

# Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Thursday we had our water walk around Fritwell. The weather could not have been more perfect as we explored the village in glorious sunshine, and especially after the previous day of heavy rain. The children were welcomed into many homes and gardens around the village where they were regaled with stories of yesteryear of how wells and ponds were used, and of renovation projects to preserve the rich history of the village. In the afternoon, the children compiled a master map of all the places they had visited, and shared knowledge from the morning in a collective worship conducted by our chaplain, Heather.

The next stage on our journey is to explore the spirituality and metaphor behind water which can be used to support our new vision: Drawing on the Water of Life. Living well; Learning well; Loving well. A big thank you to Cllr Jon Boyce who supported the project from its inception; a lot of work went on behind the scenes to contact villagers and establish a list of properties we could visit. We are planning a celebration in the summer where we will officially launch the new vision and share all of our work with the community.

In other news, we celebrated World book day this week. Each class joined in our WBD assembly and paraded their beautiful costumes for the whole school to see. It was fantastic to see the effort and enthusiasm that went into the costumes. We had a brilliant day celebrating reading and our favorite books.

We also our latest guest for People Who Inspire Us, with Mrs Latham's sister, Elaine, coming to talk to us about her work preserving the history of a very special violin. Please see the poster in the newsletter for the full details.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries  
Executive Headteacher

# World book day



Minnows & Tiddlers – Mr Men



Sticklebacks - Food



Seahorses - Egyptians



Stingrays – Heros and villains

# World Book Day



# People who inspire us

## Elaine Patience



Elaine has a unique relationship with a 150yr old violin. It started life in Russia where it was used to teach the Tsar's children by a man called Abraham. During the Russian Revolution, Abraham had to escape with his family and made an incredible 1,000 mile journey by foot. It took them 10 months to travel from St Petersburg to Odesa and from here they went by ship to Leeds in England. Rosa was Abraham's daughter and she played in symphony orchestras across Germany. At the start of World War II, she was arrested and put in a concentration camp. Playing the violin saved her life, as people like to hear music. She managed to entertain her captors by playing in the Auschwitz Orchestra. The violin ended up in an attic for 30 years and came to light on a BBC programme, 'Repair Shop'. Elaine now borrows the violin to play in orchestras and she brings the violin to schools to share the history. Elaine's passion is the violin and she loves how music brings joy to people and spreads positive ripples. Elaine encourages us to enjoy and play music, in any capacity that we can!

### Key Fritwell Footstep



### Key Value

Personal success with  
humility

### Positive Ripples Created

Value music and bring enjoyment  
to other people.



# Red Nose Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Please use the following link for your red nose donations on the 21<sup>st</sup> and send your child to school wearing red.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17880>

We will also send this link out on red nose day via email.

## Whats on.



### SEND TOGETHER A DAY FOR PARENT CARERS TO CONNECT, SHARE AND LEARN

- ✓ Workshops and Information Sessions
- ✓ Panel Discussion and Q&A
- ✓ SEND Advice Clinics
- ✓ SEND Marketplace

THURSDAY  
13TH MARCH  
9AM - 3PM  
THE KINGS CENTRE,  
OX2 0ES

FOR REGISTRATION OR MORE INFO: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/SENDTOGETHER)

A LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP EVENT

**BOB**

Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire  
and Berkshire West  
Integrated Care System

OXFORDSHIRE  
PARENT CARERS FORUM  
A Voice for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire

TOGETHER  
EVERYONE  
ACHIEVES  
MORE



OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

# 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

### **March**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> -Oxford castle trip - Stingrays

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sticklebacks trip

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Coming relief – Wear red

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

– Science Enrichment

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Seahorses and Stingrays performance 6pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Seahorses and Stingrays performance 6pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> – FoFs Easter Event

### **April**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – IRock concert 10am

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parents evening

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

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Back to school

### **May**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday - No School

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> – Fofs Bingo night – Adults only!

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term

### **June**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Back to school – Start of Term 6

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports day

### **Term 4**

**Forest School moves to Friday mornings EYFS**

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30

Music for schools lessons Monday AM