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Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back & Happy New Year! I hope you all had a super time. Thank you so much for all the lovely Christmas gifts received at school – they were very much appreciated.

Uniform

At the start of this new year, please may I remind you of **the importance of your child wearing the correct school uniform**, as some non-regulation items crept in last term – we want all of our children to be proud of wearing their uniform and to look smart at all times. Please note **trainers are not permitted**.

Child absence

A reminder that **parents/carers must notify school before 9 a.m.** on the first day your child is going to be absent, giving the reason and if the absence is likely to continue for longer than 48 hours. **All absences must be followed up in writing or via email, to explain the reason for the absence and handed in or sent to school** (please refer to the Attendance Policy for further information which is available on the school website or in the foyer). To report absences, there is a school absence line on the answerphone, by pressing '1' or you can email the office at office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk. We have a duty of care to know why children are not in attendance at school, otherwise it becomes a safeguarding concern, and **parents/carers have a responsibility for calling/emailing in**. Thank you for your co-operation in this really important matter.

Swimming

Windrush Class resume their swimming lessons next week – separate letters have been distributed via ParentMail; paper copies are also available from the school office. **Tolsey/Priory** children **do not** swim during this term; Tolsey will commence swimming after the February half term.

Forest School

Tolsey and Warwick Classes will be going to Filkins Wood for Forest School, commencing Wednesday 24th January – separate letters have also been distributed via ParentMail.

Head Teacher's Messages cont/d ...

Admission to our Reception Class, September 2018

A reminder that applications for a place in September 2018 **must be submitted to the Admissions Department, Oxfordshire County Council by January 15th 2018**.

Applications for a Nursery Place

Our Admissions Policy for nursery places can be found on the school website, or obtainable from the school office. We admit funded three and four-year-olds from the start of the term following their third birthday, offering morning, afternoon or all day sessions – please complete an application form and return to the school office.

School lunches

The new menus for this term have already been circulated via ParentMail and are on the school website. Paper copies are also available from the school foyer. The cost from January 4th up until February half term is **£59.40** i.e. 27 lunches x £2.20. This is only applicable to Nursery and Years 3 to 6 children. Years R, 1 & 2 still benefit from Universal Free School Meals from the Government.

Future dates for your diary:-

Monday 5th February at 2.30 p.m. Come and meet our Governors for an informal chat.

Thursday 8th February, Parent Consultations - School closes at 2.00 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. start. Afterschool Club will still be open as normal from 3.10 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. All parents requiring childcare from 2.00 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. must be booked in for this session well in advance - £3.00 per child.

Friday 9th February at 9.00 a.m. – Achiever Awards Assembly

Friday 9th February at 3.10 p.m. – Term ends. Afterschool club will continue to 5.30 p.m.

Advanced Notice – No After School Club provision – Four Consecutive Mondays

All members of staff will be renewing their Paediatric First Aid Training. This training is a 12 hour course for all members of staff to attend, so we have arranged it over four x 3 hour sessions on **19th & 26th February and 5th & 12th March, 2018 from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.** – on these days there will be no after school provision.

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Holly Docherty

Welcome back to a new Term; we hope you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and New Year!

In Warwick Class this term our topic is Colour, which will flow through all of our areas of learning. We have already begun to enjoy the Elmer stories, which, along with Rainbow Fish, will be our focus texts this term. In Maths we are learning about pattern.

In Phonics we will continue to learn consonant digraphs 'sh' 'ch' 'ai' 'ay' and tricky words (words you can't sound out). We will also be writing post cards from places we have visited around the world, so if you have a holiday photo or postcard from somewhere you have visited we would love to add it to our display.

We now have a Post Office and a Jungle Role Play area in our classroom and would welcome any resources you have at home that you think may be of use. Next Tuesday we will visit Burford Post Office as part of our topic. It's going to be a fun filled term!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all your kind cards and gifts. We hope you have had a super holiday and enjoyed Christmas together. We welcome the children back to an exciting new topic called 'Twisted Tales'. In English lessons we have started work on the Traditional Tale 'Rapunzel'. The children enjoyed learning about Rapunzel and are now writing the story, which will be followed by writing an alternative version. In Maths we are working on counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. We are also learning our multiplication and division facts for 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

We have started our R.E. work by looking at people who are special to us and will look at special religious leaders. We have started our own traditional tale through artwork, based around the story of Rapunzel, which the children enjoyed. We have also started learning numbers to 10 in Spanish.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We are back to a flying start in Tolsey and have our eyes firmly focussed on success. The children have impressed me with their focus in class and we are certainly raising the level of expectation for presentation of work and going that extra mile to extend our learning.

