

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

*Spring Term 1 Value : Inspired Minds and Wisdom*



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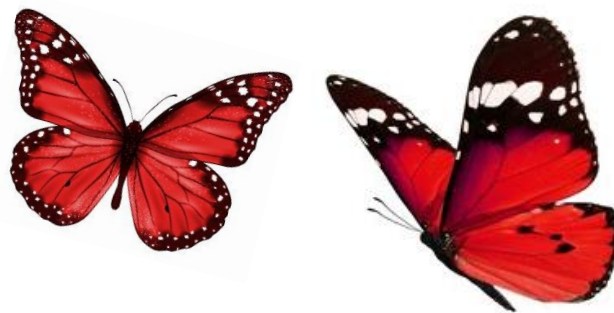
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# **Newsletter 2 Spring Term**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### **Message from Mr Hart**

It has been a super week in school with the children working hard on improving their handwriting and presentation skills within their work.

I met with a group of our Governors this week to discuss and prepare for Ofsted, and also with the Resources Committee to inspect the budget. My thanks go to them for their time and dedication to their roles.

Earlier this week I joined the Chairs of the FoFS Committee to discuss future exciting plans and fund-raising events. We are lucky to have their support to ensure we can further supplement our provision. They will communicate more about events in the coming weeks.

Wednesday saw our Primary Leadership Team meet together to discuss some wonderful ideas for the school in the coming months. Our key areas of focus will be :

- friendship group and monitors for breaktimes
- reading clubs
- World Book Day
- Queens Jubilee Celebration

### **Staff Update**

On Monday we held interviews for the part-time Early Years Support Worker position and we are very pleased to welcome **Michelle Kimber** to the staff. Congratulations Michelle!

### **Class Sharing Assemblies**

Over the next few months each class will have an opportunity to hold an assembly for you, the parents and carers, to show you what the children have been learning and working on. This will give you an opportunity to see and hear about the class curriculum and the interesting topics your child is studying. The class dates and times are in our calendar so please make a note of these.

## Class Activities



### Tiddlers & Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows have mostly been learning about African animals. They started the week by going on a virtual Safari; they saw zebras, elephants, lions, cheetahs, buffaloes, and many other animals in their natural habitat. After the safari they started finding out facts about some of these animals. The Minnows then used their Phonics skills to write a simple sentence about one of these animals.

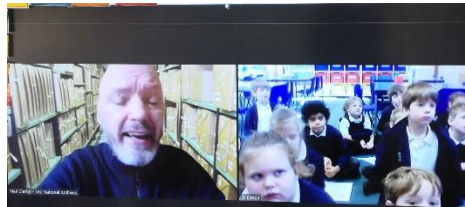


In Maths, the Minnows have been exploring different ways to represent the numbers 6 and 7 and examining the smaller numbers that make up these numbers. The Tiddlers have been singing a range of counting songs and deepening their ability to recall numbers in order.



### Sticklebacks

The Sticklebacks had a great history workshop on Zoom yesterday where the children impersonated historical detectives, looking at maps and city data to find out if what they had learnt had really happened.



### Seahorses

This week Seahorses have been investigating if things are dead, alive, or have never been alive.

They have also explored what the climate is like, and how it changes across the Americas.



### Stingrays

Stingrays have been busy focusing on developing ideas for the adventure stories they will be writing next week. Using a 'conscience alley' activity they explored the feelings of the two characters, Tranio and Livia, in the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. They then had fun using the parachute to help re-enact the eruption of Vesuvius and imagine what it would have been like to be covered in ash and lava. Hopefully they will be able to use these ideas to help create their own escape story.



## Class Activities (continued)

### Stingrays (continued)



In PE they have started to develop their 'tagging' skills by playing a range of games based on 'Stuck in the Mud'.

Their Science lesson this week was rather noisy as they used instruments to create different pitches and volume. They also watched rice vibrating on a drum and found it jumped higher the smaller the drum!



