

Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday 2nd May



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a stunning week of weather and the children have certainly been making the most of it on the field. We also had the team point treat for Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean children which was a game of rounders with an ice lolly to finish! I was so proud of the year 6 children who captained their teams magnificently. Esme, Lucas, Olivia and Ruben all showed the Fritwell values and footsteps to build confidence in their team and explain the rules for those who had not played rounders before. Game on now for the children to earn as many points as possible for the summer treat!

Next week we have an exciting series of nursery open days which have been organised by Mrs Wright. Each day will have a different theme and we hope to see some new faces to the school. If you know anybody with nursery age children, ask them to contact the school for more details and we will be very pleased to hear from them. Booking is essential so we can cater for numbers.

Fast approaching is the FOFS summer event on 14th June and we are looking for volunteers to help. Any time would be greatly appreciated even if only an hour manning a stall. Let's hope for similar weather that we have been having of late.

We currently have a few gardening projects around the school, with sticklebacks developing a sensory garden and stingrays making a veggie plot. If you have any spare compost, seeds etc, that you are not using, any donations of this type would be gratefully received.

We have lots of trips coming up in the summer term and the first will be the National Space Centre trip next week including a sleepover on the Friday night. We can't wait to hear about the children's adventures and we'll share the pictures with you.

Wishing you a peaceful bank holiday weekend

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

MinTids

It is with great pleasure to enter Term 5 with the Early Years children. We have welcomed two new Tiddlers and the class have helped them settle in to their new environment. Look out for some more new starters after half term. The classroom is already bursting with Mini Beast activities and the children are helping us to add to the displays around the classroom. Forest school on a Monday morning has gone well and the MinTids are extremely lucky to have Yoga throughout the year and are showing great progress. The Minnows are starting to sing the songs for their Mini Beast show. The School Value for the term is 'Love and Agape' and our Fritwell Footstep is 'Independence'. We are talking to the children about these two aspects and as always, the children show the love to one another. Thank you for all your support and the Team and I are here if you need anything.

Warm wishes,
Mrs Haselgrove



Sticklebacks

Our English lessons this term are based around the non-fiction book 'Steve Backshall's Deadly 60'. We will be using this text to help us write a fact file on a 'deadly' animal of our choice and have already learned about the Komodo Dragon! Did you know they grow to around 3 metres in length and have a venomous bite that slowly kills its prey!

We have been learning about Place Value to 100 in our maths lessons using number lines and part whole models. The children have also really impressed me with their knowledge in our prior learning tasks and their ability to self mark these questions using their purple pens!

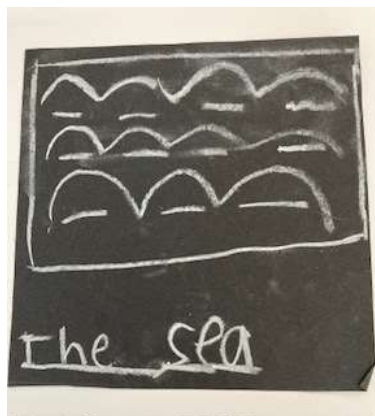
In music we are learning to sing a song called 'Getting Dressed' which also has an instrumental part that we are learning to play on the xylophones! Mrs Powley was very lucky to appear in our classroom at just the right moment and we gave her an impromptu performance of what we've learned so far! She really enjoyed listening to this!

In our forest school session this week we enriched our science topic of 'Growing and Learning' by discovering how to identify different types of trees from looking at their leaves.

The children have made a great effort with their spellings too with some impressive scores on our first test! Well done sticklebacks, keep up the good work of practicing these at home. A big thank you to parents/carers for supporting your children with this.

In art we learned about Bridget Riley MBE an English artist known for her optical art (a style of visual abstract art using optical illusions). We talked about how her pieces made us feel and experimented making our own versions of 'op art' using different types of lines with white chalk on black paper.

A special thank you to all the sticklebacks for making me feel so welcome! You have all been amazing!



Seahorses

Our Summer term has started with learning about William Shakespeare and in particular his play “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Did you know that Shakespeare is responsible for some of the vocabulary and sayings we still use! We have built up a bank of similes and fronted adverbials to use in our writing later on this term.

In Maths, we have measured in millimetres, centimetres and metres. It has been exciting to learn about how long some of the school classrooms are and how they compare. Year 2 learnt how to read a thermometer and Year 3 are about to start finding the perimeter of shapes.

Our topic about Survival of the Fittest has led us to explore climates in the world and to identify habitats of some animals. We are heading into looking at endangered species in the next few weeks.

Thank you for maintaining the reading over the Easter holidays, it certainly makes a huge difference to be consistent and regular so that the children keep up the progress. Don’t forget if your child needs to change their book shelf book (not Read Write Inc) they need to place it daily in the pink tray.



A Message from FoFs

Thank you for your continued support! We're thrilled to share that our recent Easter Egg Hunt raised £1,014-a fantastic result that wouldn't have been possible without you.

Your generosity helps fund:

- Free coaches for school trips
- - £150 per term per class for resources
- - Pantomime trips
- - Brass lessons
- - And much more!
- Our small team of working parents puts in a lot of behind-the-scenes effort to make these events a success. We'd love to grow our team-if you're interested, please get in touch: fofs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk

Not sure about joining? You can still help! Join our volunteers group for occasional tasks like event help, shopping for supplies, or contacting vendors.

Together, we make school events fun and memorable for all!

Thanks
FoFs

Local Events



VE DAY
8TH MAY 2025 | GARTH PARK

9am - Flag raising

9:05am - Mayor addresses personnel

11am - Activities and military vehicles on display

12pm - Fish and chips available from Garth Park Kitchen

1pm - Mayor judges VE day pictures from schools

6:30pm - St Edburg's Church Bells ring for celebration of peace

7pm - Music in the bandstand throughout the night

9pm - VE Day proclamation read by the town Mayor

9:05pm - Moving Reflection and Prayer from Reverend Peter

9:30pm - Lighting of a beacon to celebrate lamp lights of peace



Hill End
A place of possibilities

Go Wild This May Half-Term!

***NEW* WILD DAYS for 7-12 year olds**

Bushcraft, nature walks, campfire cooking, and den-building in the stunning surroundings of **Hill End** and **Wytham Woods**.

From pond-dipping to minibeast hunting, our expert tutors will lead exciting hands-on activities, making learning fun while kids connect with nature and new friends.

Booking Essential: <https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days>

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Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, OX2 9NJ 01865 863510

This week at The Well

The Well

Would you like to meet new people?

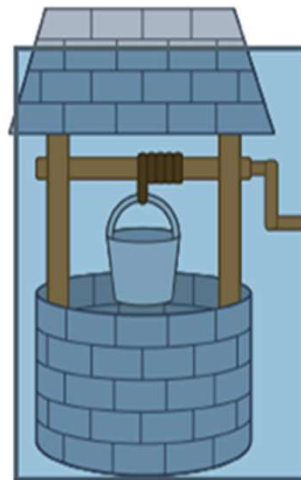
Would you like to feel listened to?

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

May

Monday 5th – Bank Holiday - No School

Friday 9th – National space centre sleepover

Saturday 17th – Fofs Drag Bingo night – Adults only!

Friday 23rd – Last day of term (normal finish time)

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

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

PE kits should come to school all week.