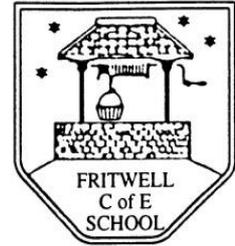


*"Growing and Learning Together with God."*

*Autumn Term 1 Value : "Respect and Compassion"*



# Newsletter 1 Autumn Term

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

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### Message from the Head

It has been a really busy week in school as staff and children work hard to meet the demands of the new school year.

In addition to our normal curriculum work, each year group will be working on their 'catch up' programme which we have devised to address some of the time lost earlier in the year. Some pupils are finding this particularly challenging but I am sure the hard work now will pay off in the future and the children will soon feel very proud of their achievements.

Next week staff will be working on assessing the children's key skills to ensure that we can bridge any gaps in learning. This information is vital to ensure that staff are fully informed to plan the next steps of your child's education.

As I visit the 'bubbles' I am very proud of the way children are adapting and, having worked in Seahorses and Sharks this week, pupils are telling me what is helping their learning. Our pupil voice is extremely important to ensure that they feel safe, happy and challenged. We are delighted to meet with all our new 'little people' in Tiddlers and Minnows.

I have also noticed just how smart our children look on returning to school and I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring that the school uniform policy is upheld.

## Attendance

Attendance at school is of paramount importance at this time and we ask that you do make sure that your child does not miss school needlessly. Unless he/she is showing the classic symptoms of Covid 19 – continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste and smell – we encourage children to be brought in to school. We will only recommend your child stay at home and be tested if Covid symptoms are present. However, our 48-hour exclusion policy for vomiting and/or diarrhoea does still apply.

A new law announced by the Government comes in to effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September about gathering in groups. It is crucial that we preserve the safety of all and therefore we encourage parents and children **not** to gather in in the playground next door to school. During the school day your children are kept apart in their classes but it does not appear that social distancing is maintained afterwards. We would also strongly advise you to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up where the 1+ rule is in operation.

## Thank You to Staff

Our new members of staff have slotted into their classrooms well and are already a great asset to the team.

I am indebted to all our staff for the professional way in which they embrace my vision for school improvement and contribute to its continual development.

## Headteacher's Pebble Challenge



Thank you for all the entries in the Headteacher's pebble challenge. The results are as follows :

**EYFS** Winner - Jude R, Runner up – Naomi S

**KS1** Winner – Isabelle B, Runner up – Olivia K-M

**Lower KS2** Winner – Sebastian L, Runner up – Darcy M

**Upper KS2** Winner – Ella S, Runner up – Ella M



Well done everyone! Prizes are to be given out next Friday.

## Class News

This week the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have started their topic work on Farm and Park and have been learning about the different animals that live on a farm. We are still practising our routines of the day but the children have all settled back in really well.

*Sticklebacks* have been continuing to settle in to the new way of working and keeping each other safe. We have introduced our topic of Famous Faces and we learnt when and where Wangari Maathai and Greta Thunberg were born.

The children in *Seahorses* have been writing non-chronological reports about themselves, and have also been looking at the major cities in the UK.

*Stingrays* have produced some excellent sketches this week based on the work of the astronaut turned artist Alan Bean. They have also used the book 'Sea of Tranquility' to imagine what it would have been like to be a child at the time of the first moon walk.

*Sharks* were surprised to discover that a Marrog from Mars has invaded our classroom this week! The Marrog left us a poem which we read carefully to look for clues about this alien being; we then made 'wanted' posters warning everyone to watch out! This also inspired us to start writing our own poems about alien invaders.

## "Child of the Week"

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

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Pippa C
<i>Minnows</i>	Brody H
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Mason C-M and Avah P
<i>Seahorses</i>	Sam G and Layla-Jade M
<i>Stingrays</i>	Charlie B and Pixie-Li N
<i>Sharks</i>	Luke W and Katie T



Have a wonderful weekend.

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*

## Dates for Your Diary

*Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> September*

*Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> September*

*Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October*

*Fri 9<sup>th</sup> October*

*Wed 4<sup>th</sup> November*

**Teacher/Parent Virtual Meetings**

**Start of iRock Music Lessons**

**Harvest Week in School**

**World Mental Health Day**

**Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations**