

"Growing and Learning Together with God" Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

I think our wonderful Jubilee and 150th celebrations must have changed the weather as we've all been able to enjoy learning and playing in the sunshine this week. Please may I remind parents/carers to send their children in with a hat/cap, drinks bottle and sunscreen as the days get warmer to ensure that they are fully protected and able to enjoy the amazing outside space our school is so lucky to have.

This week I represented school at the Diocesan retreat and conference this week and the key speakers (Revd. Richard Coles, Revd. Jenny Falconer and Andy Wolfe) were inspiring, reinforcing the important role we play in young people's development under the theme 'Justice rolls like river', Amos 5:24.

Today we have hosted a number of Local Authority representatives who will be working with our school on aspects of School improvement.

I must say an enormous thank you to all who supported our celebration events last Friday and to FoFS who organised such an amazing fete that evening. My sincere gratitude must go to all concerned.

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have mostly been learning about Sikhism in preparation for their school trip next week. The Minnows have spent lots of time talking about the trip and how they are going to stay safe on their first ever school outing.

In Maths, the Minnows have been learning how to double numbers and the Tiddlers have continued working on their careful counting using 1:1 correspondence. The Minnows also enjoyed taking part in the Pentecost experience where they learned more about Christianity and what Christians believe the Holy Spirit to be.

Class Activities (continued)

Sticklebacks

The Sticklebacks have been working very hard on their assessments this week and showing what they have learnt in English and maths.

Yesterday they listened to the Pentecost experience around school where they found out about the story of Pentecost and how the Holy spirit came down to Jesus's followers.



In science today the children have been closely observing leaves and describing their shape and colour and then they made some pictures out of them.

Sticklebacks have started using Scratch Junior in ICT. It's a bit tricky but they will learn how to make things move on the screen.



Seahorses

In PE this week the Seahorses have been developing their *health and well-being* and *teamwork* skills by performing paired balances in gymnastics.



Class Activities (continued)

Seahorses (continued)

The children have also made posters with diagrams and explanations of the human digestive system.

The year 3s have been recapping how to multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number while the year 2s have been exploring shapes and finding vertical lines of symmetry; they have been applying their knowledge to solve problems and reason why something is or is not the answer.

Stingrays

Stingrays definitely had a much more relaxed start to the week, with a quiet and focused Forest School session, making 'God's Eyes'. They all showed great '*Community and Citizenship*' to each other, as staring them off required lots of co-operation and teamwork. Tuesday saw them in a reflective mood as they participated in the 'Pentecost Experience' with Mrs Simmonds. This experience allowed the children to consider how the Christian message was shared following Christ's resurrection and ascension to heaven. Creativity was the order of the day on Wednesday, when they completed their Salvador Dali clay models - they certainly reflect the artist's unusual style.

In between all of these activities, the children have been focusing hard on their individual assessments showing '*Confidence*, *Self-belief and Endurance*' to complete these to the best of their ability.



On Thursday the class began to investigate earthquakes and individually researched the Richter Scale, Challenger Deep and of course the notorious Ring of Fire. I imagine the children will enjoy sharing their findings with you all individually.

Friday, a very scorching one, we started our discussion on our Growing and Changing unit. This week we talked about feelings and different kinds of emotions we experience as we grow. In readiness for the next few weeks can we encourage the children as much as possible to think of any questions they would like to know about their changing bodies and of course use the vocabulary we sent home a couple of weeks ago in your conversations about the body changes experienced during puberty. This will greatly help the Stingrays with the embarrassment factor.

'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers Minnows Sticklebacks Seahorses Stingrays Sharks

Jacob M Amber B Brody H and Myah P-H Frances C and Henry Mc Charlie B and Zoe W Connor H-C and James B



Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows	No Super Sentence Writers this week		
Sticklebacks	Elizabeth C and Jude R		
Family Group Points :	Pegasus	Whole School Attendance :	91.76%

Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

We have just over a week before our Rags 2 Riches collected on **Tuesday 28th June**. Your bags may be brought in from next week and stored in an upstairs room.

A reminder of what can be collected :

- Adults', children's and babies' clothing
- Paired shoes and footwear
- Jewellery and accessories
- Belts and handbags

Items which cannot be collected :

- Poor quality goods such as dirty, wet, torn or soiled clothes
- Pillows, duvets and curtains
- Books and CDs
- Any kind of uniform or school sports kit

We are hoping for an exceptional collection this year so please go through your cupboards this weekend!

Lastly.....

We are honoured to have Mrs Rachael Clarke coming into school again to write our Child of the Week certificates; her calligraphy certainly makes these look particularly special and we thank her for her time and expertise.

We still have a vacancy for a 1:1 Teaching Assistant (25 hours per week) to start in September 2022. Please see the job description and application form on the school website, or pop into the office if you wish to enquire further.

And – a last minute entry from FoFS – the superb sum of £1 781.15 was raised for the school at Friday evening's Jubilee Fete! Well done to the whole team of helpers for their hard work.



Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart Headteacher



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Wednesday 7th September

Mondays Mondays Tuesdays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Thursdays Thursdays MfSF Music Lessons Forest School Club – Years 1 to 3 Year 6 Brass Adam Bradley Football Club Sewing Club – Years 4 to 6 Early Years Forest School Gymnastics Club – Years 1 to 4 Field Sports Club – Years 4 to 6

Tiddlers & Minnows Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning' Whole School Trip to Learnington Gurdwara Sikh Temple Sticklebacks Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning' **Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection** Tiddlers & Minnows Sharing Assembly 2.45pm Year 5 & 6 Boys' Cricket Final Sports Day Stingrays Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning' Seahorses Sharing Assembly 2.45pm Class Swap Day New Starters Nursery and Reception Morning Seahorses Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning' Upper School Play Performance 6.00pm Upper School Play Performance 6.00pm Minnows, Sticklebacks & Seahorses Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park iRock Summer Concert Year 6 Leavers' Trip to Hill End Sharks Forest School 'Wellbeing Morning' Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque Party Year 6 Leavers' Service and Presentation Last Day of School Start of Summer Holidays!

Start of Term and new Academic Year