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Newsletter 1 Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back after the summer break where the sun shone on all of us, making it a summer to remember.

Children and staff have returned to school full of enthusiasm and ideas and it has been good to work with the staff team to plan an exciting and challenging programme for the academic year ahead. I would like to thank everyone for such a warm welcome and look forward to working hard to make our school a place of fun and excellence; a school to be proud of!

We have had a lot of interest from new parents during the summer holiday and it is good to welcome new starters to Seahorses and Stingrays. We hope that they will soon feel part of the Fritwell School family. We also welcome our wonderful Minnows and Tiddlers who have settled into school happily and are keen to share their news and ideas with me.

We are looking to attract additional pupils to our school in order to maintain and improve opportunities for our pupils and the best way is by parents who share with others their experience and firsthand knowledge.

Summer Challenge



We have had a tremendous response to my summer challenge with many different ideas from all ages. It has been incredibly hard to judge the wonderful array of collections, even with the help of both Governors and staff. The

winners will be announced soon but here are some examples of the work presented.

A General Thank You

The staff would like to thank all children and parents for the vast array of gifts received at the end of last term; each and every one was greatly appreciated.

“Child of the Week”

Today saw our first certificates awarded to our children. Congratulations to those who received awards.

“Stay and Play

We also welcomed the “Stay & Play” toddler group in to school today. It was lovely to meet all our visitors and I really hope that they had great fun at the session.

Next Week’s Events

Year 6 Parents : Yenworthy Meeting at 6.00pm.

School Uniform

Our children have returned to school looking smart in their school uniform and I thank parents for their support in this.

Sports and Clubs Update

By now you will have received notifications about after school Clubs, all of which start next week if they have not already done so. Please do let the office know about attendance unless we have heard from you. Please also remember that if your child has signed up for a club, he/she must attend for the full duration of the club as often there are limited places and we do not want to deprive someone else from joining. Herewith a breakdown of our clubs/sporting activities this term :

Day	Club	Run by		Time	Year Group
Monday	Street Dance	<i>Aspire Dance</i>	<i>Emma Elliot 07834 195180</i>	3.15pm-3.50pm	1 - 6
Monday	Spanish	<i>Amanda Ledo</i>	<i>Amanda Ledo 07724 898261</i>	3.15pm-4.15pm	1 - 6
Tuesday	Football	<i>Adam Bradley FC</i>	<i>Adam Bradley 07969 678164</i>	3.15pm-4.20pm	1 - 6
Wednesday	Dance	<i>Aspire Dance</i>	<i>Emma Elliot 07834 195180</i>	3.15pm-6.30pm	1 - 6
Wednesday	TAG Rugby	<i>Staff</i>	<i>Kathryn Churchill</i>	3.15pm-4.15pm	4 - 6
Thursday	Tennis	<i>Bianca Pallatt TC</i>	<i>Bianca Pallatt 07938 145736</i>	3.15pm-4.15pm	1 - 6
Thursday	Archery	<i>Premier</i>		3.15pm-4.15pm	3 - 6
Friday	Gymnastics	<i>Premier</i>		3.15pm-4.15pm	1 - 2

New Policy from Fresh Start

Fresh Start have advised us that they will now no longer automatically provide a child with a meal at lunchtime if he/she has forgotten his/her lunchbox at home. The school will have to pay Fresh Start for the lunch, and then invoice the child’s parent in order to recoup the money. This makes it a time-consuming exercise so we do urge you to please make sure that your child’s meals are booked in advance, or that they bring a packed lunch to school every day. We appreciate your support in this.

Data Protection Permissions

You will be receiving a Student Update Form for your child, together with a Consent Form for Communications, and a Consent Form for Educational Trips and Visits. The Update Form needs to be checked and corrected if necessary and returned to the office so that they have all the necessary information for your child on record. Both Consent Forms need to be completed, regardless of the fact that they may have been filled in before, as these forms will supercede any which we have on file. This is in compliance with all the new Data Protection regulations.

Friends of Fritwell School

The FoFS AGM was held on Monday evening and an enthusiastic team of parents will be planning some exciting activities for the year. The first FoFS event is the Fireworks Display on **Sunday 4th November** at 5pm. Please see the FoFS section on the school website for further information and the Fireworks order form.

Cherwell Youth Activators

As part of our programme to develop healthy and active lifestyles both in and out of school, we have invited the Cherwell Youth Activators to come into school to work with us to teach games and activities that can be played both in school and at home. They will be working with children at lunchtimes and then with the Year 6 children in one of their PE lessons to teach them some of the games. The Year 6 children will then take over leading the games at lunchtime. The coaches will be coming back in the Spring and Summer terms to work with children in the other classes.

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher

SCHOOL DIARY

Wed 19th Sept – 6pm Yenworthy Meeting for Year 6 Parents

Mon 24th Sept – Life Education Bus

Fri 28th Sept – School Photos (Individual)

Mon 1st Oct – Year 6 I.M.P.S. Visit

Wed 3rd Oct – Book Fair

Wed 3rd Oct – Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Competition

Tue 9th Oct – Years 1 – 5 Flu Vaccinations

Wed 10th Oct – Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

Wed 10th Oct – Parents' Evening

Fri 12th Oct – FoFS Quiz Night

Mon 15th Oct – Year 6 Yenworthy Week

Fri 19th Oct – HALF TERM STARTS

Mon 29th Oct – INSET day

Tue 30th Oct – Back to School