

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

*Autumn Term 1 Value : Respect and Compassion*



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# **Newsletter 2 Autumn Term**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### **Message from Mr Hart**

It has been a wonderful week in school and so satisfying to see our children settle into their new routines and engage in their learning. I have been particularly pleased with our new Minnows and Tiddlers who have settled really well and are growing in confidence daily.

It was very enjoyable for staff to meet up with you via Teams at our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings not long ago. It is hoped that these have helped to keep parents and carers fully on board with routines and class expectations. Individual online parent/teacher meetings will take place later in November. 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@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk) email with your child's name and class in the subject line.

### *Attendance*

As we mentioned in our last newsletter we are very happy to have all the children back in school without too many restrictions. A number of children have been off sick this week with various ailments; please remember that if you notice any signs that may lead you to believe your child may have Covid, or are concerned about any illness, please immediately seek a PCR test. It is important that this is not a lateral flow test as these are not valid to be used on children aged 11 and under. Please also note that, whilst self-isolation is no longer required if you are double vaccinated or under 18, everyone in the household is expected to take a PCR test as well. As a school we would appreciate knowing this information as soon as possible.

### *Charity Donation*

Mention must be made of Matilda and Poppy D who have had their long hair cut and donated to the Little Princess Trust, a wonderful charity who makes wigs for children who have lost their hair through illness. So far they have raised over £500. Well done girls!

## Class Activities

The *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have been very busy. The focus this week has been learning about emotions; they were introduced to the Mood Monsters who change colours depending on the emotions they are feeling. The Minnows and Tiddlers are very good at recognising some big emotions like happiness, sadness, anger, and worry.

They had a very enjoyable, yet extremely wet, Forest School lesson on Tuesday; Mr Pemble led the children in a tour of the forest school area and then sent the children off to find some treasure. Even in the heavy rain they all did a great job of listening and following the rules.

They have also started their Phonics lessons this week and the Minnows have been learning to read and write the sounds m, a, s, d, and t.



*Sticklebacks* showed lots of resilience during a very rainy Forest School session this week. They have also been thinking about events in their lifetimes and putting them on a timeline and, in Science, made windsocks.

*Seahorses* have been reading their new book 'Stone Age Bone Age' and using their inference skills to deduce what characters are thinking and predict what they might say. They have also been learning how to safely do forward rolls in PE and extending their understanding of place value in Maths. In topic they were looking at artefacts from the stone age and asking questions about the objects.

*Stingrays* have continued to use the picture book 'The River' to help them write sentences starting with fronted adverbials. They are also using it as inspiration for their own adventure stories, which they have begun planning and will be writing next week.

It was great to see all the children enjoying their first hockey session this week, with some excellent dribbling skills on display, as well as showing a healthy competitiveness in their hockey version of 'Treasure Chest'. In French they have revisited days of the week and months of the year as well as learn the way in which to ask the age of people.

They really enjoyed creating maps of Kensuke's Kingdom, their class novel, and focussing on Michael Morpurgo's choice of descriptive vocabulary.

The Sharks children also found out that they were having a visit from Harold next week in their PSHE session - such great excitement to see him again!

This week *Sharks* have started writing their own Just So Stories in the style of Rudyard Kipling, coming up with whacky explanations for the unique features of different animals. This is quite a contrast to their work in Science, where they investigated how birds' different beak shapes evolved depending on their food source with explanations based on 'survival of the fittest.'



Sharks have also done some great Maths this week, not only working hard to use number-line 'mountains' to understand how to round large numbers, but also in Computing when they used the results of their multiplication investigation to program interesting patterns using Scratch.

Year 6 have had an exciting week; it was their first brass lesson with Mr Probert, where they found out about the different types of instruments they will be learning, and they also began Play Leaders training with the Activators. They look forward to sharing this learning with the rest of the school soon!

## 'Child of the Week'

EYFS	Penny C and Ada W-J
Sticklebacks	Sam C and Grace M
Seahorses	Hayden C and George M
Stingrays	Matilda D and Elexa S
Sharks	Emilia G and James B



Super Sentence Writers : Max M and Noah O

Family Group Winner : Unicorn

Whole School Attendance : 94.26%

## 'Helping Hands' Competition

Well done to those children who entered my 'Helping Hands' competition over the Summer holidays. We had some delightful entries and it was good to see our pupils helping the community. The winners are as follows :

EYFS	Amber B
Key Stage 1	Sam C
Lower Key Stage 2	William C
Upper Key Stage 2	Ella M

Prizes will be given out in Monday's Worship.

## MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** is Macmillan's main fundraising event for people facing cancer. We are supporting it at school with a 'coffee and cake afternoon' at **2.45pm** next Friday. *We would be very grateful if you could bring in a cake/cakes/biscuits/treats in the morning of that day to help us raise money for this important cause. Please use a paper plate, or a named box/plate to be returned, and attach a list of ingredients in your offering.*

We thank you all in advance for your support.



## Church at Fritwell School

As St Olave's in the village is unsuitable for church services for the foreseeable future, Fritwell has offered the ministry team our school hall to use on Sunday mornings. Please feel free to attend services at the school on the second and third Sundays of each month. We welcome the wider Fritwell community into our premises.

## Coral Tiles Display

Please don't forget that the clay tiles exhibition is still open and is well worth a view. Our children are extremely creative!



I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*

## Upcoming events

*Every Tuesday*

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*Every Tuesday Afternoon*

*Every Thursday Afternoon*

*Every Friday (from 24<sup>th</sup> September)*

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October*

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

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

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

MultiSkills Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

FoFS Autumn Trail

Year 5 and 6 Kilvrough Residential

Half Term

Inset Day - **NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**

Pupils back in school

Travelling Book Fair

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)