

# Christmas Newsletter 2020

## Fritwell Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! We made it! What an unusual term but how well our Fritwell community has responded.

Despite difficult times for families our children have shown resilience and adaptability to new ways of school life and there have been some real highlights which have lifted the spirits; making cards for our neighbourhood, writing prayers at harvest time, watching the Governors' nativity play, participating in the Katharine House Santa Fun Run, and practising and performing in the virtual Christmas Service. We have also seen individual acts of tolerance and thoughtfulness reflecting our ethos, which has gladdened our hearts.

My thanks must go to my wonderful staff who, despite dealing with many personal challenges, have remained hard-working, professional, and determined to do their best for our children.

Also, thanks to parents and carers who have supported, adhered to procedures, and been so positive throughout this difficult period.

We are hugely appreciative of our FoFS committee who have organised some excellent events, especially the winter fireworks treat pack and the virtual Christmas Fayre.

Our Governors have been fully supportive, ensuring that we maintain the very best for the children, and some of them took part in an entertaining virtual nativity play for the school community.

Finally, may I wish all our families a blessed and happy Christmas and a New Year that is healthy and positive for all.

We look forward to seeing you all on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Best regards,

Jonathan Hart  
*Headteacher*

## Child of the Week

<i>Tiddlers</i>	No certificates to give out
<i>Minnows</i>	Naomi S and Saffron M-C
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Oscar M and Ruben R-B
<i>Seahorses</i>	Caleb B and Shay D
<i>Stingrays</i>	Matthew H and Charlie N
<i>Sharks</i>	Harvey B and Ella M

*Family Groups Winner :* **Unicorn**

*Weekly Attendance :* **Minnows – 100%!**



## Decorations by the Sharks

Well done to the Sharks class who drew, coloured and laminated a number of beautiful pictures for the NHS. These have been put up in the Adults Covid and General Care Critical Unit where they are providing festive cheer for the patients and staff, who thank the school profusely.





## Katharine House Hospice Santa Fun Run

Despite the very wet and muddy ground we were most fortunate to have a bright and sunny day for the charity run on Tuesday. A huge thank you to everyone who sent in money and sponsorship forms; your generosity has been exceptional. We delivered an amount of approximately £670 to Katharine House Hospice yesterday evening!









## Christmas Lunch and Parties



Tiddlers and Minnows



Seahorses



Sticklebacks

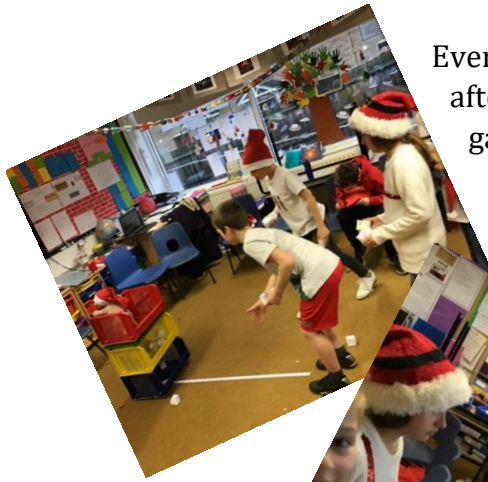


Sharks



Stingrays





Everyone enjoyed their Christmas lunch and had great fun in the afternoon in their class parties - dancing to Christmas music, playing games (some more competitive than others), participating in lively challenges, or or watching a Christmas movie.



A highlight of the afternoon was a visit by our resident "Santa", who delivered a present to each child in the school!

Thanks must go to FoFS who provided lovely books as gifts.

### **Fritwell's Advent Christmas Windows Event**

As I am sure the village community already know St Olave's church has led "Advent Christmas Windows.....shining a light for Christmas" since the beginning of December, an event where a different location is lit up with a star each night. Our children have taken part in this by making some wonderful decorations which can be seen on the lychgate at the church and will be lit up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

The church would like to thank the school for taking part in this event. Please see the attached poster which shows all the locations of the shining lights.....

## School Vision Week – “Growing and Learning Together with God”

In the first week back in school in January we will be looking at how to raise the profile of the school’s vision, its rooting in the parable of the sower, and how we, as a school, live our vision. It is also a chance for us to ensure that we relaunch our key drivers of resilience, diversity, health and wellbeing.

The classes will be engaging in various activities to learn more about this and highlight our values in their daily lives.

## Thanks

The staff has been overwhelmed by the gifts, cards and messages received from children and parents and we all wish to thank you profusely for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



## Dates for your Diary

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January*

*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January*

School opens for Spring Term

School Vision Week

NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe week

