"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Summer Term 1 Value: Confidence, Self-belief and Endurance





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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

It has been an important week in the life of our school as our children took part in their statutory tests. We have been proud of their attitude and determination to do their best. These tests are just a snapshot of the children's ability and we are also very conscious of the many other attributes our students demonstrate on a daily basis. Assessments have been carried out throughout school and these will inform our next steps in developing the curriculum. Well done everyone!

Our Ofsted report has been shared with you and we are already working on the points for development and are eager to rise to the standards required of a challenging report. It is a pity that so many of the positive incidental comments made during the process cannot be included because of the restricted nature of the reporting procedures. As always, I thank staff and parents for their continued support.

Queen's Jubilee and 150th School Anniversary

We hope that by now you have **Friday 10**th **June** diarised for our special school event. Parents and carers are invited to the school at 12.30pm to share a picnic lunch with their children and other families on the field. If your child normally has a school lunch on that day Fresh Start will provide them with a picnic bag to have with you.

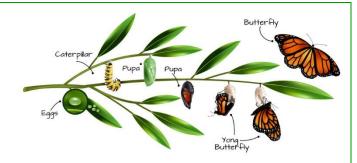
We will be inviting the 'Forget-Me-Nots', the elderly in the village and surrounds, to join us for this noteworthy occasion and will be asking certain classes for a plate of sandwiches or cakes to share with them. You will receive more information about this in due course.

Lunch will be followed by music and dance performances and, later in the day at 5.00pm, celebrations continue with the **FoFS Summer Fair** – an event not to be missed! Please see the poster in this newsletter. If anyone is able and willing to help FoFS with the set up and help at the function, however small, please do speak to one of the team or Julie in the office.

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

This week the Tiddlers and Minnows have mostly been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. They were able to discuss the different stages of the life cycle that were seen in the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and



the Minnows were able to write short sentences describing what happens during each stage of the life cycle.

In Maths, the Tiddlers have continued their work on counting numbers over 5 and the Minnows have started learning how to make numbers over 10.

The children also enjoyed their first Forest School session; they played some games and recapped the Forest School rules. They then discussed the different ways they could keep all the minibeasts in Forest School safe during their lessons before they were able to explore the forest area independently.

Sticklebacks



Sticklebacks have found out about the amazing work of the scientist Louis Pasteur and the impact his research had on the world.

They have been looking at aerial photos in geography and identifying physical and human features.

In Maths, they have started some work on multiplication and division and, in English, their text is 'One Tiny Turtle' and they are working towards a non-chronological report.

Seahorses

Seahorses have been developing their retrieval skills and vocabulary competency when reading, as well as continuing to expand their maths reasoning skills.

In art this week they learnt about Leonardo Da Vinci and spent some time drawing the Vitruvian Man. The children measured each other to test his theory about height being the same as wingspan and they had to be *resilient* as they took feedback from others to improve their drawings.







Stingrays

Stingrays' week started off with another great session of Forest School. This time the theme was 'Stick Interest' and they again excelled themselves in their creative use of sticks. Their '*inspired minds*' were definitely working on Monday afternoon. They have continued to use their imaginations and knowledge of the wider world as they planned and started to write their disaster stories which, thankfully, all seem to have a positive outcome!



In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of fractions, working on addition and subtraction. 'Confidence, self belief and endurance' was needed to help them to apply their knowledge to problem solving and reasoning questions, involving all their learning over the past couple of weeks.

In Science, they learnt about the 7 life processes, which all living things have in common, and created posters to share their knowledge, using the anacronym 'Mrs Nerg' to help them remember. Work continued on the designs for the 'Dali inspired' clay models, as well as using water colours to copy some of his works.

They worked through the stages of a volcanic eruption in Geography and the children then had to use an atlas to pinpoint the places around the world that have active volcanoes. The names of the tectonic plates helped them to locate the continents and oceans.

In French they matched up some of the great French cities with sentences describing groups of children that live there. They have learnt IIs, Elles, Nous and Vous this week and are getting much better with identifying whether something is singular or plural.

Class Activities (continued)

Sharks

What a week it has been in Sharks Class! We are immensely proud of all our Year 6s this week and the **Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance** they have shown during their SATS. Thank you also to the Year 5 Sharks who have shown **Community, Citizenship and Service** in the way they have supported Year 6 with their revision, and also worked with other classes around the school while Year 6 were sitting their tests.



Sharks celebrated the end of SATS with a special Forest School session and trying on their new leavers' hoodies. On Friday, they had a special, pen-free day to launch their summer term topic, *Mountains to Climb*, using the gymnastics equipment as a mountain range to explore and collaging tissue-paper mountain scenes.





Sharks (continued)















'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers & Minnows Hugo M and Felix R Sticklebacks Ben C and Teddy C

Seahorses Connie L and Olivia K-M
Stingrays Darcy M and Caleb B

Sharks All of Year 6!

Super Sentence Writers:

Minnows Ellie M and Finley P Sticklebacks Aria R-B and Myah P-H

Family Group Points: Unicorn Whole School Attendance: 97.43%

Friends of Fritwell School



Bottles for the Summer Fair

In the planning of the summer event at school on Friday 10th June, Friends of Fritwell need **donations of bottles**! The bottles can be anything - alcohol, shower gel, juice, etc - but they need to be full!

On **Friday the 20th of May** children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle!

Thank you for all your ongoing support - the summer event is looking to be a good one!

Giant inflatables, bouncy castle, live music, bar and food!

Enjoy the weekend and some sun.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart *Headteacher*



Mondays MfSF Music Lessons

Mondays Stingrays Forest School

Mondays Forest School Club – Years 1 to 3

Tuesdays Year 6 Brass

TuesdaysAdam Bradley Football ClubWednesdaysSewing Club – Years 4 to 6ThursdaysEarly Years Forest School

Thursdays Gymnastics Club – Years 1 to 4
Thursdays Field Sports Club – Years 4 to 6

Monday 16th – 19th May Year 2 SATs

Thursday 19th May Year 5 & 6 Cricket Festival

Friday 20th May

Bring a Bottle and Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 26th May

Sticklebacks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June Half Term

Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th June Year 1 Phonics Assessments

Monday 6th June Inset Day – no children in school

Tuesday 7th JuneBack to SchoolWednesday 8th JuneClass Photographs

Friday 10th June Queen's Jubilee & 150th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday 21st June Whole School Trip to Leamington Gurdwara Sikh Temple

Tuesday 28th June Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection

Tuesday 28th June Tiddlers & Minnows Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Friday 1st July Sports Day

Tuesday 5th July Seahorses Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Tuesday 12th July Minnows, Sticklebacks & Seahorses Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Thursday 14th July iRock Summer Concert
Tuesday 19th July Last Day of School

Wednesday 20th July Start of Summer Holidays!