

Fritwell School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday 14th November



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a hugely eventful start to the term. Last Saturday we had the annual fireworks show which was a phenomenal success. The event was superbly organised and a sellout once again! Huge thanks to Cary who was the chief organiser and the small army of volunteers who helped to make the event a fantastic success. Once all expenses have been deducted, over £2,700 of profit was achieved which was £1,000 more than last year. The funds will be put to good use over the year to support the children's activities including subsidising class trips and the annual trip to the panto. A massive thank you to everyone who was involved.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying Minnows children to Warriner Farm. It was an exciting learning opportunity for the children as they learned about many aspects of the farm including how the animals are looked after. The children asked some really thoughtful questions and behaviour was excellent. A big thank you to Mrs Haselgrove for organising.

This week has been anti-bullying week and we started off with an assembly on Monday introducing the theme. I asked the children about their personal power and the good that can be achieved in using it. The answers showed a depth of understanding the children already have around this subject with the work we already do in school, for example 'stop it I don't like it'. We formally introduced the mend-it ambassadors from Sharks class who are trained to offer support and help to diffuse playground disagreements. As always, I am incredibly impressed with the children's willingness to put themselves forward to make the school an even better place.

The office team have been incredibly busy at the start of this term in migrating all of our management information system data onto a new system called Arbor. This brings us in line with other EPA schools and should make school operations more streamlined. You will learn more about the features for parents very soon.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries
Executive headteacher

Minnows and Tiddlers

The start to Term 2 has gone extremely well with new Nursery children starting and being made to feel very welcome by all the children as well as welcoming Mrs Heafey to the class, three days a week. We are looking at this Term's Value of 'Personal Success and Humility' and 'Concentration' as the Fritwell Footstep. The children are making good progress with their concentration skills during their adult led learning time. The Topic this term is 'Will you read me a story?'. Every week we have a 'Book of the week' that we read daily. We have made a display of the books we have looked at so far. Last weeks book was 'The Three Little Pigs'. On Thursday, the Minnows went on their first school trip to the Warriner Farm. We went to see the pigs and Marie, was very impressed how the children worked as a team to build houses of straw, sticks and bricks. Mr Jeffries came with us and at the end he turned into the 'Big Bad Wolf!' and tried to blow all the houses down! Thank you Mr Jefferies for coming with us. We have set up a role play area that can be changed to go with different 'Fairy Tale' books we will be reading. To go with our book of the week, we have a giant up in the clouds. These next few weeks are jam packed with different activities. Please keep an eye out for the 'Tapestry' messages. Thank you all for all your hard work at home with the reading and we look forward to the Minnows 'Christmas Show Show' and the Tiddlers 'Christmas Get Together' in December.





FoFs

Fritwell C of E Primary School



Secret Present Room

12th December 2025 from 9am

Children select up to two gifts each for parents/carers

Donations Welcome

Please drop at school in the donation bin

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Secret Present Room

What is it about?

This is an opportunity for the children of Fritwell School to buy presents for their parents, carers or important adults in their life to open on Christmas Day. The best part is the gifts will be a surprise on the day.

What do I need to do?

If you have any good quality items you have received that you don't want, or want to donate some gifts (brand new, suitable for adults, no alcohol) please could you place them in the black donation bin in the main playground. This should be out from W/C 3rd Nov. Thank you.

What happens next?

Please send your child in with some money and a carrier bag on the day. They will be able to purchase two gifts for their loved ones. They will need a maximum of £10. Gifts will be priced between £1.50 - £5.00 each. Once they have chosen their gifts, they will be given help to wrap them up and write tags to their chosen recipient.

All money raised goes to
Fritwell CofE Primary School

Upcoming events



Monday 1st December – 9am

The children will take it in turns to run a lap or 2 around the field.

We would love for the parents to get involved so this year we will also be selling hot drinks and bacon sandwiches to entice you to stay.

Every entry (child and parent) is £2 and it will be collected in cash on the day.

Each class will run their lap and then hand the baton to the next class by singing a Christmas carol.

Dates for your diary

Brass lessons – Year 5 Fridays at 10.45am
Forest School – Sharks – Thursday afternoons

November

Thursday 27th – Stingrays trip

December

Monday 1st - Santa fun run/Christmas jumper day/
decorating afternoon

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 9.30am. **Last day of term.**

January

Monday 5th – Inset day

Tuesday 6th - Back to school