



**"Growing and Learning Together with God"**

*Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape*



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# **Newsletter 7 Spring Term**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Message from Mr Hart**

Welcome back everyone after our mid-term break! It was such a shame to make the difficult decision to close school on the last day of term but the safety of our children and staff always remains uppermost in our choices. As it happens, a significant number of fence panels were blown down on site and we have been lucky to get our contractors to replace these in the holidays.

We are pleased to welcome a new starter in Foundation who joins us this term; we hope he will soon feel happy and secure in the Fritwell school family.

Mr Louis Parsons, our student in years 5/6, continues his school experience this term and we are extremely grateful to him and to Mrs Ruth Parsons, his Mum, who has been an absolute star in helping reorganise our school Library, along with all our teachers.

My thanks also go to Mr Martyn Simmonds and Mrs Gill Simmonds who are using their many years of expertise to carry out some booster work with our year 6 students. They are giving up their time for our school and we are indebted to them for their support.

Thanks to all who supported World Book Day with such amazing costumes. Well done everyone! We had a great time celebrating together in worship and with our new buddies in the afternoon.

Our curriculum focus this term remains in depth exploration in Mathematics. I would be delighted to see any work that the children do at home to support this area of the curriculum.

As the world stage once more shows evidence of war and greed we will be dealing sensitively with the situation in the Ukraine and reflecting on the wonderful gift of living in peace with our fellow man.

As all the signs of life and Spring surround us we look forward to a hardworking and fun term ahead.



## Class Activities

### *Tiddlers & Minnows*

The Tiddlers and Minnows have had a very busy beginning of term. They have started their new topic 'On the Move' by reading the story "Rosie's Walk" and discussing the different journeys they have been on. They have increased their knowledge of the local area by exploring Fritwell on Google Maps; some children were even able to find their houses on street view.

The Minnows used their Phonics skills to write a short sentence explaining how they travel to school every day; they all worked so hard on their letter formation and finger spaces. In Maths, they have been representing the numbers 9 and 10 using various objects, and have also continued their work on ordering numbers to 10.

The Tiddlers have continued to deepen their counting skills by playing a range of games and singing a variety of counting songs. They have continued working on representing numbers with their fingers.

### *Sticklebacks*

The Sticklebacks thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and dressing up as their favourite book characters. The class wrote a book review of their favourite books.

Today they have been inspired by the art work of Andy Warhol and have been colouring images which will be used to make a cushion.

In PE the children played a game called Lily Pads and Snakes where they had to be expert jumpers, and in ICT they debugged a marble run to make it work properly!

### *Seahorses*

This week the children have written prayers for Ukraine, as well as finishing writing their adventure stories from before half term.

The Year 3s have been dividing 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number with remainders, while the Year 2s have been looking at dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

The Seahorses had their first forest school session today with Mr Pemble and got to explore what nature is in the woods area. The children all enjoyed their outdoor experience.



## Class Activities (continued)

### Stingrays

It was another exciting start to the term for Stingrays, as they welcomed Lucius, the Roman centurion, to Fritwell. Using a very original time machine (a tape measure) they were all transported back about 2000 years to learn about the Roman invasion of Britain and what it would have been like to be a Roman soldier in Britain. As you can see from the photos, it was a hands-on, active day and the children were thoroughly engaged throughout. They handled replica weapons, acted out various Roman legends, learned to play a fascinating Roman game as well as mastering their first words in Latin to help them with their marching drills! It is clear from the thank you letters they have written to Lucius that they all had a fantastic day. A hard act for Mrs Churchill and Ms Allen to follow! A big thank you also goes to FOFS, as they helped to fund the event.



What an awesome array of costumes the class had for World Book Day. As the children had been looking at biographies they found out about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and looked at her family tree (and the corgis!) The class used some of her iconic speeches to illustrate, ready for their book corner. The afternoon culminated with sharing books with their reading buddies. A wonderful day!

### Sharks

Sharks have enjoyed a series of drama lessons this week, developing improvisations and short plays to express what they have learnt about the Ancient Greeks over the last half term. It has been lovely to see their *Inspired Minds* with their creative ideas, and their growing *Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance* to perform in role in front of the class. We look forward to sharing this work with **Sharks** families at our **Sharing Assembly** at **2:45pm next Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Class Activities (continued)

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Sharks also expressed their *Inspired Minds* in their gymnastics lesson where they developed sequences of counterbalances across different gymnastics apparatus, thinking carefully about high-quality movements and choreographing travel between balances. They also needed *Respect and Compassion* to support each other in some of their counterbalances, as well as demonstrating a lot of strength and flexibility.

