

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Allergy against Peanuts & Nuts

We have a couple of families with children in our school who have severe, life threatening reactions (anaphylaxis) if in contact with nuts, especially peanuts. Therefore, please could I ask that we are a 'nut free' school i.e. no peanut butter sandwiches, no nuts in cakes when brought into school for cake sales, no Crunchy Nut cornflakes boxes for junk modelling etc. - thank you for your support.

2015/16 Academic Year

Please note that the term dates and holidays for the next academic year are on our website. Paper copies are also available in the school's foyer.

Governor Coffee Morning

Our next Governor Coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 19th May with Rev Richard Coombs & Mr John White and the 'You said, we did' from the previous coffee morning will be posted on the Governor Notice board shortly.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

We are continuing to have fun learning about Traditional Tales. Our magic beanstalks are now ready to go home; hopefully they will grow tall enough to see whether there is a real castle at the top! This week we are reading different versions of Goldilocks; we have been discussing what sort of person she is, making porridge, WANTED posters and writing letters of apology to the Bears. In Maths we have been measuring Beanstalks and looking at how we can measure capacity using oats and different sized bowls. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have experienced our first visit to our new Forest School site at Filkins and looking forward to getting this established.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

This week, in Windrush Class, we have been learning about imperative (bossy) verbs. The children have been making their own board games in order to help them use and identify when a verb becomes imperative. We are then going to use our knowledge to write two sets of instructions. Firstly, we will be creating seed packets with instructions on how to plant a sunflower seed and then programming a robot (Mrs B!) to make a paper butterfly. All super interactive and fun which is the best way to learn grammar.

Windrush Class cont/d...

In Maths we have been learning about coordinates on a grid, stating the coordinates for different shapes and plotting a shape according to given coordinates. Quite tricky, but we do love a challenge!

Well done to the Year one children who are now getting homework, I am seeing some fantastic efforts all round.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class we have started our poetry unit which is on Calligrams and Shape Poems. The children looked at different Calligrams and identified the features, then created their own and used ICT to present their work. I was particularly impressed by the creativity they have shown. During Maths this week we have been working on our written methods of addition and subtraction.

During Science we have been working on materials and testing different materials. We have enjoyed learning how to use Explain Everything on the iPads, whilst carrying out our investigations. During French, we have been learning different greetings and in P.E enjoyed tennis sessions and bench ball.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

As I write this, the countdown to SATs is well underway. There are less than ten working days until the children sit their tests! I continue to be impressed with the way in which the children are preparing for them and many children are obviously revising at home and this hard work is transferring through to the classroom.

With SATs around the corner, the focus of our Maths and Literacy lessons has been revision. In Maths, we have consolidated our knowledge of factors, mean, median, mode and range and practised interpreting a range of graphs and charts. We have even learnt the meaning of BODMAS and how this applies to calculations!

Priory Class cont/d...

In Literacy, we have consolidated our knowledge of paragraphing and when to use a new paragraph. We then extended this by looking at connectives and how they make our writing flow.

A small plea about PE kit! Please encourage your child to have their PE kit in school at all times. Ideally, they should bring their kit in at the start of the week and take it home at the end of the week. Unfortunately, without their kit they will not be allowed to take part in the activities, as they cannot do so safely.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Blantz, who alerted our attention to the large boxes at the bookshop. We still need more, so if anyone has any large cardboard boxes Priory Class would be very appreciative.

Burford Stars

Stars last week were Jenny Carter and Sam Backhouse. This week they are Marcus Hayden and Timoney Pitt.

Gold Book Certificates Awarded Thursday 7th May at 2.45 p.m.

Eliana Pestana - For her progress in her independent writing; Eliana will now tackle even quite difficult words using her phonic knowledge - keep up the great work.

Jessica Blantz - For her increasing confidence to 'have a go' at the challenges offered to her in class. Well done Jessica, you are a Star.

Benji Ebeling for trying much harder with his work and answering more questions in class. Benji is going to make a super year three! Great effort Benji!

Ollie Davies for being very conscientious with his learning and for his ability to self-assess and edit his work to make it even better. Ollie is becoming a very mature learner. Keep up the fab work Ollie!

Connor Morgan for showing an excellent attitude towards his learning, particularly in mathematics.

Tallulah Smith for working hard in mathematics and always offering contributions whilst working in a group.

Sam Blantz – for creating an entertaining stop animation cartoon related to the circus. A lot of time and effort was spent creating this engaging show. Well done.

Brandon Whalley – for having a fantastic imagination that he uses to great effect when writing stories.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 7th May at 2.45 p.m.

Congratulations to **Oliver West** for passing his Stage 4 swimming level. Well done Oliver.

Well done to **Connor Morgan** was awarded his KYU blue belt with a distinction over the Easter Holidays.

Congratulations to **Jessica Blantz** who performed exceptionally well in a Royal Academy of Dance ballet pre-primary presentation class. Well done Jessica.

Congratulations to **Ellie Marshall** for completed her Stage 4 swimming level. Well done Ellie.

FOBPS Newsletter

Cook for Books

Well done Windrush Class, you raised a whopping **£52.10** which now puts your total at **£99.10** Congratulations.

The totals so far are:

Warwick = **£83.00**

Windrush = **£99.10**

Tolsey = **£40.00**

Priory = **£33.00**

The next Cook for Books will be on Friday 8th May straight after school and will be the turn of Tolsey Class.

All cakes will be sold on a first come first served basis, unless your child is in afterschool club (please remember that ingredients must be nut-free).

Nature Club

Well done Nature Club on your first ever plant sale, you managed to raise £9.50.

Summer Fête - Save the Date

Don't forget Saturday 20th June will be our annual Summer Fete from 12pm to 2pm.

If you are available to help out on the day or would like to run a stall, then please see either Louisa Swann or Lizanne Harris.

Smarties Tubes

A big thank you to everyone who has already handed in their Smarties Tubes. If you do still have your tube at home can you please give it a member of the FOBPS team by next Friday. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform

We will be holding a second hand uniform sale hopefully before the half term holiday. A date is yet to be confirmed so please look out for a notice in your child's book bag.

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 will be Thursday 21st May straight after school 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 chair of FOBPS directly at louisa@theswanns.com or Lizanne Harris at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk



Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Deadline is approaching for Sainsbury's vouchers – please keep collecting in any Sainsbury's store and online up to Tuesday 5 May 2015. Thank you.