

"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Autumn Term 1 Value : Respect and Compassion



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Newsletter 6 Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mr Hart

It has been fantastic to be back in school after our wonderful residential last week.

This week I met with our new Diocesan advisor to talk through our vision and provision as a church school and it was good to share ideas about our special school. I also met with other heads in our Oxfordshire performance, resilience and review group to discuss the current challenges in education.

Our Teaching Assistants have been accessing some additional training to support grammar in our school and this will help to ensure that our children are further supported and challenged.

It was great to welcome Martyn Simmonds, our Chair of Governors, for celebration worship today and to share the many successes our children have demonstrated this week.

Please don't forget to support our hardworking FoFS committee at the £1 Sale in the school premises tomorrow (Saturday) from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Plans for our upcoming Fireworks event are also well underway!

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

As part of their learning in Black History Month, the Tiddlers and Minnows have been researching Rosa Parks. They read the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book about Rosa Parks and discovered how she fought to change something that was unfair. They also enjoyed their Forest School lesson with Mr Pemble; he changed some of the rules to their favourite Forest School games as a way of building their resilience and leadership. The Minnows have also been learning about Patterns in Maths and have been creating and completing their own repeated AB patterns using colours and shapes.



Sticklebacks

The children enjoyed their dance and drama workshops earlier this week when they learnt about Rosa Parks and the impact of her actions on her community, and they learnt an African dance. The children responded positively to the school visitors.

As part of their education on Black History Month they have focused on the story of Floella Benjamin's life and how she came to England from Trinidad. The children have written short biographies about her.

Seahorses

Seahorses really enjoyed our workshops on black history drama and African dance this week. In PE their

agility was put to the test in their dodging game and they have started writing a narrative about a setting that they've never been in before which has really put their imagination to the test.



Stingrays

Following on from on the drama workshop on Monday, which helped the Stingrays understand the importance of Black History Month, they have been using Floella Benjamin's autobiography to further develop their understanding of the 'Windrush generation'. In art this week they were inspired by the African dance workshop to look at the artwork of Lois Mailou Jones and have started to produce some excellent oil pastel work using her pictures for ideas. They also enjoyed playing some mini hockey matches during PE.



Class Activities (continued)

Sharks

It has been a strange settling back into classroom routines after the excitement of last week at Kilvrough! Luckily, Sharks have been able to use their Kilvrough experiences to inspire their writing, producing different types of sentences using parenthesis to create captions for photos of our adventures.

A highlight of the week has been the Black History Month Dance and Drama workshops. We enjoyed finding out about some new activists, like the Greensboro Four, as well as impressing the instructors with our knowledge of other key figures in the Civil Rights and Black Lives Matter movements; they commented on Shark's exceptional awareness of and engagement with this topic and we were proud of the way the class showed this term's value of *Respect and Compassion* in their discussion. Sharks also enjoyed getting into the moves, grooves and rhythms of African dance!



'Child of the Week'

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| EYFS | Ava E and Isabel P |
| Sticklebacks | Brody H and Saffron M C |
| Seahorses | Mason C-M and Oscar L |
| Stingrays | Thomas H and Zoe W |
| Sharks | Morgan R and Aiden C-M |



Super Sentence Writers : Dylan B and Ben C

Family Group Points : Unicorn

Whole School Attendance : 93.76%

Upcoming FoFS Events

A poster for a £1 sale at Fritwell School Hall. The text reads: "£1 SALE" in large red letters. Below it, "FRIENDS OF FRITWELL SCHOOL" is written vertically on the left. In the center, there is a hanger icon and "Fritwell School Hall". To the right, "16 - OCT - 2021" is displayed. At the bottom, "10:00 AM - 2:00PM" is written. On the right side, it says "Joules, Hobbs, Super Dry, Gap, Next, Jack Wills and more!!".

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A poster for Bonfire Night presented by Friends of Fritwell School. The background is black with colorful fireworks. The text reads: "Friends of Fritwell School present BONFIRE NIGHT SUNDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 5PM". Below this, it lists activities: "BBQ BAR SWEET TREATS GLOW STICKS NAME THE GUY". Ticket prices are listed: "Adults - £5 Children - £3.50 3 And Under - £1". At the bottom, it says "TICKET SALES - fofs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk Rebecca - 07971343885".

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School Photographs

All photo cards should have gone home with children by today so please go online to select your photos. We do have children with two households so, if one parent did not receive the card, please contact Julie in the office as she will be able to send you a separate link.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

All meetings will be held on Microsoft Teams; please make sure that you have your child's unique log in. Parents of siblings will not be able to use the same log in details for each child.

All children on the SEN register will have their meetings next **Wednesday 20th October**; if you have not yet sent in your child's form please do so by Monday morning.

Thank you to those who have responded for the meetings on the 2nd and 4th November; all forms need to be in the office by Wednesday next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

• Upcoming events •

Every Tuesday

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Every Tuesday Afternoon

Every Thursday Afternoon

Every Friday

Saturday 16th October

Wednesday 20th October

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November

Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November

Sunday 7th November

Wednesday 3rd to Wednesday 10th November

Monday 15th to Friday 19th November

Thursday 2nd December

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

Multi Sports Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

FoFS £1 Sale

Pupil Profile and SEN Children Parent/Teacher Meetings

Half Term

Inset Day - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Pupils back in school

Parent/Teacher Meetings

FoFS Bonfire Night

Travelling Book Fair

Road Safety Week

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)

'Jack & the Beanstalk' pantomime in school

School Christmas Dinner