

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

### Parent Consultations - Today

Parent consultations are today starting at 2.30 p.m., so school will close at **2.00 p.m.** After School Club will remain open until 5.30 p.m. for children who are pre-booked in.

### Achiever Award Assembly – Tomorrow (Friday) 9.00 a.m.

Congratulations to this term's Achiever Award winners.

### Tomorrow - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Term ends

Last day of term – school closes at 3.10 p.m. After school provision will be until 5.30 p.m.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day for teachers, so the school reopens for the new term on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Class Attendance Challenge

Congratulations to Warwick Class, winner of the 'Class Attendance Challenge', with 97.31% attendance achieved for this term, which is above our target of 96%. Windrush also achieved above our target, with 96.24% attendance.

### Clothing

Please ensure that all of your child's clothing is taken home on Friday, so that cloakrooms can be cleared, ready for cleaning – any unnamed uniform left behind will go to our second-hand uniform shop, with all other unnamed items taken to a charity shop. For next term, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and that all items are named. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

### Road Safety Poster Competition – Christmas 2017

#### **Design a Poster and you could win a bike!**

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. As the darker months arrive, school children are being asked to think about road safety issues that affect them and to design a poster around their chosen theme.

The West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership ran the same competition in the Spring and had such a great response from local primary schools that the competition is being run again this school year. Seven pupils each won a bike with accessories, 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 with their name and age. Please hand in entries at the school office. The closing date is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**.

## Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

The Warwick team were really proud of all our Reception and Nursery children who performed so brilliantly at the Harvest Service last Friday. Well done to all of you!

We have been busy continuing with our food theme and looking at the tale of the Gingerbread Man.

We continue to have a daily phonics' session and the children are able to transfer this into their reading. On a Friday, we will be visiting Burford Library, to share stories and allow the children to choose books to read back in class.

In Maths, we have been counting, recognising and writing numbers, and used our Maths when cooking. The best bit though is eating what we make!

## Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

During English lessons, the children finished their work on instruction writing. They created their own magic spell and wrote instructions on how to cast their spell! After following their instructions carefully, some of the children found they had turned their teacher into a frog! We have now started looking at different poems, with the children identifying rhyming patterns, in preparation for writing their own poems, which they will perform. In Maths' lessons, we are working on addition and subtraction and using Numicon and number lines to help with calculations and learning mental strategies.

The children enjoyed practising their singing for the Harvest Festival and I was very proud of them all. During Science, we found out about the importance of exercise and how our heart works. The children enjoyed an investigation where they carried out different exercises and then took their pulse rates to find out the difference from their resting pulse rate. I was very impressed with some of the children's scientific knowledge.

## Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had a brilliant term and formed into a really close team. Tolsey Class all look out for each other and have a sense of responsibility to not let each other down; it's nice to see a supportive and fun classroom at work.

In English lessons, we have had a very rigorous daily guided reading schedule that has given the children a big boost with their reading skills, including decoding, expression and fluency, inference and comprehension. We have high expectations for reading development and dedicate a lot of time and energy to supporting at all, as reading is every child's key to a really successful education. Writing has focussed on grammar, spelling and punctuation this term with some nice pieces of writing based on our incredibly engaging text, 'Raptors of Paradise'. Extending writing will feature more next term with an expectation that punctuation and grammar are applied to the best of everyone's ability, while their creativity flows.

## Tolsey class cont/d....

In our Maths' lessons this term, we have focussed on addition, subtraction and multiplication methods, with a constant theme of times tables and place value ticking away on a daily basis. We make lessons fun and as visual and practical as possible, often making use of the Numicon resources, as well as the more traditional bead strings, number lines and place value equipment. We aim for all to have a confident approach to maths and strive to show that mistakes are sometimes the best thing to happen for a great learning experience!

Science lessons have been based around Biology this term, focussing on nutrients, the digestive system and teeth. We have also had a few fun experiments to extend our scientific enquiry skills and many more are planned for term two.

Sadly, we say farewell to Henry and Jack who are moving house at the end of this term; we will really miss them both, but feel excited for them as they start a new adventure. Boys, your new schools are very lucky to have you both!

Have a lovely rest and come back ready for a fully loaded Tolsey term, with new and exciting learning being planned as you read!

### Lyra Lake Nut and Peanut Series Allergy- A Reminder.

Lyra is now in Tolsey Class and I would like to remind all Year 3 & 4 parents that we do not allow any food in the classroom. If you are hoping to send in a small treat for birthdays, please avoid birthday cakes, but do feel free to send wrapped sweets, if your child would like to share their celebration in that way.

Lyra did an amazing job of sharing her allergy information with her class via PowerPoint; everyone learnt what it is like to live with a life threatening allergy and we even looked at the epipen training, to understand more about the severity of her anaphylaxis. I hope the reminder is useful; please remember, lunch boxes must be nut and peanut free and please encourage your child to wash hands following any breakfasts that may contain nuts or peanut family foods, so that we can keep Lyra super safe while at school. Mrs Duff

## Priory Class

**Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum**

And so to the end of our first half term: time for a quiet reflection when we think about where we were, who we were and where we are now. I started this year with careful consideration of the mindset that I wanted at all times and from all members of Priory class; my vision for the class was, 'I can and I will'.

