

Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday 4th April



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks before Easter have been absolutely packed with activities and even better that we have had this glorious weather to fully enjoy the outside events. A huge thank you to FOFS and the staff who organised and supported the Easter egg hunt. A lot of planning and individual contribution went into the event so it was wonderful that everyone had lots of fun. We raised over £1000 for the school which will be put towards things such as the Christmas Panto and subsidising class trips throughout the year.

Last week we had the Seahorses and Stingrays performance and the children really did themselves proud. All the staff were proud of the energy and commitment the children put in to learning songs and lines and a big thank you to staff for making a fantastic job of the scenery and also giving up their time to support the children in the evening performances.

As always, the iRock concert was magnificent with the children showcasing their skills from the term. A big well done to all of the children performing; it can take a lot of courage to stand up on stage and play with 150 pairs of eyes looking at you! iRock really does bring the children's confidence on leaps and bounds and for me, it is one of the most important activities we offer.

Thank you for supporting the explorer dome visit with your voluntary contributions. The children had an amazing time and learned all about our planet. Please see the next page for some pictures made by the Seahorses of their experience.

The church service was a lovely way to end the term and we are thankful to Kath Cooke and the Stingrays for preparing and conducting this for us. It was lovely that so many families were able to join us for this.

And finally, we say goodbye to Miss O'Brien who is leaving us at Easter. We are very excited for her as she pursues her career in outdoor education and we wish her all the best for the future.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and that this beautiful weather continues well into the holidays!

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

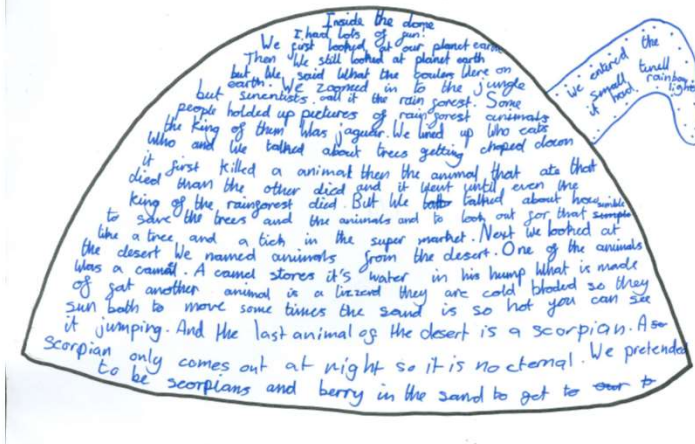
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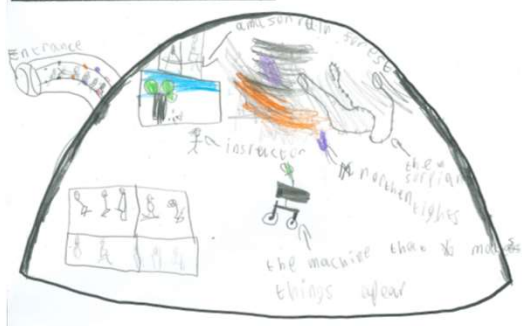
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Stingrays

Stingrays are riding high this term after the success of their play 'Jonah and The Whale' last week and then leading the Easter Service in church this morning. They also had participants in a variety of bands in the i-Rock concert. What a talented bunch of readers, actors, singers and musicians we have in our class! We are so proud of them all.

This week, we have completed our work on 'Crime and Punishment' with the children designing and making a mechanical grabber which could capture a criminal. They had to connect strips of cardboard using split pins to make a series of linkages which would extend and contract. There were some very successful final products by the end!

We loved the Science Dome visit to school. We learned about our planet, in particular different habitats, food webs, how animals can change and use those survival skills. The Dome had some wonderful displays, and we were amazed to see the constellations of the night sky and have some of the more familiar ones pointed out to us.

They have achieved some fantastic work all term and focused extremely well during the end of term assessments. You deserve a well-earned break.



Sharks

Shark Class Newsletter Easter

Wowser, what a term! The Great White Sharks have been working extremely hard – notably the year sixes getting amped up for SATs next term, and the year fives nipping at their heels and pushing them to achieve.

We have created some amazing learning this term – in English we wrote some ghastly and (at times) brutally gruesome narrative retellings of The Tale of the Three Brothers from the Harry Potter universe. Please read some extracts from below – we really focused on our use of descriptive language to create characters and setting.



‘Death - bowing with honour - made a not-so-gracious offer to the three brothers: “I’ll give you whatever your heart desires.” His eyes glinted with malice.

