

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back to this new academic year – it was lovely to see all the children again after the summer holidays looking refreshed and ready for school. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and families – the children have all settled in really quickly.

School Uniform

Please can we ensure that all children wear the correct school uniform – navy blue sweatshirts with school logo and red polo shirts with school logo. (I do appreciate that some parents are awaiting their uniform order from the supplier). Year 6 children to wear white collared shirt with school tie, which has been provided.

PE kits must be in school every day – coming in on a Monday morning & going home on a Friday evening for a wash.

Art/craft activities - all children need an old, long sleeved adult shirt in school to wear to protect their uniform.

Book bags – all children require these and they are available from Mapac – www.mapac.com.

All uniform and belongings please to be named.

Watches and earring studs only may be worn – no other jewellery items are allowed.

Long hair - we would ask please for this to be tied back.

Pencil cases and stationery – we supply all the children with stationery, therefore pencil cases are not required in school. If you have purchased one, they can be used at home for homework activities.

Old newspapers

We would like to hold a stock for use during art activities – can we ask that you save these and bring them into school please.

Free school meals / service families

In addition to children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 all receiving free school meals through the Universal Government scheme, it is extremely important for **all** families to let us know if your annual family income is less than £16,190 and not receiving Working Tax Credit. If this is the case, the school receives an additional amount of funding which will enhance your child's learning provision. To check for you, we need your name, NI number and date of birth – please see the office staff in confidence. Otherwise, hot meals or school packed lunches are charged at £2.00 per day for pupils in Nursery, and Years 3 to 6.

Service children

An additional amount is received for these families, so please let the office know if you work for any of the armed forces.

Swimming for Windrush, Tolsey & Priory classes

Windrush children will be swimming from now until the end of March on a Tuesday morning.

Tolsey children will be swimming from 3rd Nov to 9th March inclusive

Priory class will be swimming from 16th March to 13th July inclusive.

Separate letters will be distributed to individual classes/year groups, as appropriate.

'Forest School' at Filkins Wood

The following dates are when the children will be enjoying sessions at Filkins on Wednesday afternoons. Separate letters will be distributed to individual classes/year groups, as appropriate.

Priory class – 21st September to 30th November inclusive

Tolsey class – 11th January to 22nd March inclusive

Windrush class – 3rd May to 12th July inclusive

Warwick class children will be going throughout the academic year joining the above classes.

Wear your jeans to school for Jeans for Genes – Friday 23rd September

1 in 25 children is born with a genetic disorder and the charity really needs your support. We would encourage your child to come to school next Friday wearing jeans instead of their school trousers/skirt and donate a **£1** for this worthwhile cause. School polo & sweatshirts and school shoes should still be worn.

School Website – www.burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Just to let you know that there are a couple of changes on the school's website – a 'Curriculum' tab replaces the 'News Archive' tab and news archive contents moved to the drop-down list under the 'Information' tab. A new Forest School page now appears under 'Curriculum'. Forest School photos can be found on both the 'Gallery' and 'Forest School' page.

Governor Coffee Mornings

We hold regular coffee mornings welcoming all parents to come and talk to our Governors. They are held in the school hall at 9.00 a.m. on the following dates:-

Thursday 22nd September with Andrew Salisbury & Lucy Staveley

Tuesday 8th November with John White & Zoey Khan

Wednesday 8th February with John White & Richard Coombs

Monday 3rd April with Lucy Staveley & Jen Sparrowhawk

Wednesday 28th June with Kathryn Kyle & Jenny Dyer

Paddock Wall

We are pleased to report that work has now been completed during the summer holidays, the collapsed wall has been repaired and the paddock is in full use again for our children.

Parent Questionnaire

During the end of last year's academic year, we sent out a parent questionnaire – 36 responses were received and the analysis is attached. In the near future, we will display a 'You said, we did', to show how we have addressed/will be addressing items raised. Thank you to all those who participated.

Modern Foreign Language

As part of the Key Stage 2 Curriculum, Spanish will now be taught in Tolsey & Priory, with an introduction in Key Stage 1 (Windrush). It is a popular language and links with Burford School's curriculum, which includes the teaching of Spanish.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

School Council by Mrs Duff

I am our School Council Co-ordinator for this academic year. This week we will be having our class elections for School Council representatives. Each class has two children from each year group who are Council Members for the year. The children have the opportunity to stand for election and give a short speech about why they think they would make a great council representative for their class.

