



Newsletter 6 Spring Term



Wednesday 28th March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staffing News

Sadly, we are saying “Goodbye” today to Mrs Sue Ashdown, who works as a Teaching Assistant in the Seahorses’ and Sticklebacks’ classes. She has been working at Fritwell for more than 4 years and has contributed a great deal to our school; our “Secret Garden” is down to Sue’s hard work in resourcing and re-vamping that area. Hopefully, we will still see Sue from time to time as she hopes to continue to visit as a volunteer (once she’s had a well-earned rest)!

Mrs Charlotte Woodford, who helped in the Foundation Stage with the Tiddlers, will also be leaving, in order to start a new job. We wish her well in the future.

Finally, Mr Adam Sear will be leaving Fritwell on April 27th, after 8 years as a teacher here. During that time Mr Sear has taught mainly in the Upper School, but more recently in Years 2 and 3. He has led on IT, History, Science and Music and has contributed to our extra curricular activities, most notably the fencing and ukulele clubs. Mr Sear has been a very important part of my team, since I took over as Headteacher, and I know he will be sorely missed by the staff, as well as by the parents and children. We will certainly miss his banter and wit at lunchtimes, as I’m sure you will on Sports’ Days. Mr Sear is going to be teaching at Mabel Prichard School in Oxford and we wish him lots of luck in his new post.

FoFS Easter Egg Hunt

The murky skies and wet ground did not put off hunters for our annual Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. It was great to see parents, children and other members of the community out to support raising funds for the school. Helen of FoFS is busy collecting all monies and working out a grand total, which will be announced as soon as possible. The FoFS committee would like to thank the volunteers who helped out and everyone for the donations that came in. Special thanks to the members of staff who gave up their Saturday to come back to school and join in.

The next FoFS event is that **Big Fat Quiz** of the Year on **Friday 20th April**. They have spaces for teams so do get in touch if you would like to come along.

Year 6 Boys' Football Match

Well done to our Year 6 boys' football team, who finished the term with a victory of 5-0 against Chesterton on Friday the 16th. All the boys played extremely well, in very wet conditions, and they must be congratulated for their enthusiasm and tenacity.

Year 6 Girls' Football Match

On Thursday afternoon the Year 6 girls played their final match of the term against Longfields. They lost 1-0 after a closely fought match and some excellent play. Well done girls.

Cross Country NOSSP Finals

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 girls' Cross Country Team. It was an extremely wet and muddy course at Tilsley Park but they all displayed the value of determination and had a really successful morning yesterday. There were over 100 runners in our girls' race and all of them were in the top 75 – a great achievement.



Year 6 North Oxon & County Hockey Finals

Last Wednesday afternoon the Year 6 Hockey Team was joint winners of the North Oxon County finals and therefore through to the Oxfordshire Finals yesterday.

Report by Megan Beeney

On Tuesday the 27th March some of the Year 6's took part in the Oxfordshire County Hockey Finals in Tilsley Park. During the afternoon Fritwell had a successful 5 wins, two draws, and two losses of 1-0. At the end of the tournament Fritwell claimed 3rd place out of 10 schools and we all received Bronze medals.



Superb hockey, brilliant teamwork, and fantastic sportsmanship. They showed everyone what being in 'Team Fritwell' is all about! We are always so proud of what our small school achieves.

Church Easter Service

This morning we held our annual Easter Service at the church, led by Years 4 and 5. Well done to them all for a moving experience and some wonderful singing. Thank you to those volunteers who helped to walk the children to and from the church.

Message from Oxfordshire County

The LA clerking service is looking to recruit new clerks to the service and currently there are vacancies for schools all over Oxfordshire. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like additional work to their full time job or anyone who is looking for part time work. If you are interested please see the attached advert.

I wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter holiday.

Kind regards,

Debbie McLeod

Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Thurs 29th Mar – Inset Day

Fri 30th Mar – Start of Easter Holidays

Mon 16th Apr – Back to School

Fri 20th Apr – FoFS Quiz Night

Wed 25th Apr – Sticklebacks “Walk in the Wild” Music Concert

Wed 2nd May – Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament

Mon 14th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Wed 23rd May – Year 5/6 Cricket Festival

Fri 25th May – Start of Half Term

Mon 4th Jun – Inset Day

Tues 5th Jun – Back to School

Wed 13th Jun – KS2 Quad Kids

Thurs 21st Jun – Music Concert

Fri 29th Jun – Sports Day

Tues 3rd Jul – Reserve Sports Day

Thurs 12th Jul – Stingrays & Sharks Performance

Wed 25th Jul – Leavers’ Service 10am