"Growing and Learning Together with God."

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from the Head

Staff Update

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mr Tom Moseley in Stingrays, who will be leaving with Sam and Anna at half term to relocate to the Cotswolds. Mr Moseley is a very popular member of staff and he and the children have all been an important part of the Fritwell family. We shall certainly miss them and we wish them everything of the best for the future.

We have therefore held interviews for the Teaching Assistant position, which will be vacant after half term, and are pleased to inform you that Mrs Elizabeth Lyons will be joining the team in the Stingrays classroom.

This week has also been very busy with interviews for a permanent Early Years Foundation Teacher, as our current teacher is on a temporary contract. After a rigorous recruitment process we are very happy to advise that Miss Sarah Williams has been appointed as permanent teacher and will be continuing in our Early Years department in January 2021.

Harvest Week

During the week The Bicester Food Bank received a number of boxes and bags containing all the foodstuffs brought in over the Harvest period. Thank you sincerely for your generosity.

Class News



The *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have been busy this week learning how to grow vegetables. The Minnows wrote some instructions to help others grow vegetables while the Tiddlers discussed all the things plants need when growing. In Maths they have been studying patterns and the children have tried to complete their own AB pattern.

This week the *Sticklebacks* have been using adjectives to describe characters from their text. They have also started an investigation in science, measuring their hands and feet.

The children in *Seahorses* have been developing their inference skills, following Sunny's journey in Meerkat Mail. They have also been using their map reading techniques to orienteer around the school.

During the week the *Stingrays* have written some fantastic paragraphs about the Mars rover called Curiosity, and discussed how it might feel to be a scientist designing such a clever machine.

The *Sharks* have been reading the picture book Beegu, by Alexis Deacon, about an alien whose spaceship crash lands on Earth. Learning about Beegu's adventures inspired them to start writing their own stories about the Marrog, who crash landed in their classroom.









Child of the Week

Tiddlers Seth M
Minnows Connor D

Sticklebacks William A and George M

Seahorses Chloe'Ath (last week), Thomas T and Jack W

Stingrays Morgan R and Mya G
Sharks Aidan E and Lorelei S

Family Groups Winner: **Phoenix** Weekly Attendance: **Stingrays**

Cross Country

The week started with a lot of running and a lot of rain! Well done to all the children who stoically braved the elements for a very enjoyable afternoon of cross country.



Remembrance Day and Poppies





As in previous years we will be holding our own Poppy Day collection and, from next week, will have on sale some small items such as wristbands, rulers, poppies, each between 50p and £1.50. All monies raised will be given to The Royal British Legion. The items have been untouched and I will be taking them around to the classes so that they are not handled by anyone else. If your child would like something please send him/her in with a few coins to support this.

St Olave's Church Fundraising Competition

Look out for details of a competition to make a model of St Olave's Church and colour it with whatever designs you choose!

Prizes will be given for the winning entries at EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 levels.

An order form and full details of how to enter will be sent out via Parentmail next week. Entry only costs £2!

Materials will be sent out from school after half term and entries must be submitted by the closing date of 28th November 2020.

FoFS

You will have received a number of communications from FoFS about various fundraising events happening and coming up in the next month.

Christmas Pictures Designs by the children which will be available to purchase as Christmas cards, gift tags, tea towels and tote bags after half term.

5p Collection Competition between classes to see who can be the quickest to fill their jar with 5p coins.

Fireworks Treat Pack Sale of packs for a "home" fireworks night, which include hot chocolate, marshmallows, and other goodies.

Name the Guy Play the game and see if you're the one to have the winning name!

If you have any queries regarding the FoFS events please speak to one of the FoFS committee members, or ask at the office.

This brings us to the end of another week, with one more to go before half term!

Keep warm this weekend,

Jonathan Hart

Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

Fri 26th OctoberStart of Half TermMon 2nd NovemberBack to School

Wed 4th November Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations

Fri 27th November Non-School Uniform Day for Secret Present Rooms