

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

*Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape*



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# **Newsletter 11 Spring Term**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### **Message from Mr Hart**

The weather has certainly been chilly towards the end of the week and we even experienced snow yesterday which the whole school went out and enjoyed!

It was fantastic to have so many parents join us on Tuesday to watch Stingrays sharing assembly. It was great to see the confidence in presentation and the enormous amount of learning they have undertaken through their Roman theme. My thanks go to the team and the children for a special gathering.

This week our Primary Leadership Team met on Thursday to discuss our plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and our school's 150 Years Anniversary event on Friday June 10th. They had some great ideas which the staff will discuss next week alongside our FoFS committee. We also elected our new 'Eco Warriors', who will be working with Mr Harris over the summer term - further details follows.

I hope to see you all at the Easter Egg Hunt tomorrow at 12.30pm.

### **Covid Update**

Today marks the publication of new guidance about Covid from the government.

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college, or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

## Class Activities

### Tiddlers & Minnows

There was a visitor in Minnows and Tiddlers this week... Sporkle the Alien crash landed into the construction area and they have had to help him recover from his ordeal!

On Tuesday the children decided to help him with learning numbers and phonics in the classroom and they began to rebuild a spaceship for him to go back home in. In fact, they contacted NASA for some extra help in sending the right part! They had to do lots of measuring of different types of spaceships so they could let NASA know the height and width of the booster piece he needs.



Minnows have also written sentences and made pictures of our wonderful Earth and then Sporkle is going to tell them a little more about the planet Twink which he comes from.

Lots of new vocabulary has been learnt this week to help them find out more about the Solar System and the parts of a spaceship.

### Sticklebacks

This week Sticklebacks had a visitor who delivered a History workshop all about William Morris and his impact on our local area. The children learnt about the history of transport and had the opportunity to handle artefacts from old cars, trains and buses. They learnt how a production line works and they found out that William

Morris gave a huge amount of his money away to school, hospitals and scientific research. They think he was a pretty amazing man!



They also enjoyed sharing with the class their poems that they had learnt at home. Well done to Grace, Elih and Connor for being so confident and sharing your performances with the whole school. You had to show so much confidence and self-belief.





## Class Activities (continued)

### Seahorses

This week the children have been exploring what plants need to stay healthy and analysing the plants they have been growing in class to see if they are healthy and hypothesise why. They have also been sorting geographical features into human and physical geography and using this to help them design their own American Town.



In addition, they have been rehearsing poems to perform, focusing on how they can use intonation and rhythm to engage the listener.

### Stingrays

Thank you to all the Stingray parents who came to their sharing assembly on Tuesday. Hopefully you enjoyed seeing the children brimming with *self belief and confidence* as they shared what they have been learning over the term. They certainly used their *inspired minds* to put the assembly together. As well as working on their speaking skills for the assembly, they also enjoyed sharing their performances of the poems they had been learning both with the class and then with the rest of the school.

*Resilience* has been the name of the game in English this week as they have been writing, editing and presenting their non-fiction reports about wolves; Mrs Churchill has definitely learnt lots of new facts this week!

In Maths they have been deepening their understanding of what a fraction is and also enjoyed an Active Maths session, focusing on using mental calculation strategies. According to one Stingray 'that was the best Maths lesson ever!'.



## Class Activities (continued)

### Sharks

In Maths this week, Sharks have been measuring and calculating angles around a point and in a triangle. Using their knowledge of the angles in a triangle adding to 180 degrees, they were able to check the accuracy of their measuring. Using the protractor accurately takes a lot of practice, so Sharks have shown good *Confidence, Self-belief* and *Endurance* developing this skill.

In English, Sharks have practised identifying and using different grammar features, including the writing promises made by Greek goddesses using the subjunctive mood to create a formal tone. They also enjoyed performing the poems they had been practising to the class. Well done to Mia, Florian, Evelyn, Rowan and Emilia who were the representatives Sharks chose to perform their poems to the school in our special poetry collective worship on Wednesday afternoon.



### 'Child of the Week'

*Tiddlers & Minnows*

*Sticklebacks*

*Seahorses*

*Stingrays*

*Sharks*

Teddy S and Ava E

Grace M and Dylan B

Oscar M and Poppy D

Layla-Jade M and Matilda D

Charlie S and Josh S

*Super Sentence Writers :*

*Minnows*

*Sticklebacks*

Pippa C and Edward v H

Noah O and Brody H

*Family Group Points :*

**Griffin**

*Whole School Attendance :* **91.97%**



### Girls' Football Match

The girls' football team is to be congratulated for the perseverance and fortitude shown when playing their match against Chesterton in bitter, snowy conditions yesterday. Well done girls!

### Eco Warriors

Yesterday each class from Sticklebacks upwards chose two representatives to be 'Eco Warriors' for the school. The following children were nominated :

<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Elizabeth C and Dylan B
<i>Seahorses</i>	William A and Oscar R
<i>Stingrays</i>	Zoe W and Sam G
<i>Sharks</i>	Evelyn B and Jamie Mc



The children had a meeting with Mr Harris to discuss what they would like to focus on to make our school more environmentally friendly. Ideas included working on the garden outside the Seahorses and Stingrays classrooms, introducing litter-pickers, utilising scrap paper more, starting a Gardening Club, making a vegetable patch, and a number of other good suggestions.

### Activities Next Term

#### Swimming Lessons

The Stingrays have completed their swimming lessons and after the holidays the Seahorses will be starting theirs on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. More information will follow.

#### Forest School

There will still be Forest School for the Seahorses next Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>. After Easter it will be the Stingrays' turn on Monday afternoons. You will be advised about this further.

#### Premier After School Club

A new Gymnastics Club will be starting next term for Years 1 to 4 on Thursday afternoons. A letter will be going out next week with a link for you to book this for your child; please note that booking will be on a first come first served basis and there are limited spaces.

### Friends of Fritwell School (FoFS)

Don't forget it's the **Easter Egg Hunt** tomorrow! We look forward to seeing everyone for a day of fun from 12.30pm onwards.

You can enter my Egg-Rolling Competition too; just decorate a hard-boiled egg (please make sure that it is hard!) and bring it to the Hunt to take part.





## Easter Service

Next **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** we will be holding our usual Easter church service on the school playground at 10.00am. All parents and carers are invited to join us. Let's hold thumbs for the weather!

## Brass – Year 6

Our brass teacher, Mr Probert, has asked all his students not to forget to practise on their instruments before their lesson on Tuesday. He hopes to hear some melodious sounds, played in unison, in the next lesson!

## Names on Uniform

Please be reminded that all school uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name. If you have purchased something from the FoFS second hand shop please make sure that it too has your child's name in it. We have a lot of lost property, particularly in the Seahorses class, with no names or names of pupils not at the school on it. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend, hopefully with some sunshine!

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**

*Headteacher*



*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April*

*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April*

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*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April*

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

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

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

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

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

## FoFS Easter Egg Hunt

**Seahorses 'America Day' – non-uniform**

Girls Football Match – Bure Park – away

Boys Football Match – Langford – home

**iRock Concert 9.30am**

**Easter Service 10.00am – parents and carers invited**

**Start of Easter holidays**

**Back to School**

**Sticklebacks** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

**Seahorses** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

**Tiddlers & Minnows** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm