

"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mr Hart

It has been a fantastic week in school with the children working hard on completing their assessments to ensure we can best support their next phase in their learning in the Summer term.

It was brilliant to see so many parents/carers in school at the parents' evenings this week, speaking to the teachers and seeing the super work the children have produced. My thanks go to my staff and families for their time in this valuable aspect of school life.

We were overwhelmed by the support shown for Ukraine on Wednesday and a fantastic £230 was raised for humanitarian aid. The children wrote prayers for Ukraine and these will be displayed along the school entrance fence. Today we saw terrific support for 'Red Nose Day' with children sporting red clothes and telling some great jokes in class. My thanks go to you all for your donations to raise funds for these two important causes.

Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

It has been a very busy week down in Early Years. The Tiddlers and Minnows started the week with 'Mars Day' where they were read a story by a real astronaut in space; the children spoke about what it would be like to be an astronaut and what they would take with them in their rockets.



The children then continued their science work by planting seeds in the EYFS Nature Area; they all look forward to seeing those seeds grow into plants over the next few weeks.

Class Activities (continued)

Tiddlers & Minnows (continued)

The Minnows have been learning about number bonds to 10 in Maths and are getting very good at using objects to find the missing number in their number bond.

The Tiddlers have started their work on patterns by going on a pattern hunt around the classroom and playing a pattern matching card game.



The children also enjoyed a creative afternoon on Wednesday where they made some wonderful transport out of junk modelling. The children have ended the week with a very exciting music lesson where they got to finally use musical instruments to play alongside 'Wheels on the Bus' and 'Old McDonald had a Farm'.

Sticklebacks

This week Sticklebacks had great fun with 'Mars Day' and their dress up days for Ukraine and Comic Relief.

On Monday they carried out a rocket experiment where the children had to observe what happens to a balloon when you let the air out. Their rocket balloon was pushed forwards and they learnt that this is the same as a rocket launching off the ground.

In PE the children set up a circuit of jumping activities and worked hard around the circuit. They felt how fast their hearts were beating and learnt that the heart pumps blood around the body to get oxygen to all their muscles when they exercise.

Seahorses

Year 2s have finished their maths unit on statistics and the Year 3s have finished exploring money.

In English they have been investigating fairytale language and wrote their own version of the introduction to 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

As part of science week they have also explored optical illustrations and tried to answer the question "Does wild life prefer to live near a tree or far away?"



Class Activities (continued)

Stingrays

Stingrays had another exciting start to the week, with a day focusing on Science activities to celebrate 'Mars Day' and Science week. As well as participating in a live lesson looking at whether there is now, or has been, life on Mars, they also enjoyed investigating the theme of 'Growth'. It was lovely to see them



interacting with children throughout the school as they collected data to help them answer the question 'Do all body parts grow as we get older?'



They have also continued to work on their fitness, completing a flexibility circuit which turned out to be more challenging than they had anticipated.



On Wednesday, they were in a reflective mood as they thought about the children involved in the conflict in Ukraine. The prayers they have written really show our current value of 'Love and Agape', so please take time to read them on the fence leading up to the school.

On Thursday the children had a "sweetastic" afternoon, creating circuits using wine gums, strawberry laces and dolly mixture to represent the components of an electrical circuit. The class labelled and discussed the best sweet to choose. This will help them learn the technical vocabulary they need to create the real things next week.

Friday morning was full of laughter as they discussed Comic Relief and how laughter can help improve their own and other people's mental health.

Class Activities (continued)

Sharks

Mars Day was a great start to the week, packed with Science activities and investigations. Sharks tackled an investigation titled, How to Calculate the Age of a Shark, learning that sharks keep growing throughout their life, so the best way to age a shark is to measure its length. They wanted to find out if the same was true of children, so went around the school measuring the height and finding the age of children in other classes so they could investigate the correlation between height and age. They enjoyed the sense of *Community, Citizenship and Service* from getting to work with children in other classes.

Sharks also showed their *Respect and Compassion* and *Love and Agape* on our special day in support of Ukraine when they thought about which of our school values the people of Ukraine were showing and which they may need more support with as they wrote prayers and messages of support.



On top of this, Sharks have shown an excellent attitude towards their assessments this week, using the opportunity to apply their learning from the last term. It has been wonderful to see the children's *Confidence, Self-belief and Endurance* throughout their assessments.

Finally, Sharks are sad to say goodbye to Mr Parsons, who has been working with them for the past nine weeks. They have especially enjoyed his Greek-themed dance and drama lessons, which have certainly caused many *Inspired Minds*. We thank him for all his work and wish him all the best in the future.

'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers & Minnows Laura F and Ada W-J
Sticklebacks Max M and Myah P-H
Seahorses Vanessa S and Elliott S
Stingrays Daniel D and Rupert R
Sharks Emily B and Finn M-J

Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows Ellie M and Isla H
Sticklebacks No Super Sentence Writers this week



Family Group Points : **Griffin**

Whole School Attendance : **94.38%**

Girls Football Match

Yesterday afternoon the girls played an energetic and difficult game against Longfields Primary School in Bicester. Unfortunately we lost 3-0 but our team were enthusiastic, worked hard together, and did their best throughout the match.

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Please be reminded that bicycles and helmets must be brought into school first thing on Monday morning for those Year 5s doing cycling training next week. The course finishes on Thursday, after which bikes may be taken home or locked up overnight at school until the following day.

Friends of Fritwell School (FoFS)



Please diarise the school disco next Friday evening!

FoFS are still looking for helpers for the Easter Egg Hunt so please speak to one of the committee if you are able and willing to assist on the day.

And don't forget to buy your tickets, as well as donating a bottle, a chocolate egg, and a teddy bear if you can!

Thank you all for supporting our school.

One Last Reminder

Please note that NO make-up is to be worn to school on normal, full uniform school days. We accept that on non-uniform days some may be worn to accentuate a costume, etc, but we do not want to see any make-up on children otherwise. Thank you.

I wish you a happy, and sunny, 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.

Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm

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Friday – 1.00pm

Friday – 1.15pm

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

Mon 21st to Thurs 24th March

Wednesday 23rd March

Thursday 24th March

Friday 25th March

Tuesday 29th March

Thursday 31st March

Saturday 2nd April

Thursday 7th April

Friday 8th April

Monday 25th April

Thursday 26th May

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 12th July

Year 5 Bikeability Training

NCMP Weights & Heights – Reception and Year 6

Girls Football Tournament – The Bicester School – a.m.

FoFS School Disco

Stingrays Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

FoFS Easter Egg Hunt

iRock Concert 9.30am

Start of Easter holidays

Back to School

Sticklebacks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Seahorses Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Tiddlers & Minnows Sharing Assembly 2.45pm