

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Parent Communication

At Burford Primary School we have an 'open door' policy and are more than happy to talk to parents if there are any concerns at all about their child/ren. Should this situation arise, please could we ask that you initially talk to your child's class teacher – you can easily make an appointment via the school office. The Class Teacher will then discuss further with their Teaching Assistants and myself, as required, so that any matters/concerns can be resolved efficiently. Thank you for your co-operation.

Achiever Award Assembly

Please come along to our very first Achiever Award Assembly tomorrow morning at 9.00 a.m. Details & Term 1 winners were sent out via a letter last week.

Parent Consultations, Structured Conversations & Achievement for All.

We would very much like to share our new and exciting school improvement project 'Achievement for All' with our parents. Please put a date in your diary for our introduction and explanation session on **Wednesday 12th November 6pm-7pm in the main hall**. The session will be hosted by our 'Achievement Coach' Nicola Fordham and supported by the BPS teaching team. Come along to find out how the project will impact on our school, how you can get involved and what it means for the children. We will be providing refreshments and a chance to chat with staff about the project after a short presentation.

We will be having our KS1 & KS2 parent consultations on **Monday November 24th** from **2.30pm** onwards (sign-up sheets will go up after half term) and inviting some parents to attend 'structured conversations' at times throughout the same week as part of our project work and pilot scheme. If your child is not on the sign up list for consultations then you will be asked to arrange a separate meeting with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time. Please come along on the **12th November** to find out more regarding structured conversations and the rest of the project.

Do look at the AfA website to find out more information:

<http://www.afa3as.org.uk>

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School Applications for next September

All parents of Year Six pupils should have received a letter explaining the procedure when applying for a secondary school place. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2014**. The preference this year is that as many parents as possible apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

The deadline for applications for Reception children in Primary schools is 15th January 2015. If you have children that are due to start next September, or know families in this position, please make a note of this date. You can apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

School Website

Thank you to all those parents who have made suggestions which have been passed to the web designer – we hope to launch the website in the very near future.

Paddock Wall

The long wall, on the right-hand-side of the Paddock, is to be re-built – materials will be delivered during the half term break and work to commence at the start of Term 2.

Remembrance Sunday

Two of our children will be representing Burford Primary School on Sunday 9th November at 11.00 a.m. to lay a wreath in Burford. Please go along & give them your support.

Half Term

We finish this Friday 23rd October at the normal time of 3.10 p.m. After School Club will be running as usual until 5.30 p.m. on this day. Term 2 starts on Monday 3rd November, ready for a very busy and exciting term leading up to Christmas!

School Photos

Proofs of the school photos taken today will be in your child's book bags. Please ensure that all orders are in the school office by Wednesday 5th November.

Christmas performances

These will take place in Burford Church on Tuesday, 16 December. Warwick and Windrush Nativity performance is at 2pm and Tolsey and Priory performance at 6pm. Further details to follow in due course.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Teresa Lock &
Miss Chrisanne Massetti

The Reception children and staff all had a brilliant time at the Wildlife Park; the children were really well behaved (and the staff) and asked some great questions during our talks about Rhinos, Meerkats and Lions, we even got to ride on the train!

Our chosen text this week is the Tiger who came to Tea; the children have created some great tiger pictures with paint, collage and 2D shapes. We are also making tiger food labels using the colour magic program on the computers which we will display in the classroom. The children have been learning how to hot-seat a character from the book; asking the Tiger why he ate all the food, where he lives, whether he will be coming back, and really getting into character when it was their turn to be on the hot-seat.

In Maths we have been making balance cakes for the Tiger's tea; this helped the children understand how balance scales work and to practise using the vocabulary related to weight and measure.

We held our Parent consultations this week, it was really nice to chat with parents and discuss how well the children have settled in.

Congratulations to our class Achievers this term Isaac Harris and Alexandra Wilson.

Have a great half term break everybody. I think the children are all ready for a rest; it has been a long first term at school, but they have coped really well.

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We are enjoying our final week with a bit of excitement about Halloween, some story writing, awesome swimming with our new teachers Julie and Calum, a French picnic and learning how to tell the time! Maths is the main focus of the week with lots of talk about o'clock, hours, minutes, half past, past, to, clockwise, anti-clockwise etc! We really have got to grips with this brilliantly, keep practising at home everyone!

Next term we will be getting ready for our first round of assessments, so please make sure your children are reading each day as this is the best way to make sure they do as well as possible when they are assessed. All tests are low key and designed to be as fun as possible so no-one needs to worry. Once I have all the assessment results I have a good picture of where we are and where we need to go next!

Next term will also be very festive and glittery so look out for notices regarding costumes and parties! Windrush & Warwick Christmas Performance is **on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm.**

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class the children have been working on non-chronological reports during literacy lessons. They have linked these with our topic work on America or Animals. The children have worked independently and created some eye catching posters showing their information. During maths this week, we have been working on data handling. We created our own bar charts and frequency tables and interpreted data from the charts.

