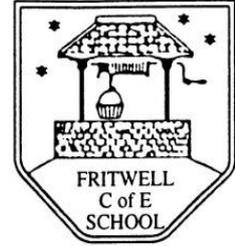


"Growing and Learning Together with God."
Spring Term 1 Value : "Inspired Minds and Wisdom"

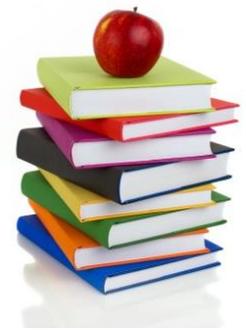


Newsletter 1 Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable break.

Firstly, the staff and I would like to thank you all for the lovely cards and gifts given to us before Christmas; we were very grateful and touched by your kind thoughts.

The children have returned fresh for the Spring Term and we look forward to a busy and successful one. We welcome three new children into the Tiddlers and a Year 3 into Stingrays; we hope that they are all adapting to their new setting and school.

I had a very productive Resources Committee Meeting with the relevant governors last evening and we look forward to see our school progress.

Staff Update

In our last November newsletter we advised you that Sarah Williams had been appointed as Class Teacher in our EYFS unit. She impressed the panel in her interview with her passion for the children's development and we now welcome Sarah to the staffing team and wish her all the best. To assist her on the start of her journey with Fritwell Mrs Caroline Blake will be teaching in the Early Years on Wednesdays, when Sarah has her release time.

Class News

The *Tiddlers and Minnows* have started the week by writing recounts about their Christmas holidays and exploring the new areas in the classroom. On Wednesday afternoon they also had a great deal of fun outdoors, hunting for insects, climbing trees, and Gruffalo spotting in the “deep, dark wood”. The children in *Sticklebacks* have been reading ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch’, and writing letters to the seagulls to tell them to stop stealing it! The *Seahorses* have produced some beautiful pastel work looking at the colours of sunsets; all pictures are displayed in the office foyer for you to see your child’s creation. The *Stingrays* class has been making “Wanted” posters for Little Red Riding Hood, and have also started their topic subject on the Romans. The *Sharks* have started their topic on the Greeks and have drawn some stunning Greek vases to mark the different phases in Greek history.

This Week's School Events

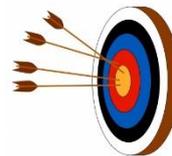
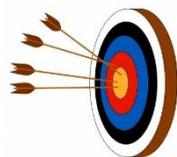
On Thursday afternoon all classes were treated to a performance of ‘Robin Hood’ by M&M Productions; the children thoroughly enjoyed the show and thanks must go to FoFS for funding this great opportunity.



Activities Next Week

Tuesday 14th January
Wednesday 15th January
Thursday 16th January

Girls' Football Match vs St Edburg's – away
Year 1's Visit to Fewcott House
Year 6 Swimming Gala – 9am to 12pm



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2020

Day	Club	Run by		Time	Year Group
Tuesday	Football	<i>Adam Bradley FC</i>	<i>Adam Bradley 07969 678164</i>	3.15pm-4.20pm	1 - 6
Wednesday	Dance	<i>Aspire Dance</i>	<i>Emma Elliot 07834 195180</i>	3.15pm-6.30pm	1 - 6
Wednesday	Table Tennis	<i>Premier</i>		3.15pm-4.15pm	4 - 6
Thursday	Archery	<i>Premier</i>		3.15pm-4.15pm	1 - 3
Friday	Netball	<i>Ms Leaver</i>		3.15pm-4.00pm	6

A Few Reminders for New Parents (and some not so new!)

Communications If your child is ill or being taken to a medical appointment please do let the office know, even if you have told the class teacher. Messages can be left on the office phone at any time and we do need to know by 9.00am in the morning if your child is off sick that day.

Start of School The school gates will close at 8.50am each morning so please try and get your child into school before then; those arriving late in class can cause a disruption to the start of the day and are sometimes left off the register in error.

Secondhand Uniform Samantha Colley of FoFS is now in charge of our “nearly new” and secondhand school uniform, of which there is a large quantity in all sizes. If you would like to see any uniform, and purchase some for a small donation, please contact Sam on 07444 434408.

School Playground Please remember that the school playground equipment is **not** to be used by any children before or after school, even if a parent/carer is present, as we are not insured for injuries sustained out of school hours.



WANTED – Stay & Play Volunteer

Our “Stay & Play” on Friday mornings has had to close as our previous volunteer is now working. Stay & Play is held each Friday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am for mothers and carers to meet others with pre-nursery age children, and share a cup of tea while the little ones play. A £1 donation is given towards costs but there is no other work involved. If any of you are able and willing to take on this role, please let the office know.

The FoFS Section

FoFS EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) - a meeting to elect a new Treasurer will take place on **Friday 24th January** at **3.30pm** after school in the hall. If anyone is interested in this role, or in joining the FoFS team, please come along to the meeting.

100 Club – please can all existing number holders urgently confirm if they wish to keep their number for 2020. FoFS have only received 50% confirmation so far and they do need this information soonest.

There are lots of numbers still available; if you are keen to join the club please contact either Sophie Davies or Charlotte Robson (FoFS Committee) or register your interest with the school office.



A final word for all parents and carers – we have had two cases of chicken pox in Early Years and Sticklebacks so please do check your child for spots. If any child does come down with chicken pox he/she must not return to school until the spots have completely crusted over. Thank you.

After a rather chaotic first week back at school I wish you all a relaxing weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

<i>Tues 14th Jan</i>	Girls' Football Match vs St Edburg's – away
<i>Wed 15th Jan</i>	Year 1's Visit to Fewcott House
<i>Thurs 16th Jan</i>	Year 6 Swimming Gala – 9am to 12pm
<i>Mon 20th Jan</i>	NCMP Heights & Weights – Reception and Year 6
<i>Thurs 23rd Jan</i>	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics – 1pm – 3pm
<i>Fri 24th Jan</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Langford – home
<i>Tues 28th Jan</i>	Boys' Football Match vs St Edburg's – away
<i>Fri 31st Jan</i>	Stingrays and Sharks to Sheldonian Theatre
<i>Mon 3rd Feb</i>	Girls' Football Match vs Eynsham – home
<i>Wed 5th Feb</i>	Whole School Trip to Hindu Temple (nursery closed)
<i>Thurs 6th Feb</i>	Bloxham Music Day
<i>Thurs 6th Feb</i>	Year 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament
<i>Mon 10th Feb</i>	Boys' Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – home
<i>Tues 11th Feb</i>	Safer Internet Day
<i>Wed 12th Feb</i>	Year 1's to Fewcott House
<i>Fri 14th Feb</i>	Start of Half Term
<i>Mon 24th Feb</i>	Back to School
<i>Mon 24th Feb</i>	Girls' Football Match vs Chesterton - home