

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service

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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

This week our School Improvement Partner has been in school working alongside me to verify my judgements about standards in Teaching and Learning. He was very complimentary and confirmed my assessments, which is pleasing and shows that we adhere to the correct national standards. He will give us a full report later and, although delighted with his observations, we will look at the points he makes for our journey of school improvement. I would like to thank my staff for their efforts in this process which, although quite exacting, will undoubtedly lead to an even better school for our children.

Next week is Sports Week with a number of sporting activities on each day. **Please could the children come into school all week in their PE kits, preferably with their house colour T-shirt. They will also need to have full water bottles, sun hats and sun cream.** I hope that our activities during the week will be great fun for us all and I would like to thank parents and carers for their understanding over no visitors on Sports Day.

The children will also be undertaking some assessments through the week so we can ensure that we have clear understanding of all the children's strengths and areas for improvement as we come to the end of this academic year.

Staff have undertaken some intense training on aspects of reading this week and, Covid restrictions permitting, we intend to share these ideas with you in the new academic year. Staff have also been looking at ways to re-engage with our community once restrictions are lifted and we will be asking the children for their input too, which will put our school at the centre of our lovely village once again.

Finally, it was good to go over to the village hall and provide some input in to the future plans the committee has for the space. There is an open day tomorrow, Saturday 26th, between 11am and 5pm if you would like to go along to share your views.

Class Activities

This week the **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have enjoyed 'Shark week'. They started the week by reading 'The Shark in the Dark', the Minnows then had to complete a speech bubble where they pretended to be the shark in the story. Shark week has kept them really busy; they have found out some facts about different types of sharks, they have watched videos of sharks swimming in the ocean, and they have even made their own paper plate sharks. They have also started practising some of their events for Sports Day, which they are really excited about.

This week **Sticklebacks** have been practising their orienteering skills by mapping out the shape of faces. In French they listened to the story of Le Grande Voyage which they really enjoyed. They have been reading 'One Tiny Turtle' in English and collected some nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs. They then used these to write super sentences.

In PSHE, they thought about what is inside our wonderful bodies.

Mrs Blake's gardeners did a litter pick around the school site and loved using the grabbers.

During the week **Seahorses** have been using partitioning to help them divide 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number, as well as developing their drawing skills. They have also been playing rounders as a whole class, which has helped them with their resilience, team work and fielding tactics.



The focus of the **Stingrays** in English and topic this week has been the impact the destruction of trees has had, not only on the environment and animals, but on the indigenous population that have lived in the rainforests for generations. The children are using this to develop their powers of persuasion, debating the issues from different viewpoints. In Maths they have moved on to look at formal and efficient calculation methods for dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers.

In PE they have started to look at matching symbols we would find on a key to help us with our map reading and orienteering skills.

In Science and PHSE lessons they have been looking at the human body and learning about the gestation of a human foetus.

In Maths this week, **Sharks** have been learning to identify, compare and measure angles; lots of children have shown great resilience and team work as they have learnt to use a protractor for the first time, while others have developed their understanding of how to check their work, drawing upon their ability to calculate angles in a full or half turn.

On Friday afternoon Sharks celebrated England reaching the final 16 of the Euros by holding their own house football tournament: congratulations to all the children who have worked together over the last few weeks to develop their team football skills, and in particular to our winning house, Griffin!

Class Activities (continued)

Today, Sharks have said a fond farewell to Miss Price who has been working with them and inspiring their learning over the last 5 weeks. They have really enjoyed studying with her and wish her all the best in her future teaching career.



Child of the Week

Well done to the following children for working extra hard this week :

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Luna K
<i>Minnows</i>	Max M
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Amelie M and Louise F
<i>Seahorses</i>	Sam O'G and Layla-Jade M
<i>Stingrays</i>	Leo T and Lily M-V
<i>Sharks</i>	Adam K and Harvey B

<i>Super Sentence Heroes in Minnows</i>	Samuel C and Poppy S
<i>Super Sentence Heroes in Sticklebacks</i>	Mason C-M and Eva O'G

<i>Family Group Points Winner</i>	Unicorn	<i>Overall Attendance</i>	97.02%
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Staffing Update

We would like to welcome **Miss Kate O'Callaghan** to our staff; she has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in the Seahorses class where she will be working with and helping certain children.

We are also looking for *two part-time Teaching Assistants* for September 2021. Each position is for 17.5 hours per week. If you, or someone you know, is interested please visit the following link on our website : http://www.fritwellprimaryschool.co.uk/website/2_fixed_term_teaching_assistant_vacancies_175_hours_each/509297

Cycling Training

Eighteen of our Year 5 children spent most of this week doing their Level 1 and 2 cycling proficiency courses with Bikeability Instructors, Jon and Andrew. The children were enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed their sessions; we hope that they have now learnt the rules of the road and will want to test their confidence on their bikes.



The instructors could not praise the children enough – we were told that they had great attitude and competence and were a pleasure to teach. Well done to all who participated! It is wonderful to hear feedback like this and know that our children have set an example for the school.

Reminder

Children should not bring in biscuits or sweet snacks to have at break time; only fresh fruit (or vegetables) are to be eaten during the morning. Any bars, yoghurts, etc, are to be kept for after lunch.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend and hope for more sun next week!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

•UPCOMING• EVENTS

Mon 28th to Fri 2nd July

Mon 28th to Fri 2nd July

Tues 29th June

Mon 5th July

Tues 6th and 13th

Wed 14th July

Fri 16th July

Mon 19th July

Thurs 22nd July 10.00am

Thurs 22nd July

Thurs 2nd September

Sports Week & Sports Day *(no spectators)*

Assessment Week

Tiddlers and Minnows Forest School

Premier Enrichment Morning for Minnows, Sticklebacks, and Seahorses

Sharks Forest School

Class Meet-the-Teacher Day *(taking place outdoors)*

Year 6 Outing

Year 6 BBQ and Celebration *(no parents)*

Leavers' Service & Prize-giving at Methodist Church *(parents may attend)*

End of School Year

Start of new academic year