During topic sessions we are finishing our work on Native Americans by finding out how important the buffalo was to them and designing and making clay bowls with Native American designs. We are also finishing our science work on Humans and other Animals.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

Huge congratulations and well done must go to all the children that took part in our production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The cast did us all proud. From their professional behaviour behind the scenes to their commitment, focus and talent on the stage, they proved their ability to perform at a professional venue. I hope they will never forget how it felt to hear an audience applaud their achievement, and help them to tackle their next challenge, with increased confidence.

In numeracy, we have been revising the different types of angles and how to measure them. The children have also been learning what the angles in a triangle equal and those on a straight line. This week, we have moved on to perimeter and area and will learn how to calculate these with compound shapes and triangles.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, children and parents, who have made my first term at Burford Primary School so enjoyable. You, along with the family atmosphere of the school, have made me feel so welcome.

Burford Stars

Last week the stars were George and Ethan. This week they are Emily and Ceara.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded **Thursday 6th November 2014**
2.45 p.m.

Alfie Hoare for showing good understanding of our weight topic by being able to explain what we needed to do to make 'Balance cakes' using the correct mathematical vocabulary, well done Alfie.

Scarlett Hanks for her progress in phonics and early reading skills, Scarlett listens carefully and can always offer input when required. Scarlett is also Warwick Class chief tidier and likes to keep Mrs Lock's chair neat and tidy, thank you Scarlett.

Oliver Rix for trying very hard to improve his writing with great results. Oliver has a good attitude to learning and is applying himself really well in class. Keep working hard Oliver! Mrs Duff

Gold Book Certificates cont/d...

Poppy Harris for hard work and excellent behaviour. Poppy tries her best, pays attention and produces work to a high standard. You are also an excellent role model Poppy! Well done, Mrs Duff.

Grzegorz Koczorowski for outstanding behaviour and always aiming to do his best whilst working independently in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Greg.

Olivia Faulkner for showing greater independence during lessons and increasing her focus when listening to instructions. Well done Olivia.

All of Priory Class for making A Midsummer Night's Dream such a success. Without their hard work and commitment, the play would not have been so well received. They did their family, teachers and friends proud. Well done!

Luke Johnson for making an excellent Bottom! He understood the character well and worked hard to deliver his lines for great impact.

Eve Blantz for an excellent performance as Qunice. Throughout the evening it was clear that Eve belongs on the stage!

Golden Post Box

Congratulations to **Sam Backhouse** for being awarded the player of the week for his efforts in rucking and mauling.

Well done to **Oliver Davies** for achieving a 2 Star award in Rock Starz.

Well done to **Harry Davies** in achieving his 10m certificate in the Rainbow Swimming Award Scheme.

Well done to **Julian Schulz** for counting to 1,000 all by himself.

FOBPS Newsletter

Cook for Books

Well done Warwick Class, you raised an impressive £41.

The next 'Cook for books' will be held straight after school on Friday 14th November and it will be the turn of Windrush Class.

Christmas Cards

FOBPS has sent off your child's personalised Christmas card form and you should receive the physical cards back by the middle of November.

Bags 2 School

The next 'Bags2School' will be collected on Wednesday 5th November at 9am. The blue collection bags are in your child's book bag and you can bring in as many supplementary bags as you like. Please just use normal black bags, as we have no blue bags left.

FOBPS Newsletter cont/d...

Burford Christmas Lights

This year we have teamed up with the Burford Town Council and the Burford SK8 park project, to greatly improve the 'Burford Christmas lights ceremony'. For those who went last year, you're likely to agree that it wasn't a great magical family experience.

The lights will be switched on, on Sunday 30th November. FOBPS in partnership with the SK8 park project will be selling hot chocolates, cakes and teas and coffees. Please keep this date in your diaries and if you are able to help out on the day we would greatly appreciate it.

FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS has got an account on **Facebook**, so please remember to 'like' us. We keep you informed on upcoming events and give feedback on recent ones. You can find us at www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool or use the link to our Facebook page from the **school's website** – just look under the 'News' tab and then the 'Social Media Page' link at the bottom. The amounts raised at events and photos will be posted on to FB for you to see and share.

FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th November**, straight after school. This will be our AGM, so if are able to attend we would really appreciate it, and remember you have the option to put your children into After School Club for the duration of the meeting.

There are many different ways you can help, whether you have lots of time on your hands or would like to contribute as and when you're able to. We hold our meetings roughly every 6 weeks and are very relaxed with no obligation to attend each session. If you feel you can't commit to a large role, you may want to be involved in a smaller but equally important way (e.g. running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale). Or you can always support FOBPS events by simply turning up, it all counts

If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann, Lizanne Harris or Rachael Barton and we can tell you more about it.

Our meetings are very relaxed so feel free to pop along whenever you want to!

Please do let us know if you think you can help or want to get involved with FOBPS

If you would like to contact **FOBPS by email**, feel free to email the co-chair of FOBPS directly at louisa@theswanns.com