



"Growing and Learning Together with God"
Autumn Term 2 Value : Personal Success with Humility



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

What a wonderful week it has been in school with the return of some of our regular autumnal events; fireworks, cross country event and our Remembrance service, bringing together our school community.

Firstly, a huge thank you must go to our FoFS committee for organising such a fabulous fireworks display on Sunday. It was great to see the wider community in the school grounds and the buzz of excitement during the spectacular display.

Yesterday we paid tribute to the fallen during our Remembrance service and observed the 2 minutes silence. I was immensely proud of all our children and the wonderful prayers they had written for our poppy display on the front fence. Please take the time to take a look on your way in and out of school.

We were delighted to have our Maths Governor, Rob Cornish, in school on Wednesday to see our approach to maths, as we look to further enhance our provision for our wonderful school.

Today I met with the newly elected Primary Leadership Team (PLT) to discuss next week's Children in Need event and to start thinking about longer term projects to improve our school further.



Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have been learning about the Creation Story in RE. They know that Christians believe that God created the world and everything in it. They know that it is our responsibility to take care of the world and have worked hard this week to make choices that help care for the world, such as picking up litter from our school field and using more recycled products.

They have also started their Topic learning on Robots by reading the story 'Harry and the Robots' and exploring the different types of robots in everyday life. The children watched a video of an Amazon Warehouse that uses robots to help move products across the floor and looked at pictures of different robotic toys; they were very excited to watch a video of a Furby!

Sticklebacks

This week the children in Sticklebacks have been thinking about remembrance. They made poppies and wrote a peace prayer on the back of them. In Maths they have been learning about number bonds up to 10 and playing lots of games to practise them.

In English they have written a diary and a letter linked to their polar bear story, 'You're Snug With Me'.

Seahorses

The Seahorses have had a busy week, doing art in the style of Monet and starting to explore push and pull forces in science. In English they have written descriptions about a lake as well as developing their understanding of compound sentences.



Stingrays

Stingrays started the week by completing their remembrance poems, which are now displayed on the fence by the school entrance. In Geography they had to work together to match the definitions of the words that describe the journey of a river.



They also reminded themselves of how to give clear instructions for a task in Computing - next week they will use the laptops so let's hope Mrs Churchill's technological skills are up to the challenge!

Class Activities (continued)

Sharks

In Maths this week, Sharks have been enthusiastically applying their knowledge of factors and multiples to identify prime and square numbers: there have been lots of *inspired minds* with some excellent pattern spotting! In English they have been reading *Moth*, an Evolution Story and developing reading skills to quickly locate and understand technical vocabulary in non-fiction texts and exploring different ways to organise notes taken from their reading. Sharks have also finished their RE unit 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving' by thinking about how Christians believe these characteristics affect God's interactions with humans and developing their own guidelines to living a good life.

While some children were out at cross country, the rest of the Sharks and Stingrays has a special drama lesson using still images and counter balances set to a soundtrack of gunfire and shelling to help them think about the experience of soldiers waiting in the trenches and then 'going over the top' to fight during WW1.



'Child of the Week'

EYFS

Sticklebacks

Seahorses

Stingrays

Sharks

Emilie P and Max M

Noah O and Aria R-B

Sanvid G and Connie L

Darcy M and Daniel D

Sebastian W and Aaliyah H

Super Sentence Writers :

Elizabeth C and Elih N-B

Family Group Points :

Pegasus

Whole School Attendance : 96.04%



Remembrance Day and Poppies



At 11.00am on Thursday morning the whole school stood on the playground for The Last Post and a 2-minute silence to remember all those who served in the wars. It was very moving to watch everyone, even the littlest Tiddler, keeping still while we acknowledged this important day. I hope that those of you who have been to the school have enjoyed looking at the beautiful poppies and prayers on the fence leading up to the main gate.

FoFS and Fireworks!

FoFS would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Bonfire Night, including all their volunteers who worked so hard to make it happen.

Their final profit figure for the event was **£2,077.91** - amazing!

They will be selling Christmas Trees with HTCS again this year; Patrick is a parent at the school and will donate £10 from every tree sold to FOFS.

Please look out for order forms with details coming out soon.



Cross Country



Thirty-one of our children attended The Bicester School's interschool cross country event on Wednesday afternoon. Our team performed extremely well and we were proud to see Fritwell back on the sporting field and keeping up the standards of our school.

Well done to all those who ran – and a special mention must go to Harry T who came first out of all the Year 5/6 boys in the event!

Anti-Bullying and Odd Socks

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is taking place from **Monday 15th to Friday 19th November** this year and it has the theme 'One Kind Word'.



Throughout next week the children will be doing various activities and discussing ways to help one another with affection rather than unkind words.

If you would like to read more about bullying and see what information parents and carers should know please feel free to go on the following link :

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers>

Children in Need



The Children in Need appeal takes place next **Friday 19th November**. This will be a *non-uniform day* for the children and bright colours and spots should be worn to school.

A donation of £1 per child would be appreciated; please click on the following link which will take you directly to the Children in Need Donations page :

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5081>

Thank you all for your generosity towards this and other causes we have recently been asked to support.

Road Safety Week

Road accidents are the leading cause of death for children and young people worldwide. Throughout next week the children will be learning about road safety in the classrooms, through discussions and fun activities, as well as celebrating any road safety heroes in our community. Everyone who helps make journeys safer and healthier, or helps care for someone after a crash, is a road safety hero; we can all be road safety heroes too by using roads safely to protect ourselves and other people.

Please see the attached poster with further information for parents and carers.

School Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Teaching Assistant in the Early Years classroom to start in January 2022. This will be a permanent contract for 14 hours per week, made up of five afternoons and one morning. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in this position please visit our website where you will find all the details plus an application form under 'About Us' and 'Vacancies'.

http://www.fritwellprimaryschool.co.uk/website/early_years_support_worker_14_hour_permanent_contract/582185

Other News

Finally, we would like to congratulate one of our students – Connie L – who has recently passed her first online piano exam with a Merit! Well done Connie.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher



Every Tuesday

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Every Tuesday Afternoon

Every Thursday Afternoon

Every Friday

Monday 15th November

Monday 15th to Friday 19th November

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Friday 19th November

Wednesday 1st December

Thursday 2nd December

Friday 3rd December

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

Multi Sports Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

Odd Socks Day

Anti-bullying Week

Road Safety Week

Non-uniform Day for Children in Need

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)

Non-uniform Day for Secret Present Room

Wednesday 8th December

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Thursday 9th December

Tuesday 14th December

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

Friday 17th December

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Wednesday 5th January

EYFS Nativity a.m.

Key Stage 1 Nativity (Sticklebacks & Seahorses) p.m.

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'Jack & the Beanstalk' pantomime in school

School Christmas Disco

School Christmas Dinner

End of Term – Christmas holidays!

INSET DAY – no children in school

Start of Spring Term