

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Spring Term 1 Value : *Inspired Minds and Wisdom*



Newsletter 1 Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week of learning and we even had some snow to enjoy at the start of it. Thank you to everyone who is sending in their child's work; the staff are working incredibly hard to ensure they give timely feedback so please do not forget to check this with your child on Microsoft Teams.

Children's Mental Health Week 2021

During Children's Mental Health Week from 1st to 7th February 2021 we are encouraging all the children at Fritwell School to **Express Yourself!**

All week we will be setting some different activities to encourage you to think about how to express your thoughts, your feelings, your beliefs, your interests... what makes you YOU!

And who knows you better than yourself, so on **Friday 5th February** we have a very special assignment for you: **you need to plan your own topic lesson! Choose an activity which expresses you and allows you to explore your own skills and interests!**

We would like you to share a picture of yourselves via your Friday assignment on Microsoft Teams or Tapestry to celebrate the event.

Place2Be has created activities and resources to help children (and adults) to explore the different ways that they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

There are lots of resources on the Children's Mental Health Week website that you can use with your child at home; including activity ideas, tips for parents and carers, and an online assembly (links below) which will be available from Monday 1st February.

[Parents and Carers](#)

[Online Assembly](#)

Visit www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk to find out more, or email the school office.

Message from Reverend Helen Barnes :

Christingle – 2nd February 2021 – Children to Participate

Christingle is very often associated with Christmas, but it can be celebrated any time of the year. Candlemas is a Christian festival on held on 2nd February. Traditionally, it was a time when people would bring candles from their homes to the church and have them blessed. They would then know that the light of Christ was in their homes all year as they lit the candles and experienced the hope that light brings. So, this year I can't think of a better reason for a celebration than to have a Christingle celebration at Candlemas. This will be set as an assignment on Tuesday afternoon for the whole school.

The service has been pre-recorded and sent out separately on Tuesday morning. You will need to gather some items in order to participate : an **orange** (any size), some thin, **red ribbon** (if you don't have this you could always just draw on the orange with a red felt-tip pen at the appropriate time), a **candle** (it could be a birthday candle, but any size which will fit well into the top of the orange), some **matches** (or lighter), 4 **cocktail sticks** and some little, soft **sweets or raisins** to put through the ends of the sticks.

We need times of celebration at the moment so I hope you all join in.

God bless,
Revd Helen Barnes



Message from the Governors :

Parent/Carer Survey

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Governors are not able to get into school to carry out our usual monitoring and understand how school is working we would like to ask you to spend a few minutes helping us to build a picture of your opinions on how school is meeting your expectations in these challenging times. Your answers are anonymous, so please feel free to give us your opinions - they will be valued.

A link will be sent out from the school office in a separate email.

Thank you in advance.
Governing Board

Health and Safety

On Tuesday we had a very successful virtual Health and Safety Audit conducted by Oxfordshire County Council to check our systems and procedures. Well done to Val in the office for all her hard work to make sure the school is compliant with regulations!

Resources Meeting

The Governor Resources Committee met virtually on Wednesday night to discuss the school's finances and our plans for moving forward. It was good to "see" everyone and consider the school's position in these times.



Staff Lateral Flow Testing

Staff are now undergoing bi-weekly lateral flow tests at home in order to further protect and keep our school safe. ***If a staff member returns a positive test you will receive an email to advise you that your child's particular class bubble has to close immediately and everyone will need to isolate for 10 days.*** The staff member will then have a PCR test as soon as possible to confirm the result; should this be negative we will let you know that the bubble can re-open.

We wish you a fantastic weekend and thank you for all your support.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher