

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

*Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service*

# Newsletter 11 Summer Term

## Fritwell Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Message from the Head

As we approach the end of the school year it is that exciting time when the children look forward to moving up to their next year group.

Staff always give a good deal of thought to the composition of these groups and we are extremely lucky to have a consistent staff team going forward into the academic year 2021/2022.

The breakdown of the classes in September 2021 will be as follows :

<i>Class</i>	<i>Year Groups</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Teaching Assistant(s)</i>
<b>Tiddlers/Minnows</b>	Nursery/Reception	Miss Sarah Williams	Miss Diane Fricker Mrs Lisa Mooney
<b>Sticklebacks</b>	1	Mrs Jo Ejiogu	Mrs Maria Clayton
<b>Seahorses</b>	2/3	Mr Charlie Harris	Mrs Claire Radley
<b>Stingrays</b>	4/5	Mrs Kathryn Churchill Mrs Caroline Blake	Mrs Stacey Palmer Mrs E Lyons Miss K O'Callaghan
<b>Sharks</b>	5/6	Mrs Helen Montgomery	Mrs Kim Weaver

As per last year, our Year 5 pupils will be split between the two top class groups. These groups will work very closely together. To be as fair and equitable as possible we place the pupils in each class by age and by any specific needs. In addition, because of this split, ancillary support will be provided to ensure that every child has maximum opportunities and that no-one is disadvantaged from the group formation.

New measures will be in place for September when we hope to simplify systems and welcome parents and visitors back into school.

### Message from Mr Hart (continued)

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July we shall be having a 'Move up' day during which children will be meeting staff from their new classroom. On that day each child will then take home a letter from his/her 'new' teacher. I know that all staff are looking forward to meeting their new class and preparing a full and positive year ahead.

Despite the latest easing of Government regulations we will be retaining our procedures until the end of the term and we thank parents for their support in this.

Next Friday your child's school report will be taken home. Any child living between two different households will take home two reports, addressed to mother and father respectively. You will then need to make sure that one is given to the other parent.

### Class Activities

The *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have had a brilliant week at school. Their week began with the Minnows completing their PE enrichment; they did a fantastic job practising their throwing and jumping skills. They really worked hard on their long jump. They have also been learning about sea pollution as part of their Under the Sea Topic. After reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and watching some Blue Planet video clips, the children understood the danger of sea pollution and were able to discuss various ways we can keep our oceans clean and safe for the sea creatures. The Minnows were then able to create some amazing posters which remind people to put their rubbish in the bin and to look after sea animals. In Maths, the Minnows have been recapping their 3D shapes and the Tiddlers have continued their work on recognising and counting numbers to 10.



This week *Sticklebacks* enjoyed creating natural pieces of art work, inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. In English, they have been writing stories based on 'One Tiny Turtle' and have been working hard to remember to use capital letters and full stops.

They have started their final RE unit where they will be finding out all about the Hajj to Makkah.

## Class Activities (continued)

**Seahorses** have been evaluating the quesadillas they made last week, as well as developing their athletic skills. They have also been looking at the grasslands biome by exploring different areas of Kenya. Thanks to the donated money from FOFS they have started their 'secret garden experience; they are loving hearing the story being read to them and have enjoyed making Robins out of paper.



Using a photo of an athlete and their memories of Sports' Day **Stingrays** produced some excellent writing entitled 'Out of the Blocks'. They all worked really hard to choose powerful vocabulary to convey the emotions of the athlete at different stages of the race. Fractions has been their focus in Maths, which has meant that they have had to show real resilience to improve their skills and knowledge. In Science and PHSE they continue to look at reproduction in both humans and animals. Please check out the class page for some helpful videos. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Summer homework. We will be sharing these in class next week, so if you haven't managed to send in their work there is still time.

**Sharks** have enjoyed getting in touch with nature this week! Tuesday was their first Forest School session, where they loved playing Lions, Eagles and Snakes and then creating natural pictures in the outdoor area. This work with Mr Pemble then inspired their approach towards our whole school Andy Goldsworthy natural art project, where all of the groups showed great Community, Citizenship and Service working within their teams.

In Maths, Sharks have been practising telling the time, reading timetables and converting between different units of time. They have also learnt how to calculate the mean, and used this skill to compare statistics about the English and Italian football squads ahead of Sunday's final: Italy's squad may be slightly older and more experienced, but we were reassured to see that England's forwards had a much higher goal-scoring average!

## Child of the Week

Well done to the following children for working extra hard this week :

*Tiddlers*

Pippa C

*Minnows*

Samuel C

*Sticklebacks*

Olivia K-M and Madeleine F-R

*Seahorses*

Sam O'G and Jack M

*Stingrays*

James H and Charlie S

*Sharks*

Ella M and Xavi N



*Super Sentence Heroes in Minnows*

Grace M and Noah O

*Super Sentence Heroes in Sticklebacks*

Oscar R and Hayden C

*Family Group Points Winner*

Unicorn

*Overall Attendance*

96.95%

## Sharks at Forest School



## FoFS Reminder



## Important Reminders

### *Raincoats*

The weather is still very unsettled at the moment so please do remember to send your child in to school with a waterproof jacket or raincoat. The children do still go outside for fresh air if it is drizzly but this makes it difficult for teachers if pupils do not have anything to put on over their uniform.



### *Toys and Trinkets in School*

We have reiterated before that NO toys or personal items from home are to be brought into school in school bags. Apart from the fact that it is against school policy to do so, these cause distractions and disagreements over pupils' belongings, which causes problems in the classroom. There is also a risk of items being lost or broken. Any articles found in a child's bag will be confiscated and returned at the end of term.

### *Early Years Parents!*

Please remember that, if your child has had an accident at school and is sent home in a spare pair of school pants, these are to be washed and returned or replaced as soon as possible.



Last week we mentioned a past pupil of Fritwell achieving success in his secondary school; this week we congratulate another 'old' girl, Naomi Ejiogu, who has won the award for the Top Performer at The Bicester School's Sports Day out of all the Year 8 girls. Go Fritwell!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*

## •upcoming• events

<i>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> July</i>	FoFS BBQ at Fritwell Food Festival
<i>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Sharks Forest School
<i>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Class Meet-the-Teacher Day <i>(taking place outdoors)</i>
<i>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July</i>	FoFS Ice Lolly Sale after school
<i>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 Outing
<i>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July</i>	School Reports out
<i>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	Year 6 BBQ and Celebration <i>(no parents)</i>
<i>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July <u>10.00am</u></i>	Leavers' Service & Prize-giving at Methodist Church <i>(parents may attend)</i>
<i>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July</i>	End of School Year
<i>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>	Start of new academic year