



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
Fringford C of E Primary School  
Headteacher Mr F Pastore

**NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019**

**Message from the Headteacher**

We have had quite the half-term at Fringford! I am very pleased, however, to report that the children have been able to get on with their learning with their usual zest and enthusiasm!

I would like to thank our families for the kind words and support we have received during the last month or so as we slowly recover from the flood damage and contend with boiler replacement works.

**Dates for your diary**

**Half-Term**

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November

**November**

4<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations (all years)

12<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning 9.30am

15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need non-uniform day – wear something spotty.

19<sup>th</sup> – Open Morning 9.30am

27<sup>th</sup> – Vision Screening Robins Class

**December**

10<sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Music Concert

12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service 10am

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day

13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch

13<sup>th</sup> – FoFS Christmas Fayre

19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

**January**

6<sup>th</sup> – INSET

7<sup>th</sup> – Welcome back to school

**February**

17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Half term

24<sup>th</sup> – Class and Leavers Photos

24<sup>th</sup> – Heights and Measures YR and Y6

**Fish Philosophy**

We have heard from parents that many of our children have already started to use Fish! at home.

But what is it exactly?

The Fish Philosophy is all about making our school a positive learning environment; a fun, happy and caring place, where people want to be.

The philosophy started at the Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle, which was a horrid place to work. It was cold, it was smelly and the work was tough! They decided that they could not continue the way they were. Now, the Pike Place Fish Market has become a famous tourist destination where thousands of people go every year to watch the people at work. The people at the Pike Place Fish Market decided to follow four key principles:

**Choose your attitude**

Choosing your attitude is about being really positive. Even if you haven't had a good start to the day or you are finding learning tough, if you try really hard it will make a difference!

**Make their day**

Making someone's day is all about sharing good feelings with others. We can praise them, be kind to them or notice others in a way that not only helps to make their day better, but ours too.

**Be there**

Being there is all about making sure our brains stay switched on. It is sometimes hard to stay focused and pay attention all the time. When we try to be there, we are making a real effort to improve our learning.

**Play**

We have to enjoy our learning. It doesn't mean entertaining yourself or your friends at someone else's expense. It has to be appropriate! At the right times, play can really make us feel better.





### Our School Values

We have a smart, new school values board. It will be displayed in the hall. Don't worry – we haven't done away with our existing values! We have simply re-organised them under 4 key themes that will help the children with their learning and will hopefully be easier to remember.

### Open Morning and Welcome Wednesdays

We will be holding two open mornings for prospective parents and children who are looking to join us in September 2020. They will start at 9.30am and you will be able to meet the Headteacher, have a look around the school and ask any questions you may have regarding starting school. We welcome families from Fringford and all surrounding areas.

We will also be holding Welcome Wednesdays from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30pm. You will be able to come along with your child and experience our early years setting and chat with staff.

### Flu Vaccinations

Once again the School Medical Team will be administering flu vaccinations to children of parents who wish to participate. This year the offer is being extended to all pupils. Please remember to complete [link](#) using the code **OX123102**.

### Children in Need

We will be taking part in this year's Children in Need. The children are invited to wear spotty non-uniform in exchange for a donation.

### Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast Club (charged at £3.00 per session) can be booked through the office. Please email [office.3083@fringford.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3083@fringford.oxon.sch.uk).

ASL continue to be our wrap-around care provider. Please use their online booking form to reserve your child's place. <https://www.advancedsportsltd.com/wrap-around-care>

### Medicines in School

If your child requires medicine to be administered while in school please provide the office with written notification and please provide the medicine in its original container including the prescriber's instructions for administration and dosage.

Medicines prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist prescriber should only be brought to school when it is essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine is not administered during the school day.

### School Vision Test

Children in Robins Class will have their vision tested on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### Woodpecker Class Swimming

Woodpecker Class will start their swimming lessons on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. All children must have a costume, hat and towel.

## Oxford Music Service

Before half term the children were treated to a wonderful assembly by The Oxford Music Service where they demonstrated many different instruments: strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboard and guitar.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument but is unsure which one, why not sign them up to the Instrumental Foundation Course? [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest)



**Instrumental**  
FOUNDATION COURSE

**Not sure which instrument to learn? Why not try the IFC?**

Over 34 weeks of the year, learn to play many different instruments: strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboard and guitar. Towards the end of the course and with expert advice, decide on your favourite instrument to go on and learn!

As part of the lessons, learn how to read and write music, with the option of taking a Grade One Music Theory Exam.

**Only £6.95 per lesson**

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Four children in each school are required for a viable group



## Baptism of Mario

Starlings Class visited the Church in October to learn about Baptism. Yvonne gave a lovely service for Mario and the children enjoyed taking part and learning about what is involved with a Baptism. They then produced some wonderful work about their experience.



## Kingfisher Class Oxford Museum

At the start of term, Kingfisher Class visited the Oxford Museum of Natural History to explore their topic Darwin's Delight in more detail.

