

# Fritwell School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week! On Tuesday we had our open afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of you in school and joining in with the class activities. There were also many new families who were interested in our nursery and reception. The people who I spoke to were thoroughly impressed with what they saw – the feedback was really positive and we had some lovely comments. We were really pleased that iRock could come in and give a demo lesson and parents were also able to have a go and learn a song. Thank you to the parent volunteers for being so up for it - you made it a lot of fun!

We started the term last week with two guests for our People Who Inspire Us. The first mystery guest was our very own Diane Fricker! She was the perfect choice to help us launch our value for the term of personal success with humility and our Fritwell Footstep of the term, curiosity. Mrs Fricker shared with us the story of how she became interested in skydiving and what it took to learn the skills necessary to be in a display team and ultimately be a part of British record attempts. Next time you are in the hall, have a look at the write-up and be prepared to be impressed.

This was quickly followed by Fredrick Affrifa who is an Italian born athlete. He came to Britain at a young age and was inspired to become an athlete through top coaching and his firm desire to succeed. He gave us some great messages for life and was truly inspirational. Our third guest who we had booked sadly had to pull out at the last minute due to filming commitments, but he has promised us that he will definitely be visiting us as soon as he possibly can.

Last weekend we had the fireworks which was a huge success. A big thank you to Mrs Powley and the team for organising the spectacular; it is no easy feat to bring all the elements together to make such a successful event. Thank you to FoFS, parent and staff helpers – together, everyone made an amazing team. The weather was also kind – dry for the fireworks, and cold enough to make the mulled wine stocks run out!

We also had Ofsted visiting for a two-day inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were really pleased with the process and the full report should be available before Christmas.

There will be lots going on over the next few weeks, so please keep your eyes peeled on the dates for your diary.

With warmest wishes,  
Jon Jeffries  
Executive Headteacher

# Minnows and Tiddlers

It is with great pleasure to welcome you back to Term 2. So much has happened since the beginning of term. The children have really focused on our school value 'Personal Success and Humility' as well as the Fritwell Footstep of 'Concentration'.

On November 11th the children showed great respect throughout the 2-minute silence on 'Remembrance Day'. The display at the front of the school captures the imagination. The children enjoyed painting the bottle bottoms that turned into the poppies.

Our Topic of 'Fairy Tales' has gone off with a bang as the children had a creative art morning helping make and build images for our display board.

The 'Open Morning' was a great success as the Tiddlers and Minnows welcomed many new families that were looking around our school. The prospective parents said how happy all the children were. Mr Pemble, the forest school leader, was impressed with the children and how well they worked as a team as well as showing good listening ears.

The children took part in their first school Yoga lesson with Caroline and thoroughly enjoyed it. All the children understood that this was a calm and quiet time and once again did themselves proud.

The shining light last week was 'Harry' from the Youth Activators who is coming on a Thursday to do a skilled PE lesson. The children responded positively to all the fun sports activities Harry showed them. We look forward to our Physical Development time with him.

Thank you for all your support you show the Early Years, we are always here if you need anything.

Warm wishes Mrs Haselgrove and the Early Years Team.



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# Secret Present Room

Friday 13th Dec from 9am

Children select two gifts each for parents/carers

**Donations welcome**

Drop at school in the donation bin

**Non-uniform day 29th November**

£1 donation to go towards buying gifts

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# Secret Present Room

Friday 13th December

Here's the low down...

#### What's this all about?

This is an opportunity for the children of Fritwell school to buy presents for their parents, carers or important adults in their life to open on Christmas Day. The gifts will be a total surprise on the day!

#### What do I need to do?

If you have any good quality items you have received that you don't want, or want to donate some gifts (brand new, suitable for adults, no alcohol) please can you place them in the black donation bin in the main playground. This should be out from W/C 4th November. In addition, there will be a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November to raise funds to buy additional gifts. Please either bring in £1 on the day, or a gift to donate. Thank you.

#### What happens next?

Please send your child in with some money and a carrier bag on the day. They will be able to purchase two gifts for their loved ones. They will need a maximum of £10. Gifts will be priced between £1.50 - £5.00 each. Once they have chosen their gifts, they will be given help to wrap them up and write tags to their chosen recipient.

#### Anything else?

If you would like to help on the day (from approx. 9am - 11am) either helping the children to select their gifts, or help with the wrapping, please get in touch with Charlotte Robson at [carobson24@gmail.com](mailto:carobson24@gmail.com). This is a wonderful event to take part in and we need lots of Christmas elves to make it a success.

**BIG THANKS!**

Friends of Fritwell School

All money raised goes to  
Fritwell CofE Primary School

## Santa Fun Run.

Once again we would like to invite our parents to enter the Santa fun run on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Katharine House Hospice. This is a hugely popular annual event and every child at school will complete a lap or 2 of the field (Weather Permitting)

We will be running at 9.15am, so if you feel like joining us please plan in a bit of time as each class runs individually and then tags the next class in by singing a carol to them.

We will start with the EYFS class and move up through the school. Please send all children to school in their PE kits, with their uniform in their bags to change into.

We are asking for donations of £2 for each child and adult participating in the run. This will be collected at the gate in cash. More generous donations are very welcome. Our beautiful friend and colleague Julie is currently under the care of Katharine house and other staff members also have ties with the organisation. It is very dear to our hearts.

We look forward to seeing you there.



**Last year we raised £458.30p**

## Dates for your diary

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30  
Music for schools lessons Monday AM  
Forest School – Sticklebacks/EYFS Tuesday pm

### **November**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – School Trip To the Panto (R-yr6)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Non uniform day £1 donation for SPR (Cash Donation)

### **December**

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

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Decorating day, children can wear a Christmas Jumper over their uniform to school. This is not a non uniform day.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – FoFs Cinema evening Polar Express 5 pm  
(We will be using the polar express as a topic for our English work for the last 2 weeks of term)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Big Little Nativity to parents

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sticklebacks 'Nativity A Little Bird Told Me' to parents

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Santa fun run for Katherine House Hospice

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Secret Present room

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas lunch

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Church service 9.30am – Last day of term, finish at 1.15pm.

## 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**

