

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



# Fittleworth C E Village School

## Autumn Term 2 2024

### Newsletter

#### DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

We have finally made it to the end of a very full and busy term and I think most of children and staff are ready for a well earned rest over the Christmas holidays.

#### ENRICHED OPPORTUNITIES

We are always finding opportunities for our pupils to experience exciting ways to learn or to get outside of the school environment. This term, we have been extremely fortunate to offer many of our pupils this opportunity.

Our Year 2 and 3 have spent time out at Forest schools over the last 6 weeks and thoroughly enjoyed these sessions with Emma, our Forest school leader. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who have made this terms forest schools run so smoothly.

This term, Maureen Wells, a local artist, has been into school to work with our year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. Each year group spent an afternoon creating some spectacular art pieces using wax, water colours and acrylic paint and produced a variety of pieces of art work. The work consisted of fine line drawing, mixing, texture and tone and the children really took advantage of the expert artist to exceed in their end results. Last year, the current year 2's worked with Maureen and next term we hope to get her back to work with year 1 and year R. This opportunity was funded by our local Fittleworth stores who wanted to provide further enriched opportunities for our pupils.



Year 5 went to the Winchester museum to explore life in Anglo Saxon times. Whilst at the museum, actors took the children on a journey back in time to find out about the past. The children were fully engaged in their experience and were able to share their knowledge and further embed their learning.

Next term, we have planned for Marcus Hockley, a drumming teacher to come into school and carry out workshops for all year groups across the school. This will provide the children with an opportunity to experience African and bucket drumming in the hope that they may wish to learn this instrument or perhaps be inspired to take up another instrument they may be interested in learning to play.

## SPORTS AND TOURNAMENTS

The football and netball teams have been out and about this half term. This time it was the Year 6 girls that had the opportunity to represent our school in a round robin football friendly against Petworth Primary and Slindon Primary school. The girls were determined to win and their efforts and perseverance paid off as they won both games.

Our Netball team also competed in a small tournament against the two schools above and equally performed to a high standard. They played four games and won all of them coming out on top! We were really proud of our teams this term as they represented the school with pride and set excellent examples of sportsmanship.



Next term, we have more 3/4, 5/6 mixed and girls' football and Netball, as well as some tag rugby. Come on Fittleworth!!!!

## CAROL SERVICE

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school walked up to St Mary's Church for our traditional Carol service. The children in Beech class acted out the Christmas story with the help of our year 6 readers. The church was bursting at the seams as the parents and school joined in with singing and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. The children were just amazing in the church. Well done to Reception and thank you to Mrs McKee for organising such a special service.



## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

### Key Stage 1 Production 'The Fleece Force'



### Year 3, 4 and 5 Production 'Pirates V's Mermaids'



Well done to our amazing pupils who entertained us all with their singing and acting skills over the last few weeks. We all had plenty of laughs and lots of fun watching the shows whilst learning about the true meaning of Christmas.

## PTA EVENTS

It's been another busy term for the PTA who have been organising more fun times for the children. All proceeds go to providing the school with resources and experiences to enhance their learning experiences at school. This includes new art resources, paying for an upcoming lower school theatre trip and a STEM experience for children in Maple and Ash in the Spring term. In addition they are providing new iPads for the school that children can use as part of their computing curriculum.

Both key stages enjoyed a night at the disco which went down extremely well as always.

The Christmas fair and raffle were once again a great success. Thank you for all who helped and contributed to the prizes, raffles, teddies etc.

It was a first for the Grinch's breakfast and with almost 90 children taking part, I think you'll agree it was a huge success. The hall looked superb and the children enjoyed their breakfast whilst being entertained by the Grinch himself.

All of these events including the Autumn trail and Bonfire night has raised close to £5000. Thank you so much to the PTA for your hard work and continued effort to raise money for our lovely school.



## SAD GOODBYES AND WELCOMES

We are sad to announce that Mrs Pike (Beech class TA), will be leaving at the end of this term to embark on exciting new adventures. Mrs Pike has been a member of staff at Fittleworth for almost 12 years and will be sadly missed. We wish her well in her new job. Mrs Allfrey will be moving into Reception to join the EYFS team as the new class TA along with Mrs Barron.

We will be also welcoming Mrs Howard and Mrs Miller, our newly appointed classroom assistants, to our team. They will be working in Maple and Cedar Class from January.

Also from January, Mrs Phillips will be teaching in Cedar class every Wednesday. Mr Russell will remain the lead class teacher for year 6 and teach for the other 4 days.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January- Spring Term begins (All children back to school)

Please do contact the office if you have any queries or concerns. We are always happy to help!

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Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half term break!

Kind Regards

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