

Fritwell School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday 26th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friends of Fritwell (FoFs) had their Annual General Meeting last week where the committee was re-elected – thank you to all the FoFs team for your commitment to the school! Last year they raised an incredible £9,238.09 which is a truly phenomenal effort. This has directly enhanced our children's school experiences including funding class trips, a free trip to the pantomime for all children, installing a new whiteboard, and supporting numerous smaller initiatives that contribute to making our school environment warm and engaging. FoFs are seeking new committee members, so if you are interested in joining (the commitment does not have to be huge!), please speak to Sarah King, Lucy Springall, Kelly Woodford, Laura Prentice, or Cary in the office for more information.

On Monday Seahorses had a topic-linked surprise with a visit from the Stone Age workshop. The children were incredibly engaged with the visit and it really brought their class-based work to life. Several children told me how much they enjoyed the experience and Ms Allen was extremely proud of the way the children engaged and asked questions.

We have established new pupil leadership groups and are pleased there has been so much interest from the children wanting to be advocates for the school. A staff member will be working closely with each of the groups and listening to their ideas. Together they will develop an action plan for the academic year and I can't wait to hear about the projects they plan.

The book fair this week has been really successful. Through your support, we have raised almost £200 (as of Thursday), and we will plan how to use this money across the school.

Lastly, Val and Cary completed their sponsored walk on 13th September. Raising just over £1000 for Coppafeel, a charity that raises awareness for the early detection of breast cancer. We are very proud of their achievement and look forward to seeing what charity they will support in the future with their next adventure.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,
Jon Jeffries
Executive Headteacher

Minnows and Tiddlers.

All the children have made the most amazing start to their school life at Fritwell Primary School. The Minnows listening and attention skills are growing and 'Fred the frog' has been most impressed with their learning during the Read Write Inc sessions. The children are soaking in their learning like sponges and with your support, with the work sent home to help develop their reading, the children are going to fly high. We are looking at the Fritwell Footstep this term which is 'Curiosity'. The children are certainly showing this in the classroom environment. The value of the term is 'Respect and Compassion'. The children's manners are growing by the day. To help tidy up our classroom, we are using the saying 'Choose it, use it, put it back!' We have had successful sessions up at forest school with Mr Mud as well as Yoga and specialist PE lessons with the Youth Activators. Getting changed for the PE lessons has been a great success. Please try and label all you can to ensure nothing gets lost. The Tiddlers have been very creative this week collaging some life size children for 'Our Community' display that links in with the topic 'Myself and my Community'. We are looking forward to a happy and rewarding rest of the term.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Haselgrove and the Early Years Team





FoFs

Following on from our AGM this week please say congratulations to our newly elected committee which has been led by the fearless **Sarah King**, who took the job of chair on last year when nobody else was prepared to step up. She has worked her socks off generating new interest in FoFs and dreaming up new ideas along with the rest of the committee, to make it such a successful year.

We would also like to thank all of long standing FoFs members who have offered advice and stepped in to run some of the old favourites, like Secret Present Room and trained our new treasurer. We couldn't do what we do without all of your support.

We are looking forward to another great year of FoFs fundraising and events. We can't wait to see you all there.



Dates for your diary

Brass lessons – Year 5 Fridays at 10.45am

Music for schools lessons Tuesday pm

September

Tuesday 23rd – Travelling book fair (Schoolastic) for 1 week

Monday 29th – Flu Vaccinations

October

Wednesday 8th – School picture day

Friday 10th – Hello Yellow day

Tuesday 14th – Harvest festival – church.

Monday 27th-Friday 31st – Half Term school closed

November

Monday 3rd – Inset day

Monday 10th – Odd sock day

Saturday 8th – Fofs Fireworks

Friday 14th – Children in need

December

Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th – Parents evening

Tuesday 9th – Minnows Christmas Show – 2pm

Wednesday 10th – School Trip To the Panto (R-yr6)

Friday 12th – Secret present room

Monday 15th Community tea party – Stingrays

Tuesday 16th -Sticklebacks Christmas show 2.15pm

Wednesday 17th – School Christmas dinner

Thursday 18th – Irock concert 10am

Friday 19th – Church service. Last day of term.

January

Monday 5th – Inset day

Tuesday 6th – Back to school