

# Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 2

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it has been the shortest term of the year, it has certainly been a very busy one! In Monday worship we celebrated the year 6 children who had a great SATs week. In preparation, the children put in a huge amount of effort both at home and in school. They had the right attitude and the whole process was very smooth. A huge thank you to Mr Protherough and Mrs Weaver for preparing the children so well throughout the whole year. With SATs out of the way, Sharks class are now full steam ahead for the summer play 'The Wrong Way Around'.

It was an absolute privilege this week to see the Minnows' Mini Beast show. The children spoke with such confidence and sang with great pride. It was fantastic to see the full range of the curriculum being shared from art to science and the children had clearly learned so much. A big thank you and well done to the whole team who put so much energy and effort into making the children's early years experience first class.

Two weeks ago, Mrs Ejiogu, Miss Winstone, Mrs Lyons and Mrs Woodford took a group of children to the National Space Centre for a sleepover, and what an exciting experience! The children had a trail around the galleries, enjoyed an astronaut planetarium show and lots of other space themed activities. The children's behaviour was impeccable and we are hugely appreciative of the staff for spending the night away with the children.

Today is the last day for Gail who has been the super cooker in the kitchen. Gail has been at Fritwell for 12 years and the food she prepared for us has been nothing short of first class. Gail has always gone above and beyond to make sure the children were happy, and appreciation was shown in the hall today with the children doing a flash mob style performance of 'Food, Glorious Food!' We wish Gail all the best in her new role.

The final term is set to be busy with trips, experiences, sports day and the summer fete! I hope you all rest well over the half term and fingers crossed for some nice weather!

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

## Stingrays

WOW! This term has most certainly been full of exciting learning experiences for Stingrays!

A real highlight was our unforgettable sleepover at the National Space Centre — the children were amazing ambassadors for our school, showing our Fritwell Footstep of *Improvement* and reflecting our Hexagon of *Love and Agape* throughout.

In English and art, the children have shown great creativity and focus. They began the term by writing mystery and suspense stories about being lost in the rainforest, then took a more factual turn by producing powerful newspaper reports on deforestation in the Amazon. Inspired by *Tropical Forest with Monkeys* by Henri Rousseau, Stingrays worked together to create a vibrant collaborative artwork. Our working wall, which will be completed after the half-term break, will be a colourful celebration of their efforts, surrounded by their fantastic written work — we can't wait to see it all come together!

As part of our ongoing hands-on and outdoor learning, we've loved watching our tadpoles grow, linking beautifully to our science topic of Living Things. The children have shown great care and responsibility, and it's been lovely to see other classes getting involved in the excitement too. Meanwhile, our vegetable garden is thriving! The children have been enthusiastic gardeners, and we're delighted to see our vegetables flourishing. We're all looking forward to harvesting them soon and making our very own healthy snacks.

Well done Stingrays for another brilliant term of learning and teamwork. We are all incredibly proud of all of the progress.

Warmest wishes,

Miss.Winstone & the stingrays team

# Stingrays





# Sharks

## Sharks Class

Wowser, what a term! We are so proud of Shark class. The year sixes were calm, relaxed and positively buoyant all the way through SATs week. Each and every adult in school commented on the wonderful atmosphere in the class – especially when other teachers and TAs stepped in to watch over the year fives. The fives were respectful and conscientious throughout – supporting their class mates in year six and showing real maturity and responsibility. They are really showing their potential for being top of the school next year!



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## **Sharks**

### **A special mention**

It is with both sadness and pride (mostly pride) that the boys' (with some help from the girls) football team heroically lost 5:2 to Frigford Primary School in the quarter finals of the Bicester Cluster A League. Each and every participant gave 100% to the team, making exceptional progress as both players and (more importantly) as a team. You cannot underestimate the importance of developing the personal qualities that come in both sporting victory and defeat – striving for improvement, working together and to keep going when the games are hard. We may not have won a trophy, but we have a lot to celebrate.

### **The play**

As you have all seen, Shark class have been given their roles for the end of year play: The Wrong Way Round. Every child has been provided with a complete script. I believe it is important for each child to have access to the whole play, to understand the importance of their role in the grand scheme of things. I was incredibly proud of the children who gave amazing auditions and then could only be given a smaller speaking role – being positive and understanding. As ever with this type of thing, it is important that we allow the year sixes what may be their last opportunity to act in a play.

Please encourage your child to learn their lines – this will go a very long way to them being able to enjoy the experience and not worry. Also, you will find the songs and the link taped to the back of the script.

One final pre-emptive grumble: PLEASE LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILD'S SCRIPT. I know that if your child loses it, then it's only one script, but if each and every child loses it or ruins it, then it translates to an awful lot of paper and ink.

### **One final word**

Thank you all again for the wonderful positivity and support you have given the children and teachers. It has been another successful term – we now have just one more... let's make it special for everyone!

# A Message from FoFs

We're thrilled to share that our recent Drag Bingo event raised £935-a fantastic result that wouldn't have been possible without you and our surrounding community. It really was a wonderful night full of laughter. A massive shout out to the team who helped pull this one off, from decorating to booze buying, and of course the wonderful Sandy Flaps.



We are already selling our raffle tickets like hotcakes. The raffle will be drawn at the Summer party and we have a huge number of fantastic prizes available to be won.

You can buy yours in the school office or via the FoFs email:

[FoFs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:FoFs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk)

**FRITWELL COFE SCHOOL  
SUMMER PARTY**

**RAFFLE**

**£1 a ticket**

**AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON...**

- Blenheim Palace Annual Pass – Biagio Necklace
- David Lloyd Day Pass – Bicester Heritage Scramble Tickets
- Nicholsons Yurt Voucher – Thrift Farm Voucher
- Jump Tickets – Bicester Golf & Country Club Afternoon Tea
- Bucks Railway Tickets – Fairytale Farm Family Ticket
- Hogshaw Farm Tickets – Bic Toy Shop Voucher – Dominos
- The White Lion (Fewcott) Voucher – Bowling at The Heyford
- Fitr Coffee Vouchers – Farmhouse Flowers – Books from Coles
- Milletts Farm Maize Pass – Bekonscot Model Village Tickets
- Oxford Playhouse Tickets – Stowe Gardens Guest Pass
- Birdland Family Ticket – John Lewis Tapas Plates – Prosecco
- Burgess Reclamation Yard Serving Boards – Doggy Doorstop
- Brown's at Park Farm Breakfast Pack Voucher & MORE!

**BUY TICKETS FROM** [fofs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:fofs@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk)

Friends of Fritwell School Registered Charity No. 1065768.  
Winning numbers will be drawn at the School's Summer Party on 14.06.25.  
All proceeds go to Fritwell CofE School.

Can you help with our next event? 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

# 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

### June

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sticklebacks & Seahorses class trip

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Class photos/ Yr 6 leavers photos

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> – FoFs Summer event

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sports week.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sports day**

### July

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Move up day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Yr5 Trip to Warwick Castle

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 leavers Trip to Go Ape

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Stingrays and Sharks (yr5) Science Day

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Minnows trip to Cotswold wildlife park

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Yr 5/6 Brass concert

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Bishop of Dorchester visit and blessing.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – IRock Concert

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Leavers church service. Time TBC

- Last day of term , finish at 1.15pm

### Term 6

**Forest School moves to Monday Afternoon**

Sharks

MIN/TIDS

### **Swimming**

Yr 3 / 4

Every Thursday

Brass lessons – Year 5/6 Fridays at 9.30

Music for schools lessons Monday AM

**PE kits should come to school all week.**