Next week, we will be having another set of elections to find out who will be standing as our 'Future Leaders'. We will have a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary who will lead our school council.

I am really looking forward to working with our new council on exciting projects and initiatives throughout the year and will hopefully be sharing some great work with you all very soon!

Zoe Duff

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Welcome back to the new school year; all of our new starters seem to be settling in well. Our first weeks in school are all about helping the children to feel settled and safe and begin to get used to some of our routines such as Register and lunchtime. We have also been getting to know the children, finding out about their families, likes, dislikes and favourites.

Next week we will begin to explore the ocean, what we know about it and what we would like to find out. We are also looking forward to our first visit to Forest School. Well done Warwick Class off to a great start.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Windrush Class have truly amazed Mrs Bennett and I as they have settled in quicker than any class we have ever known. We are impressed with their manners, care for one another and amazing attitude to learning and life in Windrush.

Our topic work has started off with a good look at our solar system. Learning the order of the planets has been fun as we have found a song to help us. We are looking forward to learning lots of facts about each planet and comparing them to our planet as part of our Geography objectives.

Windrush Class cont/d...

In Literacy, we are learning about tenses and have already written a recount of our summer. We also had an amazing adventure which took us all over the universe with our invisible back packs, this will form the basis of our next piece of writing.

In Maths we are familiarising ourselves with all the equipment we use to support our maths. The children are all very keen to learn and are impressing us with their number, shape and calculation knowledge.

As I write we have just returned from our first swim which was excellent; everyone was very happy and organised, again we were super impressed! - Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Acting Class Teacher – Mrs Wendy Corless

Welcome back to an exciting and busy new school year in Tolsey. The children have all settled really well back into school routines and are producing some pleasing work. Our topic this term is Romans and much of our learning will be based around this. In Literacy we have been thinking about planning and writing stories and in Maths we worked on place value. Our Art will include making Roman artefacts and in D & T we will be aiming to make the perfect sandwich!

Next Tuesday 20th September I will be holding a short session for parents directly after school to explain about reading and homework expectations in Tolsey, so please feel free to pop in.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

What a great start to the new school year it has been for Priory Class! The Year 6 children are looking super smart in their shirts and ties and are already enjoying the responsibilities of being the oldest children in the school. All of the children have quickly settled back into the school routine and are busy learning about our new topic Explorers!

In Topic, we have been learning all about fossils; how they made, the time periods in which different types of fossils are found and looking at the best places in the UK to find fossils. You may have had some request to visit these places!

During our Literacy lessons, we have started to study recount texts. We have read diary entries based on the 'Spiderwick Chronicles' and written letters to friends, detailing an adventure. We will continue to use the book as inspiration for further recount writing.

In Maths we have been revising place value and working with numbers up to one million! This will ensure all the children have a solid base on which to build, as we have many tricky concepts to cover in Year 5 and 6!

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were **Stanley Pitt** and **Ethan Barnes**. This week they are **Kenya Morena Nogue** and **Kyla Mackie**.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 23rd September 2016 9 a.m.

Jennifer Johnson for settling in quickly to her new class and by the end of the first week being a great role model at tidy up time. Well done Jennifer!

James Lampard for being a great role model for our new children during our daily routines; well done James you are a superstar!

Lily Batty for being extremely helpful around the classroom and kind. Lily has helped others to settle into their new classroom even though she is also new to the classroom! What a superstar!

Jack Green for showing lots of maturity in his new role as a year two. Jack has started well as an excellent role model. Amazing work Jack!

Ava White for an excellent attitude to all you do in class. Well done Ava.

Kit Powell-Jones for settling in so well and for showing enthusiasm for your learning. Keep up the good work Kit.

Max Ebeling for working hard to finish all set work, which is also very neat. I have been impressed with the amount of work produced and his determination to do well. Good effort Max – keep working really hard.

Ethan Barnes for working hard during topic lessons to extend your knowledge; your contributions towards these are fantastic. Ethan, I have been thoroughly impressed with your knowledge on our topic. You are really paying attention and applying what you have been taught. Keep up the fantastic effort.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 23rd September 2016 - 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Benjamin August** for passing his stage 3 swimming. Keep up the good work.

FOBPS

Welcome back everyone and welcome to all the new families who have joined our wonderful little school this year. I hope everyone has had an amazing summer and all the children have settled back into their new year groups.

