



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



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Newsletter 4 Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

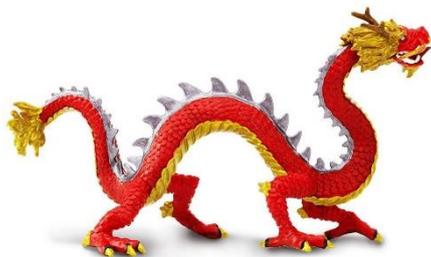
Message from Mr Hart

It has been a wonderful week in school with many different activities taking place and the children showing an eagerness to learn.

I had a very positive meeting with the Governors this week to discuss the school's progress and our future plans to ensure that we give our children the very best here at Fritwell. They thanked the staff for their hard work and the provision that we offer both in school and remotely.

It was also good to welcome one of Foundation Governors, Kate Neal, into school on Wednesday to take part in a class collective worship. She enjoyed the uplifting experience and felt privileged to be part of this special time with Mrs Montgomery and Sharks.

Class Activities



Tiddlers & Minnows

The Minnows and Tiddlers started this week by learning about the Chinese New Year; the children watched videos of a Chinese New Year parade and created their own Chinese Dragons. The Minnows wrote some New Year wishes to go on display in their classroom, for things like sweets, presents and good luck.

They then began their Topic work of exploring a cold place by reading the story 'Immi's Gift.' They spoke about different ways of staying safe in a cold place and thought about the things they would pack in a suitcase to visit a cold country. In Maths, the Minnows have been learning how to add two single digit numbers together by using objects; they've used dominoes, Compare Bears and Lego bricks to practice their addition and have really impressed with their ability to read and write a number sum. The Tiddlers have continued their work on careful counting and 2D shapes by singing a variety of counting songs and going on a shape hunt.

Class Activities (continued)

Stingrays (continued)

They continue to develop their physical skills too, both in tag rugby and swimming, where they have shown their ability to work as a team and support and encourage others.

The children have learnt the names of some objects in their French lesson this week and played a quick game of "Vrai or Faux".

Using adverts in which choirs made sounds as inspiration, Stingrays created their own group musical depicting rainstorms, fireworks, racing cars and even a stampede!!

Sharks

On Tuesday this week, Sharks were getting in touch with nature as they took part in the RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch. The warmer weather and the fact we had a full class of bird watchers meant that we spotted many more birds than last year (when we were birdwatching in lockdown!). House sparrows were our most spotted bird, while lots of us were excited to see two robins flying round a nest in the forest school area.



In Science, Sharks have continued enjoying a series of practical lessons about materials, this week creating a chemical reaction which could be used as special effects in a film with a volcanic eruption!

After a week off from brass lessons, Mr Probert will be back in next Tuesday, so Year 6 need to make sure they have done some brass practise ready for their next lesson; Mr Probert will be checking who has logged onto Charanga this week.

'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers	Evie W
Minnows	April M
Sticklebacks	Olivia W and Jude R
Seahorses	Oliver N and Vanessa S
Stingrays	Hugo W and Shay D
Sharks	James H and Xavi N



Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows	Ava E and Harlan E
Sticklebacks	Elih N-B and Grace M

Family Group Points : **Griffin**

Whole School Attendance : 78.18%

Year 6 Hockey Tournament



On Wednesday afternoon 10 of our Year 6 hockey players took part in a hockey festival at Cooper School against five other local schools. It was a long afternoon of activity, and some tough competition, but our children played well, behaved commendably, and gave of their best for Fritwell. Well done!



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is the national Children's Mental Health Week and, as a school, we have decided to deliver additional activities through our normal weekly PSHE and Circle Time sessions. Class Worship sessions will also highlight some wellbeing ideas through the value focus of Inspired Minds and Wisdom. There are many useful websites as parents you can access including :

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

Don't forget that Liz Newby (our Home School Link Worker) is always available at school on a Wednesday.

Safer Internet Day



'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February

and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and national Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

More information can be found on our website too - [Fritwell CE School E-Safety](#)

Reception Vision Screening

Parents of Reception children are reminded that the NHS Orthoptist will be visiting the school on Tuesday 8th February to do eye tests on the Minnows. If Julie has **not** been given the slip to refuse consent all the children will undergo screening that day.

Music For Schools

As per the email sent earlier, and communication from Music for Schools, all children taking music lessons are to bring instruments into school on **Mondays** from now on.

*** Parent/Teacher Evenings ***

Recently you were all sent an online survey which asked you to send in your name if you required virtual parent/teacher meetings rather than face-to-face. If you have not responded to this survey by Monday 7th February you will not be included in the time slots for Teams meetings and we will expect you to attend in person.

We are very pleased to advise that this term our Parent/Teacher Evenings booking system will all take place **online** and you will be able to select your day and time slot accordingly. If you have more than one child at the school they will be on your account as well so that you are able to book consecutive meetings with relevant teachers. Over the next few weeks Julie will be sending you information about Parents Booking, in advance of the meetings, so that you find the system easy to use and you won't encounter any problems when booking opens.

Please do make sure that you read the correspondence you receive; it has involved a lot of work to set up the system and we do believe that it will be far more convenient for you, the parents and guardians, as well as the staff in school.

I hope that you all have 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

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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 – Swimming

Sharks – Forest School

Monday 7th – Friday 11th February

Tuesday 8th February

Tuesday 8th February

Thursday 10th February

Thursday 10th February

Monday 14th February

Wednesday 16th February

Thursday 17th February

Tuesday 1st March

Wednesday 2nd March

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 15th March

Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday 16th March

Mon 21st to Thurs 24th March

Wednesday 23rd March

Thursday 24th March

Friday 25th March

Tuesday 29th March

Children's Mental Health Week

Vision Screening in Reception

Safer Internet Day

Year 1 Multiskills Festival a.m.

Boys Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – away

FoFS Valentine's Doughnut Sale after School

Boys Football Match vs Bure Park - away

Girls Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – home

FoFS Pancake Sale after School

Boys Football Match vs Brookside - away

SEN Parent/Teacher Evening

Sharks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Parent/Teacher Evening

Parent/Teacher Evening

Boys Football Match vs Langford Village - home

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

Thursday 31st March

Thursday 26th May

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 12th July

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

Sticklebacks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Seahorses Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Tiddlers & Minnows Sharing Assembly 2.45pm