

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Victorian Day

It was so lovely to see so many children and staff dress up in Victorian clothes to help celebrate our 140th birthday year. Special "thank you" to Mrs Ralphs for the amazing Victorian lunch and special birthday cake with candles– all the children ate really well!

School kitchen

Congratulations to Mrs Ralphs for being awarded the 5 star hygiene award from West Oxfordshire County Council who arrived on the day without notice to inspect the kitchen facilities.

School Uniform & PE kits

We have noticed a few non-school uniform items being worn – please ensure your child has a red polo shirt (with logo) and a blue sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo) on at all times.

Please also ensure that PE kits are in school every week on a Monday and then taken home to wash on a Friday. It is especially important that Tolsey children have their PE kits in for every Monday and for every Friday as they have specific PE lessons on these days. Priory Class children must also have their PE kits in school, especially for the Friday afternoon PE session.

All items of clothing **must** be named so they can be returned if misplaced by your child.

Food Glorious Food

Thank you to all those children who submitted entries, linked to the whole school homework project, creating a healthy lunch idea. The winners announced in assembly today were:- Olivia Lampard, Sophie Crossman, Jake Chandler, Dexter Bradley, Bay Keeble and Sofia Evans. Well done! All their dishes will be prepared and served during week commencing 11th December – menu attached.

Forthcoming dates

Christmas Present opportunity - A Scholastic Book Fair will take place, in school, on Wednesday 6th Dec, Thursday 7th Dec & Friday 8th Dec – before and after school. Please come along and find yourself some bargain stocking fillings, with all books at half price!

FOBPS Christmas Hogwarts Banquet

Friday 8th December - the Banquet, taking place in the school hall, will start at 5.30pm and finish at 7pm (see under FOBPS for further details)

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December for all the children.

Christmas Performances

Thursday 15th December in Burford Church
2.00 p.m. Warwick & Windrush performance
6.00 p.m. Tolsey & Priory performance

Head Teacher's messages cont/d....

FOBPS Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

Tuesday 19th December

9.00 a.m. Achiever Awards' Assembly – winners of Term 2.

1.10 p.m. Term ends for Christmas holidays.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick children have been very busy during the last few weeks. We all really enjoyed the Victorian Day and the children were keen to get into role, playing games and singing rhymes from the Victorian times; the children gain such a lot from these creative days. We continued last week on a porridge theme using various linked texts and had a porridge tasting party on Thursday afternoon, with children choosing what they wanted to add to their porridge.

The children made Mrs Bartle and myself very proud at the pantomime and were all really well behaved. There has been lots of lovely play, pictures and talk based around the story, since our return, so I think the children enjoyed it too!

In Phonics we are starting to learn consonant 'digraphs' and also practising 'tricky' words. We have also begun to practise for our Christmas performance, with Windrush, and the children have chosen parts they would like to play. There are lots of songs to learn over the last few weeks of term, along with other exciting Christmas events and creations!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Windrush Class, we have been very busy reading the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children wrote the story and are now thinking of their own version to write. So far, we have The Dragon King's Lunch, The Ninja's Lunch and The Fairy Princess's Dust! I can't wait to see how the stories develop! During Maths lessons we have been working on division and are now learning to identify and write fractions.

We had a great time during our Victorian Day and enjoyed a visit to Tiverton Villa, the only Victorian house in Burford. Back at school, the children drew the house and thought about differences between school days in Victorian times and the present day. We also had a great trip to the Pantomime this week which has made us begin to get excited about Christmas and we have started practising the songs for our Christmas Performance!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Tolsey loved the Panto! Everyone got into the spirit of the performance and we all had great time. Everyone behaved beautifully and I was proud to take the children out for such a fun event.

In English, the children have been learning about some specific grammar terms such as possessive pronouns and determiners. They are all able to pick out these word types and understand their use within writing. Last week the children wrote excellent extended pieces of writing which show how much they have all improved since September.

Spelling work has been very hands-on this week with the children learning about morphemes; cutting and snipping words to show the suffix, prefix and root word has really shown everyone how you can play with language. Next week, we have some more spelling games planned to learn about specific rules - anything that makes learning fun and memorable is happening in Tolsey!

Maths has been very focussed on fractions and we found some great ways to calculate fractions of numbers with confidence. This week we have moved on to look at division and are starting with a reminder on remainders!

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

A busy week! We've used maps, graphs and air traffic control transcripts to write about Cactus 1549, the aircraft that landed in the Hudson. We then researched the Tay Bridge Disaster using active and passive sentences in our writing. So, a disastrous week in English!

Maths has been a whirlwind of prime numbers, factors and prime factors, exploring relationships between sums and products of prime factors. It's all quite technical; come and see your child's work if you would like to know more.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 1st December 2017 9 a.m.

Aleah Aston for demonstrating friendly behaviour and making an effort to form good relationships with her peers through role play. Well done Aleah.

Sophia Wilkins for being confident to speak to others about her needs, interests and opinions and fitting in really well with her Reception Peers. You are a Star Sophia.

Siân Lewis for working hard on her reading. Siân is developing fluency in her reading and contributes well in our Guided Reading sessions.

Lily Batty for consistently achieving 100% in her spelling tests; getting to the end of her Mission spellings and working hard on joining her beautifully neat handwriting.

Orlando Gledhill for trying very hard to improve his writing and for being a great friend in class. Orlando is getting to know everyone and enjoys participating with whole class activities

Tamara Hayden for being an excellent role model for learning. Tamara shares her brilliant thoughts with everyone who all benefit from these great ideas and her enthusiasm.

Caitlin Townsend for some excellent explanations in Maths. Well done Caitlin.

Ava Trott for settling into her new school and making new friends so quickly – a wonderful start to her time at Burford Primary School

Oliver West for incredible progress in his English. Keep up the hard work Oliver.

Corey Toms for showing excellent effort across the whole curriculum – keep up the good work Corey.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 1st December 2017 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Luka Shankland** for passing his stage 4 swimming certificate. Keep up the hard work Luka.

Congratulations to **Joshua Selita** for being awarded an entry level award in Graded Examination in Music Performance for Initial Guitar, with merit. Well done Josh.

Congratulations to **Alfie Minchin** for being awarded an entry level award in Graded Examination in Music Performance for Initial Guitar. Well done Alfie.

FOBPS - Friends of Burford Primary School

Hogwarts Christmas Banquet

On Friday 8th 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 are now on sale and cost £7.50 per child which 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.

Christmas Jumper day – 15th December

This year, FOBPS and the school will be taking part in 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 15th December.

All children and staff are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper (the funkier the better) in exchange for £1.

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/friendsofburford 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.