

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

*Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape*



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# **Newsletter 12 Spring Term**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Message from Mr Hart**

After a busy and demanding term I hope that all our families enjoy a wonderful Easter. Once again our staff have given their all to ensure that the children enjoy a wonderful schooling. I am grateful to our Governors and FoFS for their continued support. Also, to our parents and carers who continue to value our lovely village school. We return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for another energetic and full Summer term.

### **Staff Update**

After many years with us, running Breakfast Club and working in the school kitchen, Emma Howse will be leaving us at the beginning of May to pursue a different career. We will all be very sorry to say goodbye to Emma – she is well known to pupils and parents alike – and we wish her every success for the future.

Yesterday we completed interviews for our Early Years 1:1 position and we are very pleased to announce that Beth Bartram will be joining us in May to take up the role. She will also be our new Breakfast Club Leader and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

### **Covid Vaccination Update from Oxfordshire County Council**

Please note that this is not compulsory.

All children aged 5 - 11 will be offered vaccination against COVID-19 from 4 April 2022.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

From Saturday 2 April you can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling **119** for dedicated children's clinics, including at:

- The Kassam Stadium, Oxford
- Broad Street Mall, Reading
- The Guttman Centre, Stoke Mandeville



**Other child-friendly and convenient vaccination clinics will be open across Oxfordshire over the next week.** Appointments will become available on the National Booking Service or by calling 119, so please keep checking if you prefer to go to a clinic closer to home. Locations for these sites will be listed on the [Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group website](#).

Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses.

## Class Activities

### *Tiddlers & Minnows*

Minnows and Tiddlers have had an Easter themed week and have listened carefully to the Bible story retelling the events of Easter weekend. They recreated the key parts in their small world tray and made some palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.



On Thursday the children melted chocolate to make Easter nests and they were all surprised to find a chick in them!

The whole class enjoyed their marble treat playing on the adventure playground and MUGA on Friday



### *Sticklebacks*

This week Sticklebacks have carried out a science investigation on waterproof materials. They tested a range of different materials to see which ones would be good to use for a new shelter.

They enjoyed playing and singing their song to the school during their music sharing assembly. The other classes' performances were really good to listen to as well.

## Class Activities (continued)

### Sticklebacks (continued)

The Sticklebacks took part in the outdoor Easter Experience earlier in the week which gave them the opportunity to think about Jesus and the Easter story.



### Seahorses

America day was a great way to start the week. After the excitement of the plane journey the Seahorses crash landed into a Canadian mountain! They used great resilience to sketch the mountain using a grid to help them to create realistic images. Once they were rescued and taken to the USA, they learnt a dance called waacking. Before long, it was time to go to Brazil for carnival. They got to learn to samba and they made masks that were bright and colourful!



This week the children have also been learning fractions and exploring finding halves, thirds and quarters. We have also been writing a postcard from America, recapping different key grammar terms like 'verb' and 'adjectives'.

## Stingrays

Stingrays have had a very thoughtful and creative week. It started with looking at Sikh stories and how they help Sikhs reflect on the teachings of their faith. They made bowls to hold water and jasmine flowers to symbolise that everything in the world is created by God and is there for all to share.



This was followed by working on their music performance to share with the rest of the school to show what they have been learning in music this term. Their performance included singing, playing percussion and glockenspiels.



Their reflections continued as they took part in an outdoor experience to reflect on the Easter Story and help them prepare for the Easter service.

On Wednesday they all settled down to watch a film as their class marble treat for all their hard work over the term - some of them even changed into their pyjamas and brought a teddy.



## Class Activities (continued)

### Sharks

Sharks have been making the most of their learning time, right up to the end of term!

In English, they have been applying all they've learnt about the Greek goddesses to write in role as Prince Paris, judging which goddess deserves the golden apple destined for the fairest. The quality of their writing has been excellent, maintaining a formal tone (including using the subjunctive form) and using conjunctions to guide the reader through their arguments. The class vote agreed with the Greek myth: they chose Aphrodite as the fairest goddess - the event that sparked the Trojan war!

In Maths, Sharks have been consolidating their learning about shapes by calculating missing edges and angles, as well as applying their knowledge of conversions between metric and imperial measures to create line graphs, both by hand and using Excel.

Sharks have also enjoyed finishing sharing their Ancient Greek homework projects. Well done to all the children for such a fantastic range of projects, developing their research, cooking, writing, craft, computing and presentation skills. Thank you to parents for your ongoing support in helping children develop their independence and skills with homework support.

### Easter Experience

All classes took part in the 'Easter Experience' on Tuesday afternoon, led by the clergy. The children move across the field, following the Easter story at different areas, while listening to readings, thinking about others and discussing their feelings.



## Easter Experience (continued)



## Girls' Football Match

The girls played a tough game at Bure Park on Wednesday afternoon; unfortunately we lost the match but the team must be congratulated for playing their best and persevering throughout.

## Boys' Football Match

The boys played a match at home on Wednesday against Langford and we are thrilled to report that we won the game 5-0!

This means that our boys' team will go through to the Division Semi-Finals in May. Well done Fritwell!



## Clubs Next Term

You will be receiving emails about the various after school clubs starting after Easter.

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**Stingrays Forest School** – starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Forest School Club – Years 1 to 3** – starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Year 6 Brass** – week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Adam Bradley Football Club**

**Sewing Club – Years 4 to 6** – week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Gymnastics Club – Years 1 to 4** – week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Field Sports Club – Years 4 to 6** – week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Please note that, if your child joins a club, attendance is expected every week, unless he/she is ill. We will also remove a child from a club if there is any misbehaviour or rudeness.

## iRock Concert

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the iRock concert yesterday; parents were treated to a wonderful musical performance.

The older members of the audience particularly enjoyed Pink Floyd's 'The Wall' from the Sharks class band!



## Easter Service – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April





### Easter Service (continued)



### Friends of Fritwell School (FoFS)

Our thanks must go to FoFS for all their hard work in preparing the Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. They made a resounding profit of £1,137.78!

They are also really pleased to update you on where your donations are being spent in the school :

- Over the Easter Holidays the Reflection Area will be given a makeover. This is the area outside the Seahorses classroom which is currently a green space; we look forward to seeing it once we return.
- They are working closely with Mr Hart and the PLT to plan our Jubilee event and celebration of 150 years of Fritwell School - more updates on this will follow.
- They continue to contribute to the brass lessons in the school as well as a termly contribution to each class so that all children are benefiting from our fundraising efforts.

We do appreciate all the fundraising functions our FoFS team undertake.

### Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs

SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) start in May. The Year 6 children will be writing theirs during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> April and the Year 2s the following week, starting the 16<sup>th</sup>. A lot of work has been, and will continue to be, done with the children prior to these tests and we ask that parents and carers of relevant pupils support their children as much as possible.

I wish everyone a lovely Easter break.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*



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***Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April***

***Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April***

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May*

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May*

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

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June*

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

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July*

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

Music for School Music Lessons - starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Stingrays Forest School – starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Forest School Club – Years 2 and 3 – starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

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***Start of Easter holidays***

***Back to School***

Year 6 SATs

Year 2 SATs

***Sticklebacks*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Class Photographs

***Seahorses*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection

Sports Day

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