We have lots of exciting fundraising events in the planning for this academic year and it would be great to get every parent's input. The first event we would like to have feedback on, is our planned end of term fancy dress disco. In the past, we have invited the whole school, but it can be quite daunting for the younger children; so this year we thought it might work better if we split it out, so Key Stage 1 come between 5pm-6pm and then Key Stage 2 come between 6pm and 7.30pm. However, we know that this might cause a problem for parents who have children in both stages. So we would like to know what would work better for parents and we will go with the majority. If you could let us know your preference either by voting on our Facebook Poll or emailing me directly at Lizanne@pingthing.co.uk.

A copy of our pre-planned events is at the end of this article - the first event is our Bags2School Collection.

Bags 2 School

The first collection this year will be on Thursday 6th October at 9am. I will be putting a collection bag in your child's book bags this week, so please look out for it.

For everyone who is new to this type of collection, Bags2 School will collect the following items:

Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts and soft toys.

All clothing collected by Bag2School is sold, either sorted or unsorted, to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. So every item matters.

FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on Friday 16th September straight after school. Every parent or carer is welcome and you have the option of placing your child in After School Club until 4.10pm, free of charge. Please make sure you let the office know in advance. At this meeting we will be discussing future events such as Quiz Nights, Ladies Pamper Evenings, Discos, Burford Festival and much more.

If you would like more information about FOBPS, our meetings and what we do, then please feel free to email at Lizanne@pingthing.co.uk or grab me in the playground either a drop off or pick up.

FOBPS on Social Media

Don't forget to join our Facebook group to keep up to date on all our events and plans.

FOBPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017

Bags 2 School	Thurs 6 th Oct 2016	9am veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 7 th Oct 2016	Warwick 3pm veranda
Hot Choc Friday	Fri 4 th Nov 2016	3pm veranda
Cook for Books	Fri 18 th Nov 2016	Windrush 3pm veranda
Non-Uniform Day	Thurs 1 st Dec 2016	£1 donation or a bottle
Pantomime	Tues 29 th Nov 1.45 p.m.	Chipping Norton Theatre
Christmas Bazaar	Fri 9 th Dec 2016	3.30pm – 5pm
Cooks for Books	Fri 13 th Jan 2017	Tolsey 3pm veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 27 th Jan 2017	Priory 3pm veranda
Cook for Books	Fri 3 rd March 2017	Warwick 3pm veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 31 st March 2017	Windrush 3pm veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 12 th May 2017	Tolsey 3pm veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 9 th June 2017	Priory 3pm veranda
Burford Festival	Sat 17 th June 2017	Burford Rec
Ice Cream Fri	Fri 7 th July 2016	3pm veranda
Ice Cream Fri	Fri 14 th Jul 2016	3pm veranda

Please note that some days or events may change but we will always give you as much notice as possible.

If you would like to be involved in any of these events then please contact Lizanne@pingthing.co.uk

Community News



New Exercise Classes for Burford at Warwick Hall from 15 Sept

Mon 9.10-9.40am Bodyweight Interval Training,
9.45-10.30am Pilates.
Thu 9.55-7.25pm Bodyweight Interval Training, 7.30-8.15pm Pilates.
Both class types are suitable for all abilities - you do not need to be fit!
Buggy friendly.
£7 per class, £63 for 10 classes.
Call Jayne to book 07968 344681

Revive The Burford Skate Park Group!

Do you wish Burford had more fun recreational activities for our young people? Has it been a long summer wondering what to do every day without travelling to other places?

Could you form an enthusiastic new team to push forward with this project?

We have huge support from the Town Council, our Mayor John White, Burford School, Burford Primary School, Burford Pre-School, many families from Burford and local villages.

Pledges are in place once the work has started and when planning consent has been obtained. We have fundraised & there are various grants available to apply for.

It has been a very difficult decision, but due to changes in family & committee circumstances I can no longer dedicate the time to bring this popular project to completion.

Please contact me for further information or if you can offer any help. Thank you to everyone who has helped over the last 2 years and I hope we can find a resolution.

Rachael Conlon 01993 822688 or 07789320623

Witney Ladies Netball Club

Did the Olympics spur you on to join a team? We are a friendly and sociable club from 14 years old to 100+ and train very locally in Burford School Sports Hall (A361 entrance) on a Wednesday evening 7.30pm – 9.45pm during term time.

All abilities welcome, meet new people and improve your fitness. Any questions contact: facebook Witney Netball Club or Chair: Kelly Walker kelly_walker79@hotmail.com or Secretary: Dawn Bugler dbugler@nsf.org

Or just pop on your trainers, come along and give it a go. First session is free.