

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

I would like to welcome all the children back to school and wish everyone a happy & prosperous 2015. Thank you for all your Christmas wishes and gifts, which were greatly appreciated.

We are all looking forward to yet another busy term and our new whole school topic is 'Transport & Travel'.

Warwick Class

I would also like to welcome Mrs Wendy Corless who is joining us in Warwick class every Friday to replace Miss Massetti.

School Uniform

I hope everyone is finding the purchasing of school uniform on the Mapac website easy and efficient. In the next couple of weeks, our school uniform sweatshirts and polo shirts will also be available to be purchased from a Tesco's website. As soon as this becomes live, we will give you the details. In the meantime, we do have a small selection of uniform items left in school which we will be selling off at reduced prices – a list of available stock is in the school office.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Please see the guidelines at the end of this newsletter to check whether you are entitled to receive free school meals/pupil premium. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and already now receives a free school meal, **we need to know if your family meets the criteria as this releases further funding to the school which will benefit your child.** To check, all we need is your date of birth and NI number and we can easily check with the School Hub. In order to obtain this additional funding in April, we need to know by next **Monday (12th) January**. Please see Mrs Hunt in the school office if you have any questions.

FINAL REMINDER for Nursery Children starting school in Reception Year – September 2015

Parents of children born between 1/9/2010 & 31/8/2011 must make an application to start school in September 2015. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2015**. You can apply on line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Welcome back everyone - we hope you had a lovely festive break.

A big well done to all Warwick Children who took part in our Christmas performance, you were all brilliant; it is quite an achievement at any age to stand on stage and sing to a large audience, so to do it at three, four or five years old is amazing - they should all be very proud of themselves. We definitely have some budding stars within our class!

Warwick will be joining in with the whole school topic of 'Travel and Transport' and we have started off this week by completing a mind map of ideas of what types of travel and transport we could use and created some favourite transport paintings. We hope to visit a different country each week and will show our progress on the world map on the board in the main classroom.

If anyone has a more unusual form of transport that they could bring in to show us or ideas for visits please let us know. We hope to visit the Fire Station and possibly Brize Norton in the coming months.

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We are already fully back in the swing of things and working hard! We have been having a non-fiction week in literacy working on recounts. The children have written about gifts received, their relatives and friends and the food they ate. We have had a grammar focus this week on pronouns and use of capital letters, as well as a review of short vowel sounds in phonics. Having everyone at their desks on time is really helping our busy morning!

In maths we are all looking at place value (Hundreds/Tens/Units) and some of us are learning about column addition, lots of challenge and investigation!

We are looking forward to exploring our new topic further and have made a start on a transport timeline to get us started!

Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

Tolsey Staff would like to wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for all your kind cards, presents and Christmas wishes at the end of last term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas. It is great to be back and the children are already producing some super work and enjoying being back at school with their friends.

We have started our new topic 'Transport and Travel' and the children are carrying out research to identify different mountain ranges across Europe. We will then be making our own mountain ranges in class.

In literacy lessons we are learning about different Myths and Legends and will be writing our own myths using 'Story Creator'. In maths we are working on multiplication and division. We are increasing our mental calculation skills and learning how to use the grid method for multiplication and chunking on a number line for division.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

What a great start to the term it has been for Priory Class! The children have quickly settled back into the routine of school. It has been very enjoyable hearing about their Christmas holiday and New Year resolutions.

Term 3 starts a very busy time for the Year 6 children, as they start to prepare for their SATs. Further information will soon follow.

Our literacy lessons will centre round the theme of journeys. In fiction, the children will read and explore the language, character, setting and plot of Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. In non-fiction, they write a report as an introduction to Brazil for a young audience and research a great journey – the Apollo 13 mission – and debate the cost or value of the journey. In poetry, the theme of journeys continues with studying 'The Road Not Taken' and 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening', by Robert Frost, and 'Geography Lesson' by Brian Patten.

Our numeracy lessons will focus on consolidation and extension of a range of mathematical concepts in preparation for SATs. In numeracy this week we have been revising coordinate grids and transformations. The children have learnt how to accurately rotate, reflect and translate different shapes.

Burford Stars

During the last week of term, the stars were Ethan Learoyd and Marcus Hayden. This week they are Kirsty Locke and Gaby Smith.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 15th January at 2.45 p.m.

Harrison Davies for the lovely smiles we get on arrival in class and his enthusiasm in all that he partakes during the school day. Well done Harrison, keep up the great attitude.

Nathan Bradley for his outstanding home/school link. Nathan regularly updates his 'All About Me' book and our Working Wall with information from home and also brings Mrs Lock some great pictures. Thank you Nathan and well done.

Rowan Toms for having an 'I can do it' attitude! Rowan has made excellent progress with his independent writing which has given him the confidence to try new things that he thought he couldn't do. Super impressive Rowan!

Emily Selita for improving her presentation of work in both maths and literacy. Emily is being careful and taking great pride in what she has achieved. Good Job Emily!

George Khan for excellent behaviour and super listening skills. George has also shown increased confidence and independence during maths lessons. Well done George!

Bridget Coombes for showing increased concentration and independence during literacy lessons. Bridget has made particularly good progress learning her high frequency words. Well done Bridget!

Jenny Carter for being an outstanding member of Priory Class. Jenny always works hard to the best of her ability. Her acting skills in the Christmas performance were evident – she had every one scared!

Phoebe Dixon for showing increased confidence in her numeracy work. Keep up the hard work.

FOBPS Newsletter

As you know last year was extremely busy for teachers, pupils, parents and of course the FOBPS team. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped out with all of our events and what a wonderful success they all were.

We look forward to all our upcoming events and raising lots of money to help all our children at Burford Primary.

Cook for Books

The first Cook for Books of the year will be on Friday 16th January straight after school and will be the turn of Tolsey Class.

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 Newsletter cont/d...

FOBPS Meeting

The date of the next FOBPS meeting has yet to be confirmed. Once we know the date, we will let you know so if you want to come along, you would be very welcome. Please 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. Or if you'd like to simply be included in the mailing list for the minutes of our meetings, then just let us know. 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

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The threshold figure which forms part of the 'Tax Credit' free school meal eligibility category is **£16,190**.

Pupils whose parents/carers receive the following support payments are entitled to free school meals (assuming parent does not receive Working Tax Credit)

☐ **Income Support (IS) – proof of entitlement is in the form of a DWP Award Notice or FF260 form**

☐ **Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA) – proof of entitlement is in the form of a DWP Award Notice**

☐ **Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 – proof of entitlement is in the form of a Home Office letter, which includes their NASS number.**

☐ **State Pension Credit – proof of entitlement is assessed by the 'Pension Credit M1000 Award Notice'. The 'How Pension Credit has been worked out for...' section of this form clearly shows details of any Guaranteed Pension Credit in payment.**

☐ **Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)** has been introduced to replace both Incapacity Benefit and Income Support
o **ESA(IR)** will be an eligible benefit for free school meals - **Proof of entitlement is a letter or a statement from the Department of Work and Pensions/Job Centre Plus Awards Notice**
o **ESA (C)** recipients are **NOT** eligible for free school meals

☐ **Child Tax Credit** with an annual income "as assessed by the Inland Revenue" that does not exceed **£16,190 (the parents/guardians must not have Working Tax Credit)**. – **proof of entitlement is assessed by the 'TC602 Award Notice' by viewing the information inside the box on the first page:-**