At the start of the week, Year 6 impressed Mr Simmonds and Mrs Montgomery with their focused learning attitudes in their first booster sessions, while Mrs Simmonds thoroughly enjoyed working with Year 5 for Science and RE. Some Year 6 have commented that the boosters are already helping them to feel more confident about the challenges of SATS and secondary school ahead.

### 'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers & Minnows

Quinn S and Isabel P

Sticklebacks

Teddy C and Reid C

Seahorses

Oscar R and Ruben R-B

Stingrays

Phoenix S and Florence E

Sharks

Maddi R and Charlie New



Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows

Seth M and Ada W-J

Sticklebacks

No Super Sentence Writers this week

Family Group Points :

Unicorn

Whole School Attendance : 96.62%

### Boys Football Match

Congratulations must go again to our Year 6 boys football team who, after a tough and difficult game, beat Brookside 2-1 on Wednesday afternoon. Well done Fritwell!

### World Book Day

On Thursday, the whole school showed our value of *Inspired Minds* with their amazing and creative World Book Day costumes, which we shared during a whole school assembly at the start of the day. Well done to all the children and thank you to all the families who helped create such incredible costumes which help children experience the awe and wonder of enjoying a good book.

The **winners of our £10 book token award for most creative costume** were **Ava E, Lucas P, and Mya G.**

**Fresh Start** also had a lunchtime competition for children having school dinners to find a **golden ticket**. The **lucky winners** were **Brody H** and **Florence E.**



In the afternoon, children got together in their family group teams to meet their "buddies" from different classes and enjoyed sharing a book together. It was lovely to see the *Love and Agape* and *Respect and Compassion* the children showed towards each other, as well as how engaged they were with their reading.



We also used World Book Day to launch our new system of celebrating those children who show consistent commitment to reading at home by awarding 'reading rockets' to those who have brought in their reading record with at least three reads each week in the last term. Each class also awarded a 'reading star' to the child whose reading record showed the most enthusiasm for reading.



Our **reading stars** last term were: Lorelei S, Sam G, Thomas T, Harrison T, Mason C-M, Jude R and Seth M. Well done!

Our rockets and stars are on display in the hall and will be updated at the end of each half term. We hope that World Book Day will have inspired increased enthusiasm for reading so we'll have even more reading rockets flying towards the stars at our next reading celebration!

### Parent/Teacher Evenings

Reminders have been sent out to those who have not yet booked their child(ren)'s meetings. Please do so soonest or contact Julie in the office.

### FoFS

Thank you to the FoFS team for the delicious pancakes the children enjoyed after school on Tuesday. We do appreciate your hard work.



The Easter Egg Hunt is FoFS's next big event!

If you are able and willing to help at all on the gate or with the running of any stalls please do talk to one of the FoFS members or let the office know and they will put you in touch.

Thank you for your support.



I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*



*Mondays a.m.*

*Tuesdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm*

*Wednesdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm*

*Wednesday Lunchtimes*

*Thursdays a.m.*

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*Friday – 1.00pm*

*Friday – 1.15pm*

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

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*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March*

*Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March*

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March*

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April*

*Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July*

Music for Schools Music Lessons

Football Club (Adam Bradley) Years 2 - 6

Sewing Circle Club Years 4 - 6

Boys Football Club Years 5 – 6

iRock

MultiSports Club (Premier) Years 1 - 3

Girls Football Club Years 4 - 6

Stingrays plus extras – Swimming

Seahorses – Forest School

**SEN Parent/Teacher Evening**

***Sharks*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

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Boys Football Match vs Langford Village – home

Red Nose Day – *non-school uniform*

**Year 5 Bikeability Training**

**NCMP Weights & Heights – Reception and Year 6**

Girls Football Match vs Bure Park – away

**School Disco**

***Stingrays*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

**iRock Concert** 9.30am

***Sticklebacks*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

***Seahorses*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

***Tiddlers & Minnows*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm