

Fritwell School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday 4th October



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we organised our Pupil Leadership Groups with a massive 25% of the children in school wanting to be a leader of some kind. On the application forms, the children showed great consideration as to which roles they wanted to apply for and the passion and commitment that they would show. Each group has an assigned adult who will help facilitate the children's ideas and I look forward to sharing with you each group's targets that they will aim to achieve by the end of the year. Last academic year we dipped our toe in the water with this; this year we are ready to go full bore!

On Thursday evening, FoFs held their AGM where several changes were announced. We thank Fran Brooks (chair), Dan Bowmer (vice chair) and Vicky Alesbury (secretary) who are stepping down from their significant roles within FoFs. A huge amount of time and behind the scenes work goes into FoFs, so we thank them for the dedication and commitment they have given the school over the years; it is all greatly appreciated. The money raised last year has contributed to many school projects including developing our new ELSA room (student support), resources for each class and paying for the panto trip. We are incredibly fortunate to have parents help in this way which helps us give our children the very best we can. For this academic year, we now have Sarah King as the new chair, Kelly Woodford as vice chair, Rebecca Kyte will remain as treasurer, and Cary Powley is the new secretary. Mrs Ejiogu will be the link between school and FoFs and we look forward to another year of fundraising opportunities.

As you will remember yourselves, this is the time of year when prospective parents are considering options for nursery and reception places. I have had the pleasure of giving tours to a number of parents this week and comments have included how purposeful the school feels. They saw all the classes busy with rich learning opportunities so a big thank you to staff for your engaging lessons and thank you parents for bringing your children in 'school ready' in the mornings; they really are ready to learn from the moment they step in the door!

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

Hello yellow day – Thursday 10th Oct



Dear parents and carers,

Fritwell C of E Primary school will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of YoungMinds on Thursday 10 October (World Mental Health Day) where we'll be holding a non-school uniform day and asking everyone to wear something yellow.

There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same. No young person should feel alone with their mental health. But together, we can change this.

To take part, students can wear yellow to school, and we'd like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. Our suggested donation is £2 which can be donated on the YoungMinds website.. Because we stand brighter, together.

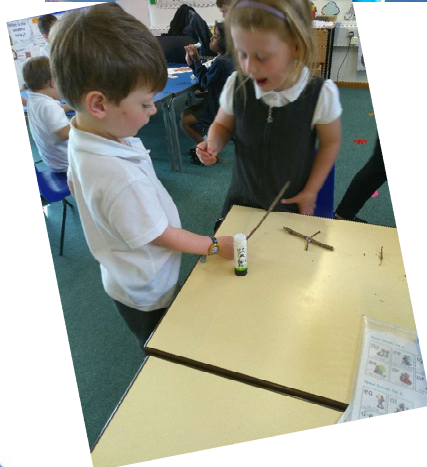
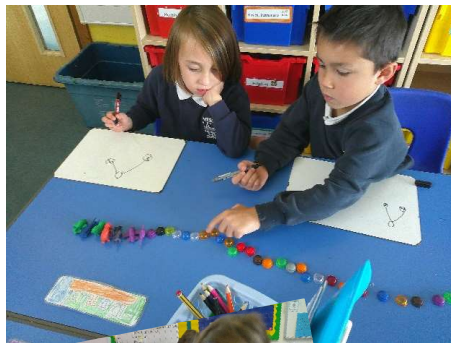
Finally, YoungMinds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: www.youngminds.org.uk/parent. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Jon Jeffries

Sticklebacks

I can't believe that we are already at the end of week 5, time does fly when you are having fun! The Sticklebacks have well and truly settled into the routines and expectations of year 1s. We have enjoyed any opportunity to make our learning hands on! We have made our stickmen inspired by Julia Donaldson, acted out the story of Owl Babies and investigated the properties of different materials to name a few. Sticklebacks have thought carefully about what makes us different from those around us, our personal powers and how this makes us special, but together we make our class complete. We truly are looking forward to the rest of the year!



Seahorses

What a fabulous start to our year! Washout weather in Forest School. a sunny ramble around Fritwell and fable writing in English. Alongside this we have worked through place value in Maths and learnt the names of the seas and oceans around the UK.

Thank goodness for the sunshine on our wonderful walk this week. We spotted many landmarks around Fritwell, waved at many locals and even met Rev Kath by the church whilst we were bleating at the sheep. This was in direct contrast to our last Forest School session when we were drenched in a downpour! Seahorses showed incredible resilience with not one complaint about being wet.

Our value this term is Respect and Compassion, with the children trying really hard to show respect in the classroom and in our interactions with one another. Our footstep is Curiosity which we have shown in abundance in Forest School when making pictures out of nature (please see our window) and when learning to ask interesting questions to further our learning.



Friends of Fritwell School



Instructions to pay on Parent Pay

- Go to parent pay:
- Click on View fireworks event:
- Click on book sessions:
- Click on Saturday 9:
- Select how many tickets you would like to purchase and click OK.
- Book selected sessions and proceed to the checkout.

Children Under 3 Go Free.

To book their place click on 'Child under 3 yrs free ticket' select how many tickets you require and book. The box will turn green confirming your booking.

We have a set capacity limit for entry so it is important you book the free child tickets

Dates for your diary

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30

Music for schools lessons Monday AM

October

Wednesday 9th – School picture day

Thursday 10th – Hello Yellow

Tuesday 15th – Harvest festival, 9.30am led by Seahorses

Monday 28th-1st Nov – Half Term

November

Monday 4th - Inset day

W/c 4th – Parents evenings

Saturday 9th – Fireworks

Monday 11th – Basketball activity – People who inspire us

Tuesday 12th – Open afternoon, 1.30-2.45pm (open to all)

Friday 22nd – Non uniform day £1 donation for SPR

Tuesday 26th – School Trip To the Panto (R-yr6)

December

W/C 2/12/24 – Yenworthy residential trip

Tuesday 10th – Santa fun run for Kathryn House Hospice

Friday 13th – Secret Present room

The Well

Would you like to meet new people?

Would you like to feel listened to?

Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

You'll receive a warm welcome, a nurturing environment
and a listening ear.

Every Thursday
2.30pm-3.00pm