In Geography we have started our Volcano topic with some great detailed diagrams and explanations as well as some linked 'explosive' Art work!

In English we are getting back into the swing of daily Guided Reading sessions and have a good set of books to get us enthused this term. We have just finished 'Raptors of Paradise' and wait with excitement for Jay Jay's second book, to be released in February. We are also looking forward to a new set of Reading Ladder books that should be with us ready for next term.

Our writing has been focussed on a sensitive topic this week and the children have been creating a narrative to accompany an animation. The animation tells the story of a young girl's struggle with illness and depicts how she rises up from a very difficult situation and brings positivity to her own and, other people's lives. The children are now analysing their own work to look for fronted adverbials and other important modifiers to make writing descriptive with a more mature flow for the reader.

Maths is based on mental strategies this week with a strong focus on the relationship between multiplication and division. Ask your child why times tables gives them four for the price of one!

Author Visit - Wednesday 17th January (Y1-Y6)

The children are being treated to a visit from local author **Jay Jay Burridge** next Wednesday afternoon. Jay Jay will visit and talk through his exciting book series 'Supersaurs' and show how he creates his stories as well as the amazing augmented illustrations that are found in the book. Tolsey Class have just finished 'Raptors of Paradise' and many families have bought this; the first of six books. If you don't yet have a copy and would like one, The Mad Hatter Bookshop will be selling them at school on Wednesday 17th with a 20% discount. Jay Jay will be book signing at the end of the day too and happy to sign books you have already purchased. A parent mail will also be sent out this week.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

What a great start to the term it has been for Year 5 and myself! The children have quickly settled back into the routine of school. It has been very enjoyable hearing about their Christmas holiday and getting to know them and their personalities.

During English, we have been reading a story about a girl called Emily and how she travelled back in time to the land of the pharaohs. Ask your child all about it! The children used this story as an inspiration to write a diary entry.

Our Maths' lessons have focused on angles; we revised different angles and their measurements and how to measure and draw them. The highlight of the week was using all this knowledge to programme a route into a Roamer.

If anyone has any spare jam jar and clear CD cases, we are in need of them for science. Thank you.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

Year 6 have adapted well to their new classroom, and continue to work hard. We are now focussing on problem solving in Maths in preparations for the SATs examinations in May. This week we have been looking at mixed numbers and improper fractions for the first three days, and formulas for the final two. All children will have Maths homework on Friday which they will need to complete to hand in on Monday morning.

In Geography, we have been using 6 figure grid references to plot routes on Ordnance Survey maps. Rather tricky to explain in a few sentences, so please pop in and have a look at the books at your convenience.

Happy New Year!

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 19th January 9 a.m.

Leah Domingos for teaching Warwick Class how to count to 10 in Portugese!

Warren Thomas for teaching Warwick Class how to count to 10 in Polish!

Finlay Willcox for being an outstanding role model to other children in the class. Finlay is always working to his very best and demonstrates outstanding behaviour. Well done Finlay, we are very proud of you!

Ruby Agg for being an outstanding role model to other children. Ruby is always on task and working hard. She listens carefully and always tries her best. Keep working hard Ruby, you are a pleasure to teach!

Kit Powell-Jones for an improved work ethic. Kit is producing careful writing and taking great care to pay attention to what will make him successful. I am pleased to say that Kit is becoming an excellent role model to others. Good job Kit!

Isaac Harris for careful work and excellent focus in class. Isaac always makes good choices in class and his work is a strong reflection of his effort. Well done Isaac!

Alex Scepetkov for being a super star in numeracy lessons. I have been very impressed with his attitude and approach to lessons. He has worked hard finding out the angles of turn on a clock, the bearings on a compass rose and planning a route for a Roamer.

Ronnie Wells for being extremely helpful, a supportive friend and having an excellent attitude towards his lessons. Ronnie is always ready to work, aiming high, to achieve the best that he can. Well done Ronnie.

Tallulah Smith – Extended Writing: Tallulah used a variety of simple past and past progressive sentences to write an excellent version of the 'Tale of Three Brothers'

Keelan Mackie – Problem Solving: In Maths, Keelan tackled a variety of formula problems successfully. He found it difficult initially, but kept pushing and was ultimately successful.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 19th January 9 a.m.

"Congratulations to **Jessica Blantz** for passing her Stage 5 Swimming! Your hard work has meant that your breaststroke technique has improved brilliantly! Well done!

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Friends of Burford Primary School

Please come along to our next meeting on 19th January where we are discussing events for this year.