



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



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# **Newsletter 4 Spring Term**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

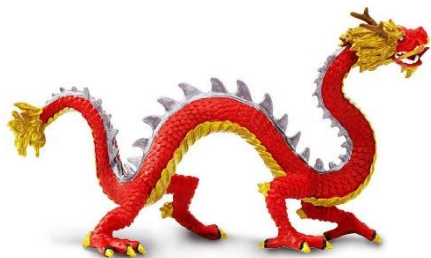
### **Message from Mr Hart**

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)

### Sticklebacks

The Sticklebacks class has been learning about Sikhs and how they show commitment to God by wearing the 5Ks and thinking about the symbolism behind each object.

The children have also been writing an adventure story about travelling on a bus and, in science, sorting animals and thinking about what they eat and whether they are carnivores, herbivores, or omnivores.

### Seahorses

This week has been a very busy week in Seahorses. They had the challenge of making prayer mosaics about wisdom to go on display in the school's reception.

They have also been exploring micro habitats in science and loved making their own bug hotels to take home and place around school.



In English, they finally finished the book 'President Taft is Stuck in the Bath', which they really enjoyed, and they tried to act out part of the book which was a lot of fun.



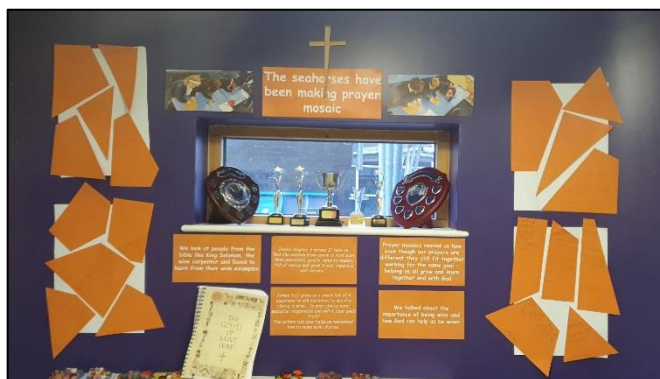
In PE this week the children were developing their dance routines based on animals and they continued to cultivate their football dribbling skills which required a lot of resilience. The year 2s have been working hard on their doubling skills and are using this to help with their 2 times tables, while the year 3s have begun multiplying 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number using short multiplication and have all achieved amazing personal success!

### Stingrays

This week Stingrays have been using the story of Romulus and Remus to look at the myths surrounding the founding of Rome. Studying both a traditional and a cartoon strip version of the myth has helped them understand that the same story can be told in different ways, with different information.

As part of their learning about the impact of the Romans in Britain, they started to look at the building of Roman roads.

In Maths, Stingrays have been consolidating their learning on area and perimeter. They have been making and finding the area of compound shapes.





## 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

Eli 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](https://www.fritwellce.com/e-safety)

## Reception Vision Screening

Parents of Reception children are reminded that the NHS Orthoptist will be visiting the school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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*

*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 – Swimming

Sharks – Forest School

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February*

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February*

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*Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February*

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*Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February*

*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

*Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March*

*Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March*

*Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

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*Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March*

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*Mon 21<sup>st</sup> to Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March*

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

*Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March*

*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 31<sup>st</sup> March*

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

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

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

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

***Sticklebacks*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

***Seahorses*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

***Tiddlers & Minnows*** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm