"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service





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Newsletter 11 Summer Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

As this academic year draws to a close I would like to thank children, parents, carers, staff and Governors for making our village school such a very special place. I hope that the lovely weather continues and the summer is a family time to enjoy and make memories.

The year has seen the return to normality after the pandemic and it has been lovely to see and hear the interaction and learning taking place in such diverse forms.

We have had our Ofsted inspection with many positives and challenges to take forward into next year. We have already made secure inroads into many of the points for improvement and I shall be working during the summer holiday so that we are up and running in September.

We have also benefitted from a very positive SIAMS inspection looking at our vision and ethos. This was a thoroughly positive experience, reinforcing the evidence of the values that we all hold so dear.

We have enjoyed linking with other schools for sports, staff training and pedagogy support and enjoyed entertaining members of our community at various events.

Our children have produced some wonderful plays and drama and an ever-increasing number of children bring their musical talents to our school community.

We have much to do in the coming academic year and I feel privileged to lead an amazing staff team to develop an education that will help our young people become well rounded, happy and fulfilled adults.

As always, this time of the year sees our Year 6 pupils moving on to secondary school. They have been a very integral part of Fritwell Primary School and we wish them every joy and happiness in the future.

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows have had a very exciting week at school. The Minnows had a wonderful time on their school trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park. They saw lots of different animals, learned about some minibeasts like spiders and cockroaches and enjoyed a fun ride on the train around the zoo. The Tiddlers got to take part in a sensory morning based on the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'; they had to squish some thick, oozy mud, walk through long wavy grass, and paddle their way through a tray of water. They had a great time!

The Tiddlers and Minnows have also been learning more about real life superheroes. This week they have looked closely at police officers and fire fighters. They have also started to think about how they can be superheroes in school by being kind, helping others and keeping their classroom safe.

Finally, the children enjoyed their last Forest School lesson of the year by making their own bubble wands out of sticks and pipe cleaners; they had a lot of fun trying

to fill our Forest School area with bubbles!







Sticklebacks
Fun and games at Cotswold Wildlife Park!













Seahorses

It's been an incredible week in Seahorses!

The children have looked at rhyming in their book 'Ready Steady Mo' and have been able to create their own picture books in the same style, ready to share with the Minnows and Tiddlers on Monday.

The trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park really helped to develop their *Inspired Minds* and they have really enjoyed writing letters to the wildlife park and creating fact files about animals from the trip.







It's been Seahorses' final swimming session this week; the children have achieved many *Personal Successes* in their swimming lessons and have enjoyed them so much. As a treat for their hard work they were able to dive to collect sinkers from the bottom of the pool and play some fun games.

Stingrays

Stingrays started the week by displaying great 'Confidence and Self Belief' as they shared their performance with you.

They also enjoyed learning about co-ordinates in an active maths session out on the field, challenging themselves to predict which numbers they would need to roll to make 'three in a row'.







Class Activities (continued)

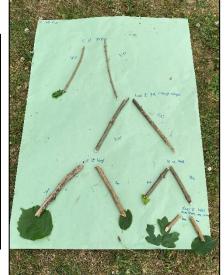
Stingrays

Science was also an outdoor lesson this week, as they used the Forest School to help them make branching

databases to help classify different insects and leaves.







They have also continued to write news reports about a disaster and are looking forward to recording them next week.

The class completed its Geography topic this term by looking at extreme flooding and, in particular, the flooding of Boscastle in 2004. The children were able to highlight the human and environmental impact of flooding on areas and considered how they would respond in a crisis like this.

Stingrays showed great maturity in their Puberty session and had a frank, open discussion about their changing bodies. We would like to thank the parents for their support and for encouraging their children to respond in such a positive manner.

Sharks

What a busy final week of school in Sharks Class! We were so proud of the **Personal Success** shown by all of Sharks during our performances of Shakespeare Rocks at the start of the week, as well as the **Confidence**, **Self-belief and Endurance** shown by all our actors for their amazing singing and acting, maintaining their energy despite the heat - especially under some of their wigs!

Sharks have been rewarded for their excellent performance not only with the whole school Hexagon Treat, but also enjoying their Class Marble Treat with an afternoon of games on the field.

Year 6 also had their special leavers trip to Hill End, completing lots of team challenges and exploring the extensive Hill End grounds with some den building and a massive game of Hide and Seek. As Sharks themselves said during their reflection session at the end of the day, they showed all of our school values at various times throughout trip, as they have throughout the entire school year! It was lovely to see all of Year 6 enjoying a final outing together; we are looking forward to our further leavers' celebrations next week before our amazing Year 6s set off on new adventures.

'Child of the Week'

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

Tiddlers Georgia M Minnows Maia T

SticklebacksReid C and Noah OSeahorsesHarry P and Oscar LStingraysWilliam C and Shay DSharksCharlie N and Aaliyah H



Super Sentence Writers:

Minnows Maia T and Izzy P

Sticklebacks No Super Sentence Writers this week

Family Group Points: Unicorn Whole School Attendance: 95.81%

Activities Next Week

Monday 18th July Sharks 'Wellbeing Morning' at Forest School Monday 18th July Year 6 Celebration Evening - 6.00 to 7.30pm

Tuesday 19th July Year 6 Leavers' Service at St Olave's Church – 10.00am *Year 6 Parents Only

Brass

Tuesday morning the Year 6 brass band treated the school and parents to an ensemble of the music they have been learning with Mr Probert throughout the year.



"Shakespeare Rocks"

Stingrays and Sharks put on a thoroughly entertaining show for us on Monday and Tuesday evenings and we were treated to some excellent acting and singing. Thanks must go to the staff in these classes who put a huge amount of time and effort into rehearsing with only a few weeks in which to do it, and to everyone who helped with the stage, costumes, and sound.

The children who took part are to be congratulated for their performances!







Year 6 Trip to Hill End



Hill End (continued)















Weather Warning

You will all be aware of the extreme heat conditions predicted for Monday and Tuesday next week; please make sure that your children wear the summer uniform and bring water bottles, hats/caps, and sunscreen into school. Should we receive further information from OCC about any dangers related to schools you will receive an email immediately. At this stage we remain open and hope to be able to enjoy the last two days of the school year.

On that note, enjoy the weekend and take care in the sun!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart *Headteacher*



Monday 18th July Monday 18th July Tuesday 19th July Tuesday 19th July Wednesday 20th July

Wednesday 7th September

Sharks Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning'
Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque Party – 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Year 6 Leavers' Service and Presentation - 10.00am – St Olave's
Last Day of School
Start of Summer Holidays!

Start of Term and new Academic Year