Much was required of Priory class from day 1. Presentation began to improve rapidly; pace increased; writing began more nuance, more target driven and with greater emphasis on the application of grammar skills to extended writing. We began to take a greater interest in the impact of careful and considered self-evaluation; we started to believe we could do better and we did. I have really enjoyed meeting with you all at the end of school across the term to share your children's work; they, and you, should be enormously proud of their achievements.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate each and every member of Priory class for the effort thus far and assure you of our continued commitment to achieve the very best for your child during their time at Burford Primary.

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 9 a.m.**

**Laurence O'Brien** for his enthusiasm in both the reading and maths challenges he has encountered at school, well done Laurence keep up the great work.

**Sophie Crossman** for her increased resilience and independence in the classroom, well done Sophie what a Star!

**Dexter Toms** for being a good role model to other children in the class. Dexter is always on task, ready to learn and simply follows our school vision of Respect, Aspire and Achieve. Well done Dexter!

**James Lampard** for being an outstanding member of the class and always working hard, following our school vision of Respect, Aspire and Achieve. Keep up that positive attitude James!

**Alfie Hoare** for having a very positive attitude in Maths and achieving his goal of conquering the grid method for multiplication through resilient learning. Well done Alfie!

**Poppy Harris** for sharing her amazing historical knowledge of Victorian times during the early stages of our local history study; such a help to everyone in the class. Thank you Poppy!

**Pippa Dapiton-Bush** for her positive attitude to work and especially home reading. Very well done.

**Benjamin Ebeling** for a major improvement across the whole curriculum especially extended writing. Very well done.

## Golden Post Box

**Awarded Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 9 a.m.**

Congratulations to **Scarlett Hanks** for being awarded a Blue Peter Badge for her acrostic butterfly poem. What an achievement Scarlett – well done.

Well done to **Grace Collett** for taking part in a recent Dancemania Show in front of hundreds of people. All those rehearsals and hard work, paid off – well done Grace.

# FOBPS - Friends of Burford Primary School

## The Great Gatsby Ball

Wow, what an amazing night that was! Thank you to everyone who attended the Great Gatsby Ball; you all made a tremendous effort with your outfits and everyone looked truly fabulous and spiffing.

On behalf of the FOBPS team and school, I would like to say a special thank you to all the local businesses who either donated a raffle prize or sponsored a table:

Cotswold Rainwater (Linsey Toms), Honeycotts, The Angel, Jackson Stopes, The Spice Lounge, The Cotswold Arms (Kizzy & Chris who provided the wonderful bar), The Studio, K A Davies, Burford Sweet Shop (Lauren O'Brien), The Italian Bistro, Three French Hens, Cotswold Cheese Company, Batsford Arboretum, Wright Interiors and the Cotswold Distillery.

We are still in the midst of calculating just how much we have raised, but will inform everybody of the total once we have it.

Once again Thank You and here is to our next main fundraiser:

## Hogwarts Christmas Banquet

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will be transforming our school hall into the Great Hall at Hogwarts School of Witches & Wizardry and would like to invite all budding Gryffindor's, Hufflepuffs, Ravenclaws & Slytherins to a magical Christmas Banquet and show.

Tickets cost £7.50 per child, but includes all their food & drink, plus the magic show. There are 64 tickets available and will work on a first come first served basis. The banquet will start at 5.30pm and finish at 7pm.

Tolsey and Priory children are welcome to be dropped off but must be collected no later the 7pm by an appropriate adult. Warwick & Windrush children are also welcome to attend, but they must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Tickets are on sale now, so please see Lizanne Harris or pop into the school office to reserve your child's place.



## FOBPS Team

We are still looking to find a replacement for our current Treasurer, so if you feel that you could take on this role please come and see me directly in the school playground or call me on 07983 485211 and I will be able to give you more information regarding this position.

## Easy Fundraising

Don't forget that FOBPS has now been set up with an easy fundraising account. Instead of heading directly to websites such as Amazon, EBay or Argos, please go through the website [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-burford](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-burford) as making purchases via this website will automatically make a donation towards FOBPS.

Alternatively, once you have signed up, you can download the app and it will automatically link up to your apps such as Amazon, EBay, Argos etc.

## Dates for your Diaries

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Hot Chocolate Friday (3 & 24 November)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need - wear something spotty for a £1 donation
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Pantomime – Chipping Norton Theatre
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Hogwarts Christmas Banquet
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day

## FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held after the October half term. A date will be decided on next week. The meeting will last around an hour and if Sally, Rose or Mandy (in the school office) are given enough notice, then they can book your child into After School Club until 4:15, free of charge.