

*"Growing and Learning Together with God."*

*Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape*

# Newsletter 6 Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,



### Message from the Head

It has been just wonderful to welcome everyone back into school this week. The atmosphere of positivity amongst families is tangible.

Our children have been eager and enthusiastic to engage in their learning and, as always, have contributed enormously to our vision and values throughout the week. They have also shown understanding of sticking to safety rules and procedures to ensure everyone remains healthy.

I would like to thank the parents who have put an enormous amount of effort and patience into home learning – it is evident that our children have had both emotional and academic support which will make their transition back into full time education so much easier.

Staff are, as ever, enthusiastic and excited about the opportunities for the coming terms and have some super ideas to give the children and families some of those important memories that are the bedrock of our childhood. I remain very grateful to staff and for the essential link we enjoy with our families going forward and I am pleased to lead such a special school.

### A Couple of Reminders

The school is constantly being made aware of Government guidelines in this first step out of lockdown so please do ensure that you maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting your children. Face masks are also still mandatory. Lateral flow testing kits are also now available for families, as per the email which went out last week; if you would further details about this please contact the office.

## Class Activities and School Vision Week

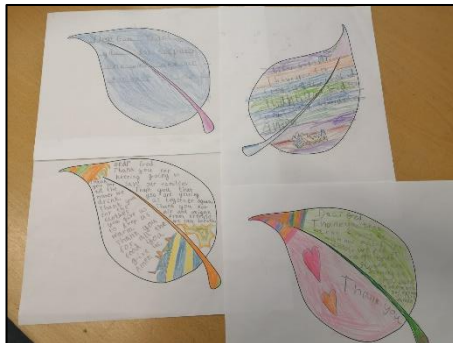
The **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have settled back into our school routines amazingly well; there are so many happy faces walking into the classroom every day. They have had great fun this week learning about plants and flowers and now know what they need to help them grow, and can name the different parts of a plant.



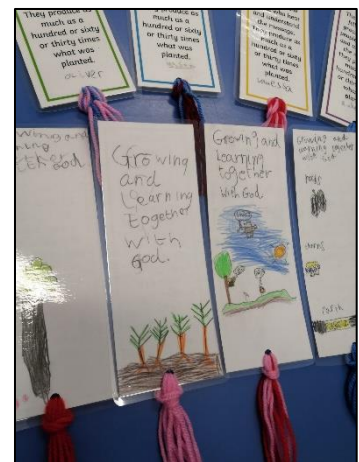
They also made paper airplanes; sometimes it was a bit tricky to fold the paper but the children kept trying even when things went wrong. A brilliant first week back!



This week the **Sticklebacks** have learnt about the Parable of the Sower and thought about how the meaning of it can help us in school. They want to be the seeds that fall on the good ground so that they can make the right choices and listen really well.



They made bookmarks, wrote prayers, and created art work linked to the parable.



The **Seahorses** have also been looking at the Parable of the Sower, acting it out and turning it into a recount. They then used oil pastels to make a picture of it.

The children also looked at some playground games that they play in Egypt so they could celebrate diversity, while working on their resilience and health and well-being.



## Class Activities (continued)

### Seahorses (continued)



**Stingrays** have settled back into school brilliantly and have worked together to produce some fantastic group artwork which shares the story of the Parable of the Sower.



They designed their own part of the story and everyone in the class contributed something to final piece. They have also reflected on the meaning of the parable and how this helps us to think about the making the right choices in the way we relate to each other.

Circle time games, active maths activities and team building problems in PE have also helped the children focus on developing their resilience. A great first week back!



**Sharks** have had a wonderful first week back in school, enjoying growing and learning together again! They have used drama to explore the story behind the school's vision, The Parable of the Sower, thinking about how people would behave if their hearts contained the different types of soil; all week they have shown their 'good soil' with great focus on their learning and working well together!

### *Sharks (continued)*



They have enjoyed lots of opportunities to talk to their friends, for example playing Human Diversity Bingo, which helped them remember the ways in which we are all unique. They've also re-acquainted themselves with our lovely school grounds when they searched for signs of spring with a game of Springo!

### **Child of the Week**

Well done to all our children for settling in so well this week. Highlighted from each class are :

<b><i>Tiddlers</i></b>	Max M
<b><i>Minnows</i></b>	Teddy C
<b><i>Sticklebacks</i></b>	Leo S and Lily-Rose S
<b><i>Seahorses</i></b>	Caspian H-E and Phoenix S
<b><i>Stingrays</i></b>	Matilda D and Mya G
<b><i>Sharks</i></b>	Dawson C-S and Ella S



### **Enrichment Days with Premier**

As part of Fritwell's continued encouragement towards activity, as well as helping the children settle back into normal school life, we already have outdoor Enrichment days planned with coaches from Premier.

On Monday and Tuesday next week the classes will all enjoy some time learning about and playing basketball, with volleyball being the next sport later in the month.

**Please make sure that PE kits are brought into school on Monday!**





## Red Nose Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Next Friday we will be celebrating and raising money for Comic Relief, to support all those wonderful organisations who do so much for communities around the UK and worldwide.



The theme for this year's Red Nose Day is 'humour'; the power of humour in helping us all get through tough times, while raising money for important causes. Comic Relief state that of course they want to collect funds for people who really need it but they also want to make us smile and bring us some laughter over the coming weeks.



**Therefore on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March all children may come in to school in their onesies or pyjamas!** Please do make sure that they are warm, with layers or a dressing gown, and wear trainers on their feet.

*To make this a fundraising occasion we do still ask you donate £1 per child to Comic Relief with a simple click on the following link*

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1954>

Your donation will be gratefully – and anonymously – received.

Thank you all in advance.

## ActivAll

An addition to our school playground this week has been the installation of two ActivAll hi-impact reaction walls, designed for fitness, health, and fun. Combining movement, action, co-ordination, and problem-solving, ActivAll is acknowledged as a unique, Inclusive fitness tool.

These are going to be extremely popular, improving mental health as well as fitness and team work.



## Staff Hampers!

This week the school staff were wonderfully surprised by the arrival of three hampers, filled to the brim with delightful goodies to say thank you for all the hard work done in school over the past few months. We are extremely grateful to FoFS, and Finders Keepers, who organised these for us. Thank you.



We wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart  
*Headteacher*