

"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Autumn Term 1 Value : Respect and Compassion



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mr Hart

It's been another busy and exciting week in school with our oldest children looking forward to their residential at Kilvrough in a week's time.

We are always working to develop opportunities for our children and this involves a strategic plan to enhance learning. This plan is formulated with staff, Governors, parents and pupils to ensure that we are all pulling in the same direction.

Our drive this year includes:

- Develop standards in basic number and computation.
- Improve sentence and grammar in writing
- Build on already successful teaching of phonics which help children read and spell more fluently.
- Build even stronger links with parents and our wider community tapping into expertise beyond our school.
- Extend opportunities for our youngest children in aspects of number and writing.

Phew! A busy year you may say but so exciting! As always, we really value parental feedback and would welcome any ideas or suggestions of ways we can help support you in your children's learning.

Harvest Service

Next **Friday 1st October** we ask that all children come in to school with a tin of canned goods from your pantry. At 9.00am we will walk down to St Olave's church in the village and line the path leading to the church building with all our tins. Rev Helen Barnes will then deliver a short, meaningful service in the grounds, after which we will return to school. We warmly welcome any parents and carers who would like to join us for this and we thank you in advance for your support. All the goods collected will be taken to the Food Bank.



Class Activities

This week the *Tiddlers* and *Minnows* have mostly been learning about the five senses. The children were able to list their five senses after listening to the song 'I have 5 Senses' by Jack Hartmann and then they took part in a sensory morning where they got to taste, touch, smell, see and hear a variety of things. The children were all really engaged and we had a great morning. They also had another brilliant Forest School lesson - thankfully the weather remained dry for them this week and the children were able to gather a range of natural resources which they used to create pictures and self-portraits.

Finally, they had a great visit from the Life Bus team where the children helped Harold the Giraffe understand his emotions and made him feel better when he felt angry. They have thoroughly enjoyed their really busy week!

Sticklebacks have had a lovely week. In Forest School, they made camp fires out of natural materials (they didn't light them).

They have finished making their wind socks to measure the weather in Science - you can see them hanging up in their outdoor area. Yesterday, they got the glockenspiels out and played an accompaniment to the song they are learning. Today, they had their virtual Life Bus session, met Harold, and talked about their feelings.



Seahorses have enjoyed seeing Harold in the Life Bus again, reminding them how they can stay happy and healthy by being active and creative, building social skills, remaining calm and always learning. They have also been writing narratives about people and places that they know well, exploring how they can use simple sentences and expanded noun phrases in their work. In maths we have been finishing looking at place value and ordering numbers ready to move onto addition next week. We have also started to investigate how to survive in the stone age and prioritising our actions to survive.

This week the *Stingrays* have spent a long time writing their own adventure stories. After planning and editing their stories, they completed them in their best handwriting. In PE they continued their Circus dance by adding in the ringleader and acrobat part. The class really enjoyed looking at the images of the Victorian Circus to help them.

Their French lesson took them on a history tour of France and they were fascinated by the change in the name of France over the years.



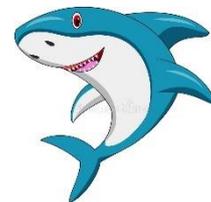
Finally, Harold visited them to discuss different risks and problems they might face as they grow up. They spent time thinking about their own feelings when they take risks and how these can change over the day.

Class Activities (continued)

Sharks enjoyed their special PHSE lesson with Harold the SCARF giraffe this week, thinking about the types of risks they take in everyday life, and the choices they can make to keep them as safe as possible while still having fun.

In English, *Sharks* have started to write their own Just So Stories, explaining how various animals got their distinctive features. In Maths, they were very competitive playing 'Tug Harder' - a game to practise counting across zero into negative numbers; the children have also shown impressive confidence with the written method of column addition.

Sharks enjoyed their first swimming lesson this afternoon, taking to the water like... well, sharks! As always, we were very proud of the children's sensible behaviour whilst out of school.



Year Six all had their first go on their new brass instruments this week. Mr Probert was very impressed that everyone was playing with the proper posture and already making a good sound in their first week! He was grateful to his experts from last year who were acting as 'teachers' to their peers.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale this afternoon! It was lovely to see the school filled with the children and their parents enjoying the sunshine and supporting the Macmillan Cancer charity. Thanks must also go to FoFS and the team who ran the event so successfully.



Fritwell's Home School Link Worker

Liz Newby is our Home School Link Worker who works at the school every **Wednesday** and offers a drop in service for parents and carers from 8.45am to 9.45am in the school hall. Please feel free to stop in and see her.



The Home School Link Worker follows the Family Links Nurturing Programme

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk> that is being used by the school. She also offers a space to talk in total confidence about issues that may be affecting your family and your child's learning, and can offer advice and support for a range of concerns.

If you would like to get in touch with her, please email her on Liz.Newby@fritwell.oxon.sch.uk or let the office know that you would like her to contact you.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

Upcoming events

Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday

Every Tuesday Afternoon

Every Thursday Afternoon (starting 30th Sept)

Every Friday

Saturday 25th September

Monday 4th to Friday 8th October

Wednesday 20th October

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November

Tuesday 2nd & Thursday 4th November

Wednesday 3rd to Wednesday 10th November

Thursday 2nd December

EYFS and Year 1 Forest School

Sharks Brass

Football Club (Years 2 – 6)

Multi Sports Club (Years 1 – 3)

Sharks Swimming

FoFS Autumn Trail

Year 5 and 6 Kilvrough Residential

Pupil Profile and SEN Children Parent/Teacher Meetings

Half Term

Inset Day - **NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**

Pupils back in school

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Travelling Book Fair

Flu Vaccinations (Reception – Year 6)