

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

GROWTH MINDSET

Growth Mindset for parents – 31st January – unfortunately this evening meeting for parents has been cancelled. However the **13th March** at Wychwood Primary School is still going ahead.

PARENT'S MEETING re 2016 STATUTORY ASSESSMENT WITH STAFF & GOVERNORS

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our meeting with staff and governors to discuss the 2016 statutory assessments on **Thursday 9th February at 7.00 pm**. Refreshments will be provided.

CAR ENGINES

Please could we ask all parents to turn off their car engines when you are waiting for your child(ren) in Priory Lane. Thank you.

SOCIAL MEDIA/FACEBOOK FRIENDS

It is recommended that school staff do not have parents as friends on social media, including Facebook, so please do not be offended if your request is not accepted.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's has launched their voucher scheme again, starting from this week so please could we ask you to collect your vouchers for us every time you shop at Sainsbury's. They really do make a difference and we benefit from sports and cookery club items. Thank you.

OTHER FORTCOMING DATES:-

Monday 6th Feb – Year 2 Music Festival at Burford School

Friday 10th Feb – school finishes at 3.10 p.m. Afterschool open as normal until 5.30 p.m.

Monday 20th February – Term 4 starts.

Jenny Dyer,
Head Teacher

WIN A BIKE FOR EASTER

All primary school children in West Oxfordshire are being invited to enter a road safety poster competition, with the chance of winning a brand new bike.

School children are being asked to think about road safety issues that affect them and to design a poster around their chosen theme.

Nine pupils (one at Burford Primary School) each won a bike with full kit last time, after their poster designs were chosen as the best for raising awareness of road safety issues, such as speeding, poor parking near schools, cycling without lights or not wearing a seatbelt.

Pupils are asked to submit their design on A4 paper in colour and hand it in to the school office. The closing date is Friday 24 February 2017.

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class enjoyed reading 'Stickman' last week and creating versions of him in different media, including finding our own sticks at Forest School to create. We have a very creative class who love to build, so if anyone has some different or interesting resources that we could use in our 'junk' area please let us know.

This week we are reading Zog, about a dragon that perseveres to do his best and get better at what he is learning, so he is a very good role model to the children for Growth Mindset. So far, we have made a mind map of what we would like to learn about the text, painted dragons and built castles using shapes.

In Maths, we are looking at 2D or 3D shapes, learning names, properties and finding them in our environment. The children also made cheese straws on Tuesday which they then enjoyed as their snack at Forest School!

Next week we will continue with the Zog story and also celebrate Chinese New year.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had another busy week learning all about how to write and expand our noun phrases. Windrush Class are becoming superb writers and I have even given out two pen licences this week! Well done **Grace** and **Lyra** for super careful writing that is carefully joined with good use of spelling.

In Maths we are working on inverse relationships, tens and ones, and subtraction. We have also invented a new game which we play in house teams to help us to get better with number bonds and place value. Ask your children about first to 20!

Everyone is practising the songs ready for the Year Two concert at Burford School on the 6th February. The Year One children will be performing the songs too at Easter.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

Tolsey class enjoyed watching The Jungle Book film and have also looked at the beginning of the text by Rudyard Kipling. They have taken ideas from what they have watched and read; they are now creating their own Jungle Book stories. The children have also worked hard on improving the presentation of their writing and descriptive language used. In Maths they have focussed on measuring accurately, as well as comparing and converting units of measurement. We continue to work on our mental mathematical skills and times tables.

The children have enjoyed the start of their Forest School sessions and I was particularly pleased by the team work shown this week. Half of the class worked together moving a huge branch and adding it to a den. I enjoyed watching great team work, innovative ideas, good listening skills and the enjoyment shared by the class. We have also been learning about the Indus Valley in History and the children have been designing outfits and creating their own Indus Valley PowerPoints in groups.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

I would like to say thank you to all the parents who attended the SATs' meeting. I hope that you found this informative and the PowerPoint is now on the school website. Following this meeting, the Year 6 children took part in a mock SATs' week - I have been impressed how the children handled the week.

This week, Priory Class took part in the U11 Indoor Athletics Competition at Burford Secondary School. I was very pleased with the children's behaviour and how they supported each other throughout the morning. We came fourth!

PE kit plea! Please could all the children bring in their PE kits on a Monday and take home each Friday for washing. The kit **should include navy or black shorts, a white polo top and a pair of trainers.** Girls also need to have their hair tied back and any earrings removed. It is very frustrating for our sports' coach when the children are not prepared to take part fully in the lesson.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were Jonah White and Connor Morgan. This week they are Olivia Faulkner and Kyla Mackie.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 3rd February 2017 9 a.m.

William Harrison for the progress he has made in phonics and his great attitude towards learning to read. Well done William keep up the great work!

Finlay Willcox for his amazing work with numbers this week; Finlay loves problem solving and can already count up in three's. What a Superstar!

Dexter Toms for outstanding effort in all areas of his classroom work. Dexter is making lots of progress due to his determination and focus - Great work Dexter.

Gold Book cont/d...

Isaac Harris for always trying hard with his class work and producing excellent pieces across all areas of the curriculum. Isaac is an excellent role model to others. Well done Isaac!

Oliver Davies for a huge improvement in the presentation of his handwriting and using excellent descriptive language when story writing. Oliver has also been working hard on his times tables and the results can be seen. Keep up the hard work Ollie; Mrs Gibbs and I are very impressed.

Ellie Marshall for showing an excellent attitude towards her learning. Ellie has shown the ability to produce excellent descriptive writing and also worked hard on her cursive handwriting. Well done Ellie keep up the hard work!

Rhys Cooper for working really hard on a story about a little boat. I was very impressed with the way Rhys thought through his ideas and tried hard to make his story exciting.

Max Ebeling for trying really hard with his writing and producing a page and a half of work! I was delighted with the quantity of written work he produced and quality.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 3rd February 2017 9 a.m.

Olivia Bazeley represented her swimming club towards the end of last year in a meet in Milton Keynes. Olivia competed in 5 events and was rewarded with 5 medals. Last weekend she competed in a home gala and came 3rd in 50m breaststroke with a personal best. Well done Olivia!

FOBPS

Cook 4 Books

Well done Tolsey Class, last week; you raised an amazing £42 and this Friday is the turn of Priory Class. Parents should have already received the plate reminders in their child's book bags; so please leave your cake donations in the meeting room off of the main hall, on Friday morning. Thank you.

Class totals so far:

Warwick: £42.00

Windrush: £53.45

Tolsey: £42.00

Priory:

This year all monies made from **Cook 4 Books** will be donated to the Reading Ladder Scheme. Mrs Duff will be sending you a separate letter explaining our new Reading Ladder challenge which has already been launched with the children.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

On **Thursday 9th February**, FOBPS will be holding a **second hand uniform sale**, straight after school on the veranda. All uniform on sale will have the school logo and will include t-shirts, jumpers and cardigans.

FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on **Friday 24th February**, straight after school. Everyone is welcome, but please remember to book your child into After School Club as soon as possible. At this meeting we will be discussing new fundraising ideas, the Burford Festival and the FOBPS Annual Fundraising Ball.