

# Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very exciting term ahead with lots of things on the boil! Next week we have our next guest for People Who Inspire Us. Josh Franklin is the founder of iRock and I met him seven years ago when iRock was still in its infancy with 5 members of staff and 30 schools. Fast forward to 2025 and iRock has 105 staff covering over 600 schools. I am particularly inspired by Josh as his school experience was full of challenges as he struggled with concentration and consistency. His ADHD diagnosis helped him understand himself better and set him on a path following his passions. I'm really looking forward to welcoming him to Fritwell and inspiring the children on Wednesday.

We are starting to look at our school vision and thinking how we can refresh this and make it more relevant to us. Fritwell and its nine wells offer us huge opportunity to work with the village on water based themes and thinking about 'the water of life'. Heather has already been exploring some of these themes with the children since September, and this term will be working with staff and governors. Keep your eyes peeled for a community event we are planning for next term.

This term, we welcome Kelly Woodford who joins us as a member of our support staff. Kelly has a wealth of teaching experience which we are already drawing on, and she is a fantastic addition to the team. Welcome to the Fritwell family, Kelly!

With so many bugs going around, I hope you all keep healthy and enjoy a peaceful weekend.

Please take special note of the termly class newsletters. They contain important details of a new reading reward scheme we are launching with the children. Mr Protherough discussed this in detail with the children this morning, so they are familiar with the changes. Next week we will be sharing details of a video link with parents which shows explicitly how to use the new reading records. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher in the first instance.

