of weeks you will be receiving notification of your child's flu vaccination which takes place in school on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. All the vaccinations are in the form of a nasal spray and you will be asked to go online to advise NHS whether you do not want your child to take part.

It just remains for me to wish you a warm and enjoyable weekend.

**Jon Hart**  
Headteacher



## Dates for Your Diary

***Mon 5<sup>th</sup> October***

***Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October***

***Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October***

***Wed 4<sup>th</sup> November***

**Individual School Photos**

**Harvest Week in School**

**World Mental Health Day**

**Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations**