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Newsletter 6 Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week after half term has seen some hard work from all classes. The Tiddlers and Minnows started their new topic 'Dinosaurs', and have been finding out all about them. Today they are visiting the woodland area to look at nature. During the week the Sticklebacks children had an exciting day focusing on music skills, with an emphasis on pitch and singing. The Seahorses class has been doing descriptive writing based on the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. The children in Stingrays have been doing fraction work, an interesting science investigation, and have been using their computing skills. The Sharks are working hard on their calculation strategies in maths and also had an enlightening trip to Oxford for the Junior Citizens which has included follow up work on keeping safe.

World Thinking Day

On Monday many of our children arrived at school in their Guiding and Scouting uniforms to celebrate World Thinking Day which was on Friday 22nd February. It is always good to see the children contributing to this special worldwide movement, and wearing their uniforms with pride.

Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament



On Wednesday afternoon some of our children took part in the Bicester Partnership netball tournament. We are especially proud of our Year 6 team who came first in their group and are now through to the North Oxfordshire finals. Go team Fritwell!

Sharks Trip to Junior Citizens

The Sharks class visited the Fire Station in Oxford to take part in a Junior Citizen programme in which Year 6 children across the county are involved. It is run by trained firefighters, police officers and paramedics and teaches life skills, such as making a 999 call, what to do in an emergency, stranger danger, internet safety and road and water safety. They faced many role-play challenges, designed to make them feel nervous, worried and uneasy. They then had to choose how to deal with these, making decisions within the safety of the purpose built learning centre. It is always a memorable trip and hopefully it means that our Year 6 children are now better equipped to make sensible and safe decisions in the future.

"Child of the Week"

Well done to the following who received certificates this week :

<i>Minnows</i>	Mason C-M and Frances C
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Macy K and Evelyn B
<i>Seahorses</i>	Josh S and James H
<i>Stingrays</i>	Chloe B and Holly S-S
<i>Sharks</i>	James L and Jake D

Events Next Week

Wednesday 6th March

Year 6 Hockey Festival

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day (Roald Dahl) - don't forget children are invited to dress up



E-Safety

As you will be aware, the use of social media and the online activity of children are once again in the media this week, with some worrying activities being reported. We are keen for you to take a look at the e-safety section of our website which offers advice for parents and has a number of online guides available to download. They give an excellent overview of some of the online activities that children enjoy and explain to parents what the dangers are and how to address them. We want children to embrace technology in a safe and purposeful way, becoming responsible digital citizens of the future, and we know how much of a challenge this can be for parents. Please do consider attending our parent meeting about e-safety at **6.00pm on Thursday 21st March**. Due to the nature of this meeting, children are not allowed to attend. As always, if you have concerns about your child's online activities, please contact us. If you would like to report online activity that concerns you, this can be done at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Messy Church

Please see the attached poster about Messy Church at St Olave's on Sunday 10th March – all ages are welcome.

Use of school toilets after hours

We have noticed that many parents are bringing their children back into school after hours to use the toilet, sometimes going in via the main gate at the times when it has been opened to let children out after clubs. Please can we ask you to check that your child has been to the toilet before leaving school and going to play in the park, as we cannot allow continual access to the school cloakrooms. For obvious safeguarding reasons, it is imperative that we know who is on the school site at all times.

Bikes on offer

We have three bicycles left behind after one of our cycling proficiency courses a few years ago and would be pleased if a parent would like to take them off our hands. They may need some minor attention but are in working order.



Junior Cushion Club – Fritwell's very own kids' movie club

* Third Friday of the month from 4.00-6.00pm in Fritwell Village Hall *

Come along once a month and watch a film, eat popcorn and hotdogs and ice-cream with friends, and watch a movie. Parents, grandparents, etc, are encouraged to stay and have a cuppa or something a little stronger on a Friday afternoon and catch up while the kids watch a film.

The next JCC is on **Friday 15th March**. Please email Jenny Lyon (jenny@lyoncubs.com) if you are interested in joining the JCC mailing list.



Family Fun Trail

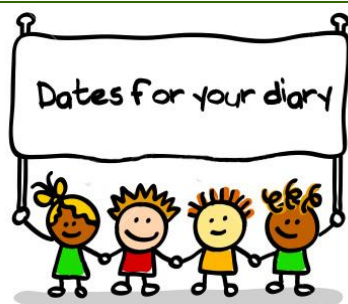
Don't forget that the FoFS family fun trail is happening this Saturday at 2.00pm; it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher



Wed 6th Mar – Year 6 Hockey Tournament

Thurs 7th Mar – World Book Day

Mon 11th Mar – Book Fair all week

Tues 12th Mar – Parents' Evening

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Tues 19th Mar – Year 6 Girls' Football Match

Thurs 21st Mar – Internet Safety Parents' Workshop

Fri 22nd Mar – Non-Uniform Day for Easter Egg Hunt

Wed 27th Mar – Year 5 Bikeability Training

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Thurs 28th Mar – Vision Screening for Reception

Sat 30th Mar – FoFS Easter Egg Hunt