The eldest brother demanded, “I demand the strongest wand in history!” And so, with wretched-tangled fingers, Death reached to the innards of a grizzled elder tree and with a gentle twist of his fingers a wand it was given to him...’

By Lucas and Ruben

‘Death searched for many years and had almost given up on finding the third brother; he had searched molten volcanos and valleys - summiting into the abyss, across frozen lakes and tundra. Nothing... he had simply vanished.’

Harry P

‘The moon looked down, its gaze cold and unforgiving as a blanket of midnight unfolded across the sky. The moon knew what horrors awaited the little tavern below the hill. With the Elder wand in hand, the eldest Peveril strolled across the valley until his eyes found the inn. The smell of thick, sweet alcoholic mead filled the air and the sound of merry chatting drew the brother in...’

Eva

Sharks

We finally brought all of our learning about the natural world together to research and plan a hard-fought debate. The question: Should all zoos be banned? You can see the intense feeling this stirred in some of the photos attached.

Finally, we completed our Viking and Anglo-Saxon journey – discovering the fascinating history of how modern Britain in the Dark Ages. And, let' not forget the highly informative Fritwell Day of Water. More to come on that later...

The children have worked extremely hard and made some amazing progress – well done Shark, one term left until we can *bask* in your achievements...



Sharks

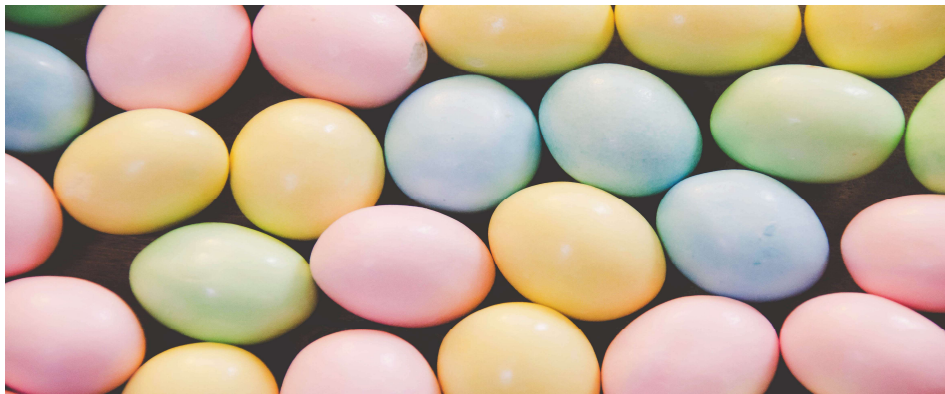


FoFs Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you so much for coming to support us at the Easter egg hunt. The children had a wonderful time hunting tokens and playing all the games. We are pleased to announce we have raised over £1000 on the day with the final figure to be confirmed.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners and a special mention to Mr Springall who won the £1 in a bucket draw and donated his prize back to FoFs. Thank you so much!

We have lots of fun events still to come this year, including Drag Bingo and our fab summer event. Please look out for the posters to book your places.



Kidz Zone price increase.

Due to the significant increase in Employers National Insurance Contributions and living wage from 1st April; we have no option but to increase our Kidz Zone Club prices to allow us to continue to operate; we have kept these increases to a very minimum to cover these increased staff costs as we appreciate these are challenging times for all.

Current prices

4.15pm - £7.50

5.00pm - £12.50

5.30pm - £15.00

Summer term prices

4.15pm - £8.00

5.00pm - £12.50

5.30pm - £15.00

Parents of children who attend regularly will be emailed directly by Kidz Zone.

This week at The Well

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



Dates for your diary

April

Tuesday 22nd – Back to school

May

Monday 4th – Bank Holiday - No School

Friday 9th – National space centre sleepover

Saturday 17th – Fofs Bingo night – Adults only!

Friday 23rd – Last day of term

June

Monday 2nd – Back to school – Start of Term 6

Tuesday 10th – Sticklebacks & Seahorses class trip

Saturday June 14th – FoFs Summer event

Tuesday 24th – Sports day

July

Tuesday 8th – Move up day

Wednesday 9th – Year 6 leavers Trip

Wednesday 9th – Stingrays and Sharks (yr5) Science Day

Thursday 10th – Minnows trip

Tuesday 15th – Bishop of Dorchester

Thursday 17th – IRock Concert

Friday 18th - Last day of term , finish at 1.15pm

Term 4

Forest School moves to Monday mornings EYFS

Monday 28th April - Sticklebacks 9am

Monday 12th May - Seahorses 9am

Monday 19th May Stingrays 9am

(MIN/TIDS to follow at 10am each week)

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30

Music for schools lessons Monday AM