

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Autumn Term 2 Value : Personal Success with Humility



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from the Head

Another busy week has flown by, with golf enrichment days led by our Premier coaches at the start, a Remembrance Day service, and collections for Children in Need.

The children demonstrated great respect in the playground on Wednesday morning as we held our short tribute to all the soldiers lost in the wars. We listened to a verse from Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen', heard the Last Post played over speakers, and held a two minute silence. The classes have all been writing remembrance poems and creating poppy pictures and crafts, which are on magnificent display in the school.

As you are aware, we are working extremely hard in school to address the loss of learning time which all children have experienced during the Covid pandemic. Our pupil progress meetings, where I meet with staff to assess development, have gone well but show that practice of basic skills needs more work.

Obviously we teach children reading skills in school but daily reading at home is absolutely vital to ensure that they have consistency and achieve reading levels fully.

Work on times tables is also something parents and carers can help children perfect.

Automatic recall, so that they have the skills for their mathematic tasks, will make a huge difference and accelerate progress.

I do know how hard it is to fit these tasks into busy family life but I also know we are blessed with parents and carers who really want the best for their children. Just two or three times a week would make all the difference. Practising times tables as you journey in the car or are laying the table etc will bring an element of fun to these essential accomplishments, alongside the use of Times Table Rockstars. Thank you.

Class News

Tiddlers and Minnows

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have started their topic work on light and dark; they have been looking at the differences between daytime and night-time. The Minnows have produced some wonderful writing about the different things you might see at night and the Tiddlers did some fantastic drawings about night-time. They have also created some wonderful Poppy pictures for Remembrance Day which they have proudly displayed in their classroom.

Super Sentence Heroes : Sam C and Naomi S

Sticklebacks

Sticklebacks enjoyed their sport enrichment on Monday when they learnt how to play tri-golf. They have also created poppy pictures out of a variety of mixed media.

Super Sentence Heroes : Louise F and Connie L

Seahorses

This week the Seahorses have started writing a flashback about a war, based on a short film called 'The Piano'. They have also been subtracting 3 digits numbers and using the Mar model to check their answers. They have worked on dribbling skills in football and in science they continue to investigate what materials are water proof.

Stingrays

Stingrays have used their English sessions this week to focus on Remembrance and, after looking at the book 'In Flanders Fields', they wrote poems to share their thoughts about remembrance and the significance of the poppy. They also produced some lovely art work to go with this and their student teacher, Miss Davies, has created an impressive display of all their work.

Sharks

This week the Sharks have used their experience of reading WW1 poems to write their own Remembrance poems, showing what they have learnt about the experience of soldiers during the war, and using lots of figurative language like similes, metaphors, personification, alliteration and onomatopoeia. Everyone has produced some very powerful and moving poems, which we look forward to presenting next week so we can create a display along with our WW1 silhouette artwork. Sharks have also enjoyed working through the Children in Need 'Five to Thrive' activities this week, learning some great strategies for boosting physical and mental wellbeing.

A note to Sharks parents : please do be mindful of traffic at the end of Old School Lane when waiting for your child at the end of the school day. The lane is an official road and therefore pedestrians must remain on the pavements at all times.

Child of the Week

Tiddlers

Ava E

Minnows

Grace M

Sticklebacks

Oscar L and Rhys V

Seahorses

Phoenix S and Elexa S

Stingrays

Aaliyah H and Leo T

Sharks

James B and Xavi N



Family Groups Winner :

Weekly Attendance : Seahorses

BBC Children in Need



We had a very colourful turn out this morning for Children in Need and we wish to thank everyone for their most generous support towards this cause. Various activities have been held throughout the day, starting with the Sharks class joining Joe Wicks's 24 hour challenge! So far we have raised £160..... Thank you.



Tiddlers & Minnows

Sticklebacks



Seahorses





Stingrays



Sharks



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, the theme this year 'United Against Bullying'. Children are invited to wear odd socks into school on **Monday 16th November**, to demonstrate how different and unique we all are. During the week the classes will be doing various activities to learn how we all have a collective responsibility to make a change.

Message from Fresh Start

Parents will be very pleased to hear that from the 30th November Fresh Start will again be offering more than one choice of filling for the Jacket Potato and Deli menu options. This means that children may now have both beans AND cheese on their potatoes!

If you do have any queries about this please contact Fresh Start directly



Tiddler Parents - Applications for Reception 2021

Applications are now open for our September 2021 intake into Reception. Please use the following link to apply www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions as soon as possible.

Please note that your child does not automatically get a place in Reception at Fritwell just because he/she is in the Nursery; you do still have to apply with OCC.

The FoFS Section

Virtual Christmas Craft Fayre and Christmas Raffle

These events take place over the weekend of the **28th and 29th November** and promise to be an excellent online shopping experience! Please join the Facebook group for the event at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fofsfayre>

You will be able to browse all the goods from local crafters and businesses and stock up on Christmas gifts.

Raffle tickets are being sold so please contact one of the FoFS team or ask at the office how you can purchase one. Only £1 per ticket!



I trust that you will all have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Mon 16th – Fri 20th November

Fri 27th November

Sat 28th & Sun 29th November

Tues 1st December

Fri 4th December

Wed 16th December

Anti Bullying Week – **Odd Socks Day on Monday**

Non-School Uniform Day for Secret Present Rooms

FoFS Virtual Christmas Craft Fayre and Raffle

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

Secret Present Rooms Day

School Christmas Dinner