### Sharks

Sharks have been continuing to work with fractions in Maths this week, using their knowledge of equivalent fractions to help them find common denominators so they can add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers. Times tables facts are the key to working confidently with fractions, so all the practice Sharks have been doing with TTRockstars is really helping; keep up the TT rocking at home Sharks!

Sharks' Science lesson almost felt like one of their Forest School sessions this week, as they were applying their understanding of the solubility of different materials to make different types of mud! A solution of brown sugar dissolved in water made a watery puddle, while cocoa powder suspended in water made a muddy puddle and gritty mud was made with a heterogenous mixture of chocolate biscuits and sultanas! As you can see, Sharks have had to be resilient learning a lot of technical vocabulary to describe their concoctions!

### 'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers	Georgia M
Minnows	Max M
Sticklebacks	George W and Noah O
Seahorses	Rose K and Connie L
Stingrays	Harriet C-M and Chloe D
Sharks	Adam K and Louie S



### Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows	Max M and Ellie M
Sticklebacks	Elodie Z and Connor D

Family Group Points : Griffin



Whole School Attendance : 95%



## Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Club

On Wednesday lunchtimes I will be running a football club for boys in Years 5 and 6; there is no need to book as any boys in these year groups will be invited to join in. We have a number of matches scheduled this term and I expect that we will have a very strong team!



## Volunteer Reader

We are still looking for a volunteer reader for one of the classes. It will only take one hour a week; if this is something that you could and would like to do please come in and speak to Julie in the office. You will require a DBS and a couple of references but we can help you with these. Reading is so important and there is just not enough time to hear every child read in each class so we would appreciate any offers.

## Parent/Teacher Evenings

Parent and carer meetings with teachers are coming up in March. We are hoping that, with further lifting of regulations, we can have face-to-face meetings in school so that you are able to speak directly to teachers and also view your child(ren)'s books. These would all be held in the school hall where there is plenty of space. An online poll will be sent to you shortly to see whether virtual or personal meetings would be preferred and we do ask that you respond to this; it will only involve the click of a button. Thank you for your support.

## News from FoFS

You may have seen a form for 100 Club in your child's bookbag. Please support FoFS – the more numbers taken, the more winnings each month!

Do look out for more exciting events coming up.....

I hope that you all enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

Headteacher



*Tuesdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm*

*Wednesdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm*

*Wednesday Lunchtimes*

*Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm*

Football Club (Adam Bradley)

Sewing Circle Club

Boys Football Club

MultiSports Club (Premier)

Years 2 - 6

Years 4 - 6

Years 5 - 6

Years 1 - 3

*HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT FOFS  
100 CLUB?*



*HOW IT WORKS*

*☆ THE DRAW IS DONE AT THE END OF EVERY MONTH  
☆ COSTS YOU £2 PER NUMBER PER MONTH (£24 PER YEAR)  
☆ OPEN TO ALL INCLUDING GRANPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES!*

*ONE LUCKY WINNER EVERY MONTH WINS*

*THE BEST BIT...IT RAISES VALUABLE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL  
TO JOIN OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
FOFS@FRITWELL.OXON.SCH.UK*

Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm

Friday – 1.00pm

Friday – 1.15pm

Girls Football Club

Years 4 - 6

Stingrays – Swimming

Sharks – Forest School

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

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Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

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Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

### **Vision Screening in Reception**

Boys Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – away

*FoFS Valentine's Doughnut Sale after School*

Boys Football Match vs Bure Park - away

Girls Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – home

*FoFS Pancake Sale after School*

Boys Football Match vs Brookside - away

### **SEN Parent/Teacher Evening**

**Sharks** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

### **Parent/Teacher Evening**

### **Parent/Teacher Evening**

Boys Football Match vs Langford Village - home

### **Year 5 Bikeability Training**

### **NCMP Weights & Heights – Reception and Year 6**

Girls Football Match vs Bure Park – away

**Stingrays** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

**Sticklebacks** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

**Seahorses** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

**Tiddlers & Minnows** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm