

Fritwell School Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Friday 26th January



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Fritwell Footstep this term is Imagination. The children have been really keen to develop this in their work, and it was fantastic to hear the teachers talking about imagination in their classes in our celebration assembly last Monday. It has been wonderful to see so many families being able to join us for the celebration when their child is chosen. We know this has to be juggled around work and family commitments so we appreciate every effort that you make.

On the theme of collective worship, Rupert, Sam G, William C and Poppy led a session on restorative practice, introducing everyone to the idea that our actions have consequences, and we need to understand how each party is feeling to successfully move on. Mr Protherough is leading on this new school behaviour approach and already has his 'Mend It' ambassadors in class. This is our first footsteps into developing this approach and we will share more widely with you as it develops.

Today we had the trip to the Sheldonian Theatre for Stingrays and Sharks where they saw 'An Ocean Odyssey' performed by the Oxford Youth Orchestra. The children found it thoroughly enjoyable and inspirational – what a great experience for them! Thank you for your contributions towards the cost of the travel.

Stingrays are looking forward to a visit from a Roman Soldier next week. This has been partially funded by FoFs and will be a great experience for them as part of their topic work. We love bringing topics to life and we hope it will be a memorable experience for them!

Thank you for the donations of compost for Minnows and Tiddlers. The whole team are working incredibly hard to make the environment as engaging and beautiful as possible and your help and support is deeply appreciated.

From Sunday, if you are wanting to use the Community Fridge, you will be able to use the school staff carpark which will help alleviate the congestion where there is a clash with football matches being played.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Jon Jeffries

Executive Headteacher

Minnows & Tiddlers

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope this finds you well. Time is flying by in the Early Years. Week three is at an end. The term so far, has shown the existing children to be warm and welcoming to the new three year olds that have joined us. There is so much going on including 'Yoga' that takes place on a Tuesday afternoon. The specialist music lady and PE gentleman have been impressed with the children too. We are working hard on our good sitting, good looking, good waiting, good listening and good thinking skills. Show and Tell is continuing to be a highlight of the day with the children bringing in their Christmas 🎄 presents to share. The Tiddlers fine motor control is improving weekly as well their growing phonic knowledge. The Minnows are learning a poem called 'Cake-O-Saurus'. They are using actions to step the poem. 'Mastering Number' is helping the children's understanding of Maths grow with daily fun and interactive lessons taking place. We finish the week with Mr Pemble and our forest school session. We are very fortunate to have all these wonderful opportunities at our school. Have a safe and happy weekend. PS Thank you to all the people donating compost to fill our raised beds ready to start growing vegetable and flowers. Any donations of flower seeds would be gratefully received too. 😊

Warm wishes,

Mrs Haselgrove and the Early Years Team.



Sticklebacks

It has been lovely to be back after Christmas, even though it already feels like a distant memory. We have enjoyed starting our new topic and sharing together. In science we are learning about seasons and the world around us. We have enjoyed exploring our outside area to find signs of the winter season. We have thought about how plants and trees change throughout the year and what this means to us. We have thought about why some trees still have leaves and why some lose them throughout the year. This has inspired us to create some tree art work, thinking closely about the different colours of the leaves.



Dates for your diary

January

Wednesday 31st (TBC)– Stingrays Roman Workshop (in school)

February.

Thursday 1st – Sports hall athletics Y5/6 at Bicester Leisure center.

Friday 2nd – School Disco

Mon 12th- Friday 16th – Half term

Mon 19th-Friday 23rd – Yenworthy residential trip

Thursday 22nd – Hockey Y5/6 (Venue TBC)

March

Thursday 7th – World book day

Thursday 14th – Girls Football Y3/4 (Venue TBC)

Thursday 21st – World Poetry day

Sunday 24th – Easter egg hunt

Tuesday 26th Easter service led by Sticklebacks

FoFs



You may already be aware that The Launton Village Players put on a pantomime every February half term in Bicester – our next panto will be "Rapunzel" from Wednesday 14th to Saturday 17th February 2024 in Cooper School Performance Hall. All profits will be donated to Bicester Autism, who provide much needed support and opportunities to the families and carers of autistic children, those with ADHD or those awaiting a diagnosis of autism or ADHD.

We have often found that our pantomime is the first introduction many children have to live theatre, and as such, we ensure the show is suitable for all ages and we hope to attract as many local families as possible. Not only does it help us raise money for good causes, it is also a fantastic opportunity to keep the kids entertained over half term.



To help local families with the cost of living we have family discounts available for all performances.

We would be extremely grateful if you could include the attached flyer (which includes details of the discount) in any electronic newsletter or communications that you send out to parents over the next few weeks up until half term.

If you would prefer, we have hard copies available and are more than happy to bring these to your office for you to include in book bags. Please just let me know an approximate number.

Many thanks for your support,

Cath Moyse
On behalf of Launton Village Players.

 Launton Village Players present their 37th pantomime 

Rapunzel

A traditional family pantomime

Weds 14th to Sat 17th Feb 2024


Date	Performance Times	Adult (18+)	Child (1-17)
Weds 14 th Feb	7:30pm	£12	£6
Thurs 15 th Feb	10:30am* 2:30pm	£12	£6
Fri 16 th Feb	2:30pm 7:30pm	£14	£7
Sat 17 th Feb	2:30pm 7:30pm	£14	£7

***Relaxed Performance Thursday at 10:30am**


In Cooper School Performance Hall, Bicester, OX26 4RS

Tickets available from
www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp
(or call 07864 715708 for assistance)

Family Tickets available at discounted prices!

Scan here for tickets! 

Suitable for the whole family to enjoy!
All profits donated to Bicester Autism

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