



**"Growing and Learning Together with God"**

*Autumn Term 2 Value : Personal Success with Humility*



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# **Newsletter 8 Autumn Term**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### **Message from Mr Hart**

Welcome back to this busy term in the lead up to Christmas.

Prior to half term I did a 'behaviour walk' around school to monitor learning behaviours within the classrooms. Good behaviour is obviously a sound principle for children to learn and we pride ourselves highly on our good manners and appropriate behaviour within the school.

Overall conduct is good, however some areas, including transition and movement around school, are points which will be our focus over the coming weeks. This will be shared with our pupils as a whole school challenge for improvement.

As always, we value parental support in teaching the children to be respectful and speak appropriately at all times, ensuring that good manners are rewarded and noted.

We are always pleased to hear of examples from out of school. Many thanks for your continued support.

I must also thank everyone who 'attended' their parent/teacher meetings this week. We do realise that, as always!, there were a couple of technical issues but fortunately these were few and were resolved quickly. I must thank my staff for their time and for the smooth running of their sessions.

### **Class Activities**

#### ***Tiddlers & Minnows***



The Tiddlers and Minnows have had a rather busy and exciting week back at school. They have mostly been learning about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate it. They have watched videos of fireworks and bonfires and discussed various ways to stay safe during Bonfire Night celebrations; Fireman Sam had many safety tips to share with them.

### Class Activities (continued)

In Maths, the Minnows have started to explore different ways of representing numbers to 5 and are ready to learn about the composition of these numbers next week. The Tiddlers have been learning all about the number 1 and are able to recognise and represent this number in various ways.

In PE, they have started to develop their ball skills by rolling footballs across the hall to a partner.

### Sticklebacks

This week the children have learnt how to bounce a ball with their hands in PE and they have been improvising in music when playing the glockenspiels.

In Maths they have been finding fact families and writing addition number sentences. Their English work has focused on the text 'You're Snug with Me' and they've written sentences about the polar bears from the story.

### Seahorses

During this week the year 2s have been doing column addition of 2-digit numbers while the year 3 children have been exchanging when doing column addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers.

The class has been investigating stonehenge and been debating why stonehenge was built, as well as exploring some of the issues covered by the Cop 26 conference.

In PE they have been working on their ball skills and doing basketball dribbling.

### Stingrays

Stingrays are using Remembrance to inspire their poetry writing. They are using the trees which are planted at the National Memorial Arboretum to help them think about those who have served and continue to serve their country. The trees planted each have a special meaning linked to remembrance.

They have also been in a reflective mood in RE when they have been thinking about creation and what Christians learn from the creation story.

In their Science this week they discovered more about Alexander Graham Bell and some of the controversy surrounding his inventions.

They have also started to collect headlines they find important to them for their PSHE topic on Rights and Responsibilities.

### Sharks

Although it has been a short week, it's also been a busy one! In preparation for Remembrance Day, Sharks have been learning about the Remembrance Glade at the National Memorial Arboretum and discovered how the different types of tree in the glade inspired poet Laura Mucha to write a remembrance poem; this has provided the inspiration for Sharks' own Remembrance poems.

It is also Parliament Week, so Sharks have been finding out about the role of parliament in running our country, as well as voting for our new PLT representatives to help run our school!

Tuesday was an exciting - and exhausting - return to school with our cross country event. Not only did all the Sharks show impressive *confidence, self-belief and endurance* during their 6 laps of the field, but there was also a lot of *community, citizenship and service* as they cheered on their friends across the school, some Sharks even running extra laps alongside younger children who needed extra encouragement!

## 'Child of the Week'

EYFS	Emilee L and Ellie M
Sticklebacks	Elizabeth C and Olivia W
Seahorses	Perran E and Oscar R
Stingrays	Evie M and Florence E
Sharks	Rowan L and Jamie Mc



*Super Sentence Writers :* Brody H and Poppy S

*Family Group Points :* Unicorn

*Whole School Attendance :* 95.15%

## Primary Leadership Team

All classes held their PLT elections this week and we congratulate the following children who will be representing their class this year :

Sharks	Ella M and Riley P
Stingrays	Elexa S and Phoenix S
Seahorses	Louise F and Lily Rose S
Sticklebacks	Grace M and Elih N-B



The children in the PLT will hold regular meetings to discuss the ideas they have for development and work improvements in the school.

## Cross Country

The Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed an invigorating run across the fields on Monday afternoon, during which a team was selected for the schools' cross country to be held at The Bicester School next week. The run certainly blew away any cobwebs which were still lurking after half term! Well done to everyone who took part and ran their best, and good luck to those who will be representing the school on Wednesday!







## Remembrance Day and Poppies



As always, we are supporting the British Legion and collecting for Poppy Day. Next week, **on Monday and Tuesday only**, your child will be able to buy small goodies such as wristbands, badges, zip pulls, etc, each priced between 50p and £1.50. Please send in your child with a few coins to purchase something but *note that there is no change available*.





## Governor Advert

Our School Governors are looking to co-opt two people to add to the skills and experience of their current membership. Being a Governor is a voluntary, unpaid role but Governors are able to influence the vision, future strategic direction and ethos of the school. Other responsibilities include overseeing the educational performance of the pupils and ensuring the school's finances are used appropriately.

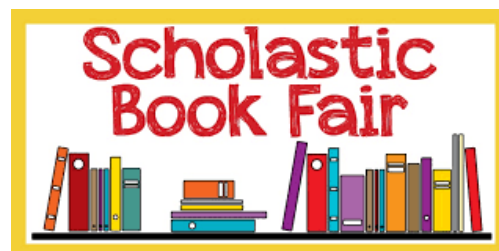
*If you would like to know more about what is involved, please get in touch with the Chair or Vice-Chair of Governors for an informal chat.*

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Vice-Chair: Rob Cornish      email: [rob.cornish@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:rob.cornish@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk)

## Travelling Book Fair

You will all have received an email about the book fair presently at the school, and the instructions for going online to order and pay for the books. **Please do take the time to look through all the books available; any sales benefit the school and provide your child with even more stories to read.**

If you need further information please contact Julie in the office.



## Online Activities

We are often made aware of games and activities taking place online and easily accessible to children through social media. Please see the attachment about the latest Squid Game, which outlines what could be harmful or inappropriate to children.

I hope to see you all at the FoFS Fireworks and Bonfire Night on Sunday!

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**  
Headteacher





*Every Tuesday*

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*Every Tuesday Afternoon*

*Every Thursday Afternoon*

*Every Friday*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November*

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November*

*Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November*

*Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November*

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*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December*

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*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December*

*Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December*

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December*

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January*

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

Multi Sports Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

FoFS Bonfire Night

Sale of Poppy items in school

Travelling Book Fair

Odd Socks Day

Anti-bullying Week

Road Safety Week

Non-uniform Day for Children in Need

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)

Non-uniform Day for Secret Present Room

EYFS Nativity a.m.

Key Stage 1 Nativity (Sticklebacks & Seahorses) p.m.

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'Jack & the Beanstalk' pantomime in school

School Christmas Dinner

End of Term – Christmas holidays!

**INSET DAY – no children in school**

Start of Spring Term