**Jon Jeffries**

With warmest wishes,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

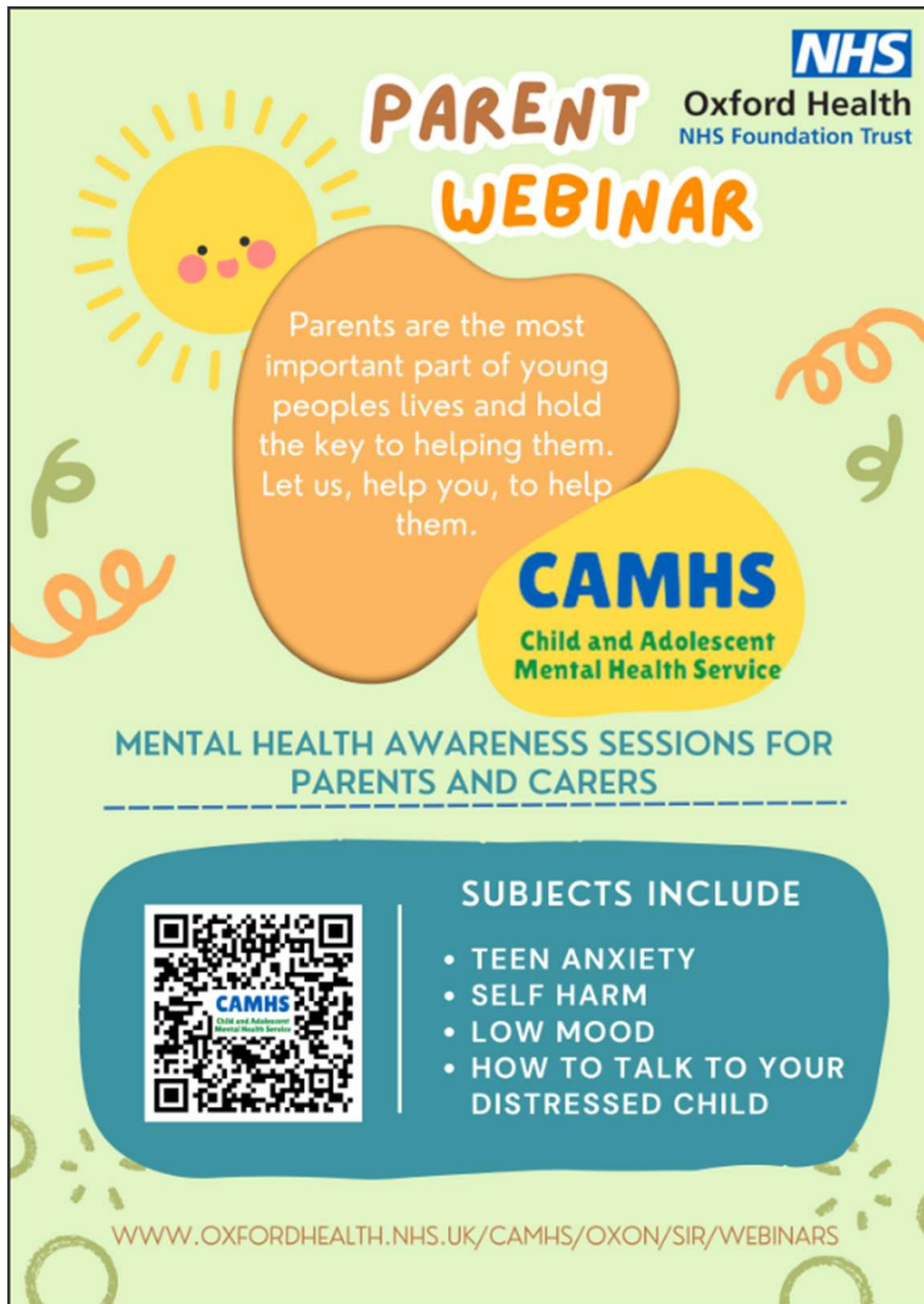
## Minnows and Tiddlers

It is with great pleasure to announce that there are dinosaurs roaming around the school! The topic for the Minnows this term is 'Dinosaurs'. How incredible we have unearthed the longest trail of dinosaur footprints in the local quarry. If you go to BBC iPlayer and put in the following link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0026rgv> you will be able to hear all about it. We have a couple of parent guest speakers coming in to talk about fossils this term which will be exciting of 'Imagination' as well as our value of the term, 'Inspired minds and wisdom'. I wanted to thank you all for all you do for the Early Years and we look forward to the learning ahead. The Minnows received a letter from a dinosaur with a Poem for them to learn.

Warm wishes, Mrs Haselgrove



## Whats on and other offerings

A colorful poster for a parent webinar. It features a smiling sun with rosy cheeks in the top left, orange and yellow abstract shapes, and green squiggly lines. The text is arranged in a clear hierarchy, starting with the NHS logo and Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, followed by the main title 'PARENT WEBINAR'. A central message states that parents are the most important part of a young person's life. The CAMHS logo and full name are prominently displayed. Below this, the topic 'MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS' is listed. A QR code is provided for registration, and a list of subjects is shown in a blue box. The website URL is at the bottom.


**NHS**  
Oxford Health  
NHS Foundation Trust

# PARENT WEBINAR

Parents are the most important part of young people's lives and hold the key to helping them. Let us help you, to help them.

**CAMHS**  
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

A square QR code with the CAMHS logo in the center, used for registration.

**SUBJECTS INCLUDE**

- TEEN ANXIETY
- SELF HARM
- LOW MOOD
- HOW TO TALK TO YOUR DISTRESSED CHILD

[WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS](http://WWW.OXFORDHEALTH.NHS.UK/CAMHS/OXON/SIR/WEBINARS)





Aspire  
dance academy

Ballet & Tap Classes every Wednesday at  
Heyford Park Community Centre, Brice Road, Heyford Park, OX25 5TE

4pm-4.30pm Pre School (3-4 yrs)  
4.30pm-5.15pm Pre Primary (5 yrs)  
5.15pm-6.00pm Primary (6 yrs)  
6.00pm-6.45pm Grades 7 yrs plus

Contact Emma 07834 195180  
emma.aspiredance@gmail.com

noda  
Not Organised by members or friends

Launton Village Players present their 38<sup>th</sup> pantomime



# Beauty and the Beast

A traditional family pantomime

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> to Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025

Date	Performance Times		Adult (18+)	Child (1-17)
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb		7:30pm	£12	£7
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30am*	2:30pm	£12	£7
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb		2:30pm 7:30pm	£14	£8
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb		2:30pm 7:30pm	£14	£8

\*Relaxed  
Performance  
Thursday  
at 10:30am

In Cooper School Performance Hall, Bicester, OX26 4RS

Suitable for the whole family to enjoy!

Tickets on sale from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp)  
(or call 07864 715708 for assistance)

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# BRASS LESSONS

## AT FRITWELL

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# NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

**NMPAT Brackley and Cheney Centre**

🎵 Open Morning 🎵

**Saturday 18th January 2025**

9.15am - 12.15pm | Bracken Leas Primary School, NN13 6LF

An invitation for all children aged 6-18 learning instruments to join us for an exciting morning of music-making **free of charge**. Use the QR code or link to register. For more information, get in touch using the contact details below.



<https://bit.ly/OpenMorning2025>

Janine Mold - Centre Head  
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[www.nmpat.co.uk/brackleycheney](http://www.nmpat.co.uk/brackleycheney)





# The Well

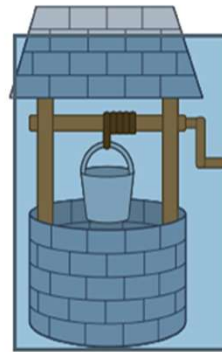
Would you like to meet new people?

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

### **January**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Stingrays and Sharks trip to The Sheldonian (Music Concert)

### **February**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – School disco

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – End of Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Spring term 2 begins

### **March**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic book fair

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Explorer dome visit to school – Science Enrichment

### **April**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term finish at 1.15pm

### **Term 3**

**Forest School moves to Friday mornings EYFS & Stingrays**

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30

Music for schools lessons Monday AM