

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the Head

Advent and the start of Christmas

Advent season started on the 1st of December, the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas and the birth of Jesus, and each of our classes is taking part in an "Advent Experience". We have been given a beautiful wreath, made by a member of the community, and each week one of the candles is lit, with stories and activities and prayers relating to the season.



This week it has been brilliant to get into the festive mood with Christmas Jumper and Decorating Day, providing some Christmas magic across the school. The classrooms are filled with tinsel, garlands, baubles, little Christmas trees and some delightful decorations. There has been a hive of activity – and mess – everywhere!

Meetings

On Wednesday, the Governors and I met with Allyson Taylor and Ruth Bennie from the Oxfordshire Diocese to discuss the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) and what it means to be a church of England school.

Class News

Tiddlers and Minnows

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have been finishing their learning on Light and Dark. They have looked at the similarities and differences between nocturnal and diurnal animals and had great fun sorting a selection of animals into these two categories. They also received a letter from the Owl Babies asking them for help when they feel a bit scared in the dark; the children thought of some brilliant ways the Owl Babies could stay calm and happy.

Super sentence heroes : **Aria R-Brown** and **Reid C**

Sticklebacks

Sticklebacks started their Christmas preparations this week. Yesterday, they took part in a Christmas Experience in the classroom where they learnt about the story of Christmas, who the visitors to the stable were, and what gifts they brought. They thought about the gifts they would bring and some lovely ideas were peace, love and a diamond because Jesus is very valuable. They really enjoyed their morning and are very grateful to Mrs Simmonds and Rev. Barnes for organising all the fantastic resources.

Super sentence heroes : **Frances C** and **Avah P**

Seahorses

This week Seahorses have been writing persuasively to encourage others to support more children to go to school, linked to their book "If the World were a Village". They have been using the 4 times table to multiply and divide. They have looked at different parks from around the world and from the past to compare them to the parks in Fritwell. In Topic they have looked at using wax to waterproof materials. And in football they practiced their passing skills.



Stingrays

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in Stingrays classroom! They all had a very creative day on Tuesday, so make sure you leave space on your tree for some very special decorations! They have also begun to work on a Christmas fact file which is also helping them develop their word processing skills. Miss Davis, our student teacher, has kept them working hard on their maths and science skills, with some practical measuring work this week and a friction investigation to finish off their work on forces.

Class News (continued)

Advent Celebrations



Class News (continued)



Sharks

Sharks enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit on Decorating Day and demonstrated our school values by showing Confidence, Self-belief and Endurance as they persevered with tricky craft activities; Community, Citizenship and Service as they collaborated to create a colossal paperchain; and celebrating Personal Success with Humility when they recognised the results of all their efforts!

We were also excited to explore the First News I-hub this week - a new online resource with current news stories and quizzes. Due to popular demand, we will be sending passwords for this home this week.

Child of the Week

Tiddlers

All Tiddlers have now received a certificate

Minnows

Max M and **Elodie Z**

Sticklebacks

Isabelle B and **Harry K**

Seahorses

Caspian H-E and **Jack M**

Stingrays

Eviana M and **Lily M-V**

Sharks

Kyra P and **Emilia G**



Family Groups Winner : **Phoenix**

Weekly Attendance : **Minnows!**

Thank Yous

FoFS

What an wonderful Christmas Fayre took place last weekend! We have to thank the FoFS committee for all their hard work and for managing the virtual system in such an excellent manner. We are very happy to report that they raised £1,548.50! This is more than double what they raised last year. Well done to all.

Christmas Tree

You will have seen the photo of our beautiful tree in the hall, decorated by the Sharks PLT of Kyra, Daisy and Lucy. Our grateful thanks must go to Cary Powley who, once again, very kindly donated our tree in time for decorating day on Monday.



School Christmas Dinner

Fresh Start will be serving the school a traditional Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 16th December**, after which the classes will be playing games and having general festive fun. If you have not booked a dinner for your child on this day, and wish to do so, please contact Fresh Start directly before Monday next week (7th).



Katharine House Hospice School Relay



Our fun relay on Tuesday 15th December to raise money for Katharine House is still on schedule. This will cost £1 per child and we hope that some children are getting sponsorship to beat their previous track records!

Don't forget that the office can send a sponsor form home with your child if you cannot print it.

Secret Present Room

Santa's Secret Present Rooms are going well and the children have been very excited to select gifts for their families.

On **Monday the 7th December** it is the SEAHORSES' turn. Don't forget your pound coins (up to £6) and also a carrier bag to take home your goodies.

STICKLEBACKS will follow on **Thursday the 10th**.
And finally, TIDDLERS and MINNOWS on Monday the 14th.



FoFS still have 14 Christmas packs to sell - only £5 each.

Excellent stocking fillers!

Please contact a member or ask the office.

If you are still looking for a Christmas tree see the poster below..... and for every tree bought FoFS receives a donation of £10!



FRIENDS OF FRITWELL SCHOOL

**CHRISTMAS TREES DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR
HTCS WILL DONATE £10 PER TREE TO FOFS WHEN
QUOTING THE REFERENCE: FRITWELL SCHOOL**

• CHRISTMAS TREES ARRIVING
TUESDAY MORNING!!!

**Book a slot for the trees to come to
you!!!! Or appointment by
arrangement, limited stock.
Book now to avoid disappointment!**

**Contact HTCS ON:
07845959502**



Virtual Pantomime

Over the next two weeks all the children will be watching an online presentation of the panto "Jack and the Beanstalk", via a link sent to all the classrooms. Many thanks to FoFS for paying for this special treat!

Finally, we are very sorry to be saying goodbye to three of our pupils – Kyra, Rylynn and Avah P – who are leaving us on Monday as their family relocates to the South of England. It has been very special having the sisters in our school and we wish them all the best for their move and the start of a new chapter in their lives.

Keep warm and safe this weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart
Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

<i>Monday 7th December</i>	Seahorses Secret Present Room
<i>Thursday 10th December</i>	Sticklebacks Secret Present Room
<i>Monday 14th December</i>	Tiddlers & Minnows Secret Present Room
<i>Tuesday 15th December</i>	Katherine House Hospice School Relay
<i>Wed 16th December</i>	School Christmas Dinner – party clothes!
<i>Friday 18th December</i>	School closes for Christmas Holidays
<i>Wednesday 6th January 2021</i>	School opens for Spring Term