

*"Growing and Learning Together with God."*

*Autumn Term 2 Value : Personal Success with Humility*



# Newsletter 13 Autumn Term

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### Message from the Head

It has been a busy week with the children completing assessments and preparing a special Christmas Service recording to share with families next week via electronic link. Once again there has been a feel of festive spirit as classes have taken part in the advent experience, secret present room and virtual panto.

I met with the Governors on Tuesday evening to discuss our school and the plans for the rest of the academic year. There will also be a special Christmas message from them coming to you via electronic link next week.

You may have seen communication in the media about schools closing early this term; we will remain open on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** and will end at the normal time so that we do not cause any disruption to parents.

Please do note that, as per Government guidelines, if any child attending the school is diagnosed with a positive case of Covid 19 in the first week of the holidays you are to email the office to advise them accordingly.

## Class News



### *Tiddlers and Minnows*

The Tiddlers and Minnows have been very busy learning their song for their Christmas message; they have all shown such amazing confidence in all their practices and have enjoyed all the singing. They have also been learning about the Nativity story in RE and discussing the importance of Christmas.

There are no Super Sentence writers this week as all the children have been occupied with their music!



### *Sticklebacks*

This week the Sticklebacks have enjoyed learning their Christmas song, which you will get to see as part of the whole school recorded Christmas service.

They have also been doing some really deep thinking about the Christmas story and which people knew that Jesus was God come to earth. They have learnt a new word 'incarnation'. The Super Sentence writers are [Olivia K-M](#) and [Lily Rose-S](#).



### *Seahorses*

Seahorses have been exploring the meaning of advent this week, and how they can get their hearts ready for Christmas. They have also been revising column addition and subtraction as well as beginning to investigate Kenya, a very interesting country in Africa.

### *Stingrays*

Christmas preparations have continued in Stingrays this week as they have been creating fact files for the different characters in the Christmas story on the laptops! They have been learning how to create hyperlinks, import pictures and create text boxes to format a very professional layout. In addition, they have been singing carols and even learnt a Christmas song on their brass instruments. They have finished their work on Space by sharing a worship with the rest of school using the personal success of Tim Peake to think about our school value "Personal Success with Humility".



### *Sharks*

On Monday, Sharks had an interesting morning with virtual IMPS lessons, learning about basic safety and first aid; the IMPS trainers were very impressed with our sensible ideas! On Thursday they thoroughly enjoyed their in-class Christmas Experience with opportunities to reflect on the different elements of the Christmas story. Sharks have also shown great Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance during their assessments this week - well done to everyone for their positive attitudes and the progress they have made in their learning this term!



## Child of the Week

<i>Tiddlers</i>	No certificates to give out
<i>Minnows</i>	Elizabeth C and Noah O
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Hayden C and Harry P
<i>Seahorses</i>	Layla-Jade M and Sam O'G
<i>Stingrays</i>	Adam Z and Evelyn B
<i>Sharks</i>	Melissa B and Johnny H



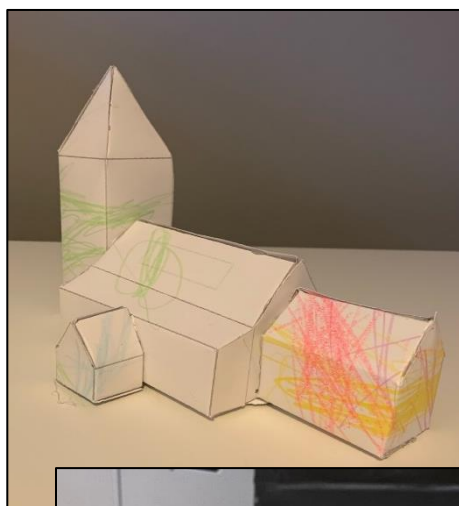
Family Groups Winner : **Griffin**      Weekly Attendance : **Minnows, Sticklebacks & Seahorses!**  
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## St Olave's Colouring and Modelling Competition

Thank you to all those children who entered the church competition. We are very pleased to announce the following prize winners :

EYFS	<i>Connor D</i>
KS1	<i>Hayden C</i>
Lower KS2	<i>Elexa S and Layla-Jade M (combined effort)</i>
Upper KS2	<i>Audrey L</i>

*Well done everyone!*



## Katharine House Hospice Fun Run

The Katharine House relay takes place on Tuesday (the 15<sup>th</sup>) – please all make sure that PE kits are in school that day. **All £1 entries (plus any sponsorship forms and money) are to be brought into school and handed to the teachers by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

*On behalf of Katharine House Hospice, thank you for your support!*



## Secret Present Room

The final one - TIDDLERS and MINNOWS on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December!** Please send in your child with up to £4 and a carrier bag for the goodies.



## Fritwell Book Swap Shed

*You may have seen that Fritwell now has a 'book swap shed' outside the village hall. This is available to everyone to use, either to borrow a book - returning it when you are done - or to take a book and leave another in its place. The 'shed' is now full and there is a wide array of fiction for adults and children as well as cook books and some DVDs. Hopefully this will make access to books easy for everyone in the village, especially whilst getting to the library can be difficult as lockdown rules change.*



## Reminders

### **Face Masks**

These are a now legal requirement for children over the age of 11 years travelling to and from school on the bus. Most of our children already wear a face mask on the bus but please do remind your older children of these rules.

### **Behaviour**

We have noticed some unruly behaviour outside the school gates in the mornings and it is clear that not all children are adhering to the rules of lining up. Please do make sure that your children do not run all over the grass; if you are not able to be present with them please remind them of this.

It has also been brought to our attention that children have been seen misbehaving in the staff car park, running around and even throwing things. This is not acceptable behaviour and we ask that, like the older classes, children remain in line with parents as they wait to go inside. Thank you for your support.

I hope that you all have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you for our final week of term!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart  
Headteacher



### **Dates for your Diary**

*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December*

*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December*

*Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January*

Tiddlers & Minnows Secret Present Room

Katherine House Hospice School Relay

School Christmas Dinner & Parties – *non uniform!*

3.15pm School closes for Christmas Holidays

School opens for Spring Term

NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe week