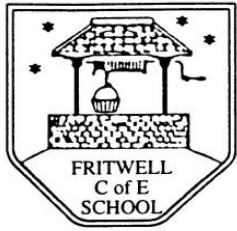


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Newsletter 9 Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you all had a lovely half term and the children are recharged for a busy period ahead. It has been an active first week with the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* learning about instructions, electricity, and number order. The children in *Sticklebacks* have been making beautiful poppies, baking their own bread (thank you Emma and Gail!), and writing recipes for peace. The *Seahorses* have been learning new songs with Makaton signing with their Bardwell friends. The *Stingrays* class has looked at what it was like to be a soldier in the war, and has done some multiplication using the grid method, and the *Sharks* have been inspired by the Pythagorus Theorem this week.

Staff Update

Congratulations are in order for Mandy King, who has secured a full time position at a primary school not far from her home and will reduce her commute time considerably. We will be extremely sorry to see her go as we have valued her input tremendously in the Early Years classroom and to the overall ethos of our school. We will be actively recruiting for her replacement.



Visit from Chris Hilliard

It was good to have the Deputy Director of Education for Oxfordshire visit and take a tour of our school on Tuesday. He was able to discuss Oxfordshire's priorities regarding schooling, and enjoyed spending time in each of the classes, commenting on the lovely atmosphere around school.



Homework

As a staff we have spent some time reviewing the homework we send home and have decided to change our approach. Each term your child will receive a homework project grid containing a variety of cross-curricular activities, which they will have the whole term to complete. At the end of the term they will bring in the completed work which will be shared and celebrated with their own and other classes in school. Parents will have an opportunity to see the finished work during 'Love our Learning' mornings. In addition to this there is still the expectation that children will read and practise their weekly spellings and times tables daily.

"Child of the Week"

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week :

<i>Minnows</i>	No certificates this week
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Connie L and Frances C
<i>Seahorses</i>	Harriet C-M and Mya G
<i>Stingrays</i>	Daisy K and Maddison R
<i>Sharks</i>	Logan W



Activities Next Week

<i>Sunday 10th November</i>	Fireworks Night
<i>Monday 11th to Friday 15th November</i>	Anti-Bullying Week
<i>Tuesday 12th November</i>	Odd Sock Day
<i>Wednesday 13th November</i>	Inter Schools Cross Country
<i>Friday 15th November</i>	Children in Need – bright/spotty clothes and £1

Anti-Bullying Week 2019 : Change Starts With Us

Anti-Bullying Week is supported by schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme *Change Starts With Us* and will take place from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November 2019. During the week the children in school will be finding out about different types of bullying and learning how we all have a collective responsibility to make a change.



On Tuesday 12th November the children are invited to come into school wearing **odd socks**, to demonstrate how we are all different and unique. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page to see the activities the children will be completing throughout the week.

If you would like any more information about Anti-Bullying Week and the ways in which you can support this initiative then please visit www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk . You will be able to access a parents' page and find further details on types of bullying and how you can support your child.



Children in Need

After meeting with the PLT this morning we have decided that for Children in Need next week everyone is invited to wear **brightly coloured or spotty clothes** on Friday 15th November and bring in a £1 donation. During the day each class

will take part in a 5-minute workout challenge, which is run by the Children in Need schools' ambassador, Joe Wicks, and can be viewed on the Children in Need website.



Rags to Riches for Schools

Next week we will be receiving our Rags 2 Riches bags so please do continue putting aside your unwanted clothes and items for the needy. If you do have any queries about what can be brought in please do ask or email the office.

We look forward to seeing you all at the fireworks on Sunday – don't forget that tickets will be sold at the gate but do come early!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Sun 10th Nov	FoFS Fireworks Display
Mon 11th – Fri 15th	Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 12th Nov	Odd Sock Day
Wed 13th Nov	Interschool Cross Country
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need (bright clothes and £1)
Thurs 21st Nov	Year 1's Visit to Fewcott House
Thurs 21st Nov	Year 6 Girls Football Match (home)
Fri 22nd Nov	Non-Uniform Day for Secret Present Room
Wed 27th Nov	Reception and Years 1 – 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Sat 30th Nov	FoFS Christmas Craft Fayre
Tues 3rd Dec	Rags to Riches Collection
Wed 4th & Thurs 5th Dec	Life Education Bus
Wed 4th Dec	Christmas Disco
Fri 6th Dec	FoFS Secret Present Room
Tues 10th Dec	KS1 Nativity Play
Wed 11th Dec	KS1 Nativity Play
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Tea Party
Fri 13th Dec	iRock Assembly 2.45pm
Wed 18th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Carol Service 10am