

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m.** Come and meet our Governors for an informal chat and refreshments.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Parent Consultations** - School closes at 2.00 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. start. Sheets are now on display in your child's class/the veranda board, so please sign up to book your appointments.

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 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.00 a.m.** – Achiever Awards Assembly

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.10 p.m.** – Term ends. Afterschool club will continue until 5.30 p.m. and will resume on **Tuesday, 20 February**. Please note that **Monday, 19 February is now an INSET day** – all other INSET days this academic year remain unchanged.

### **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 **19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. – on these days there will be no after school provision.**

Jenny Dyer

## Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

In Warwick Class we have enjoyed making some super Elmers – please pop into the class to see them on display. We really enjoyed our trip out to the post office last week – the children were so well behaved. As an extra bonus, we also had a little visit into the sweet shop!

We continued our work on shapes, colour and repeating patterns as part of this term's project.

In Phonics we have been concentrating on the consonant digraphs 'sh' and 'ch'.

## Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

The children in Windrush Class have been very busy during English lessons working on Traditional Tales. We have written excellent versions of Rapunzel and are now busy writing up the 70's version, which is called Rapunzel: A Groovy Fairy Tale. The children have created actions to go with the story which has helped them with their detailed writing.

In Maths we have been working on 2D shapes. The children have impressed me with their good use of mathematical language to describe 2D Shapes. Some children enjoyed using their Right Angle Monsters to identify right angles and used iPads to photograph their findings.

We have had an excellent start to the year with our swimming sessions with many of the children moving into the big pool. Some are swimming lengths and others swam without swimming aids. Mrs Godfrey and I were so proud of all the children!

We have continued our R.E. work on special people and discussed those who are special in our lives. During Geography lessons we looked at compass points and coordinates; the children found items on a map and plotted coordinates.

## Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had another productive week in Tolsey with some super learning outcomes. In Reading we have focussed on hearing everyone 1:1 this week, to ensure their progress is individually valued and assessed; some children have blown me away with their expression! Without exception, all have progressed and are super motivated to get even better. We love our Guided Reading sessions too where children get to read in front of each other and discuss the text, in depth as a group.

In Writing, we have used two exciting stimulus to get our creativity flowing – one an animation about two 'wanted' robbers from the Wild West and the other, a heart-warming tale of resilience where a young girl helps a friend to succeed in what seemed impossible. Some fantastic writing has come through these lessons, as well as some super reference to those all-important 'Growth Mindset' values. Ask your children about fronted adverbials and prepositions this week 😊

## Tolsey Class cont/d...

In Maths, we are having a very strong focus on times tables and giving the children lots of varied routes into learning and remembering them. We are chanting, rapping and singing those times tables as well as having them represented around the classroom to aid learning. Much of our Maths over the past two weeks has illustrated the importance of multiplication and division fact knowledge as the children apply their skills.

Our volcano topic is progressing well and we hope to start linked Design and Technology work next week; expect eruptions! Science has also been linked a little to Volcanoes this week as we studied and tested rocks, learning about permeability and will perform 'scratch tests' this week too.

I hope you are all liking the new style of spelling homework; please remind your child to place it in the homework tray each Thursday, ready for the test. We will also send home times table test results (please keep practising them at home).

### Supersaurs Visit

Please see our school website for some great photographs and look out for a press release in the Oxford Mail, The Bridge and possibly the Witney Gazette too! Thank you for supporting this event; the children absolutely loved listening to Jay Jay and I believe everyone came away feeling inspired...I know I did! The Mad Hatter Book Shop in Burford are offering a discount on pre-orders of the next book 'Stegascorceror', if your child has caught the Supersaurs bug.

Mrs Duff

## Priory Class – Year 5

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beane

Over the last two weeks, Year 5 has taken part in many exciting activities. We had a brilliant talk from Jay Jay, which I am sure you heard all about; competed in an athletics tournament; set up an investigation into the factors effecting evaporation; used clay to make a model Sphinx and used 'Publisher' to write a leaflet about the River Nile!

The children also produced detailed instructions, explaining how to catch a variety of Egyptian animals. If you have ever wanted to capture a Fennec Fox, a camel, snake or turtle, come and give these a read!

## Priory Class – Year 6

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

This week, we have been researching the sinking of the Titanic, a truly iconic tale of the folly of over-confidence. This is the longest and most complex report the children have attempted during their time at Burford. The quality of the research and writing has been excellent, including thoughtfully crafted examples of parenthesis, active and passive sentences and past progressive tense. I am very proud of their efforts; feel free to have a look if you would like.

In Maths, we have been converting units of measure, using OS maps to plot routes, and continued to extend our understanding of equivalent fractions.

It is a cliché I know, but Year 6 continue to be a pleasure to work with. Well done, all.

## Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 9 a.m.

**James Challinor** for settling in so quickly to Warwick Class and for making new friends. A big welcome James to Burford Primary School.

**Oliver Lane** for always doing the right thing and being an excellent role model to your friends. Well done Oliver.

**Bay Keeble** for showing great confidence and improvement in skills during swimming sessions. What a swimming superstar!

**Ella Kilburn** for super use of language during English lessons and great independence getting those ideas down on paper. Keep up the hard work Ella!

**Lottie Salisbury** for outstanding expression when reading. It is a joy to hear Lottie read aloud; she puts huge effort into her performance and it really is quite remarkable for someone so young to have such a talent. Simply amazing!

**Brianna Kozak** for trying extremely hard to speak, read and write in English. Brianna has put in such an effort to catch up with her classmates and amazed us all with her achievements. We are all proud of you Brianna!

**Ava Trott** for producing an outstanding self-portrait. I was very impressed with the way you studied the lines and angles of your face; this careful attention to detail resulted in a superb piece of work. Well done!

**Kymerly Rowles** for being a super star in Maths. I was really pleased with how you concentrated during inputs and then used this knowledge to work out missing co-ordinates after a reflection. Keep up the good work.

**Olivia Bazeley:** We often overlook the exceptional by virtue of familiarity. Olivia is an exceptionally talented pupil; we are lucky to have her; she will go far.

**Rhys Cooper:** Like Titanic in reverse, Rhys has brought himself UP from the depths, and now is a reliable, well behaved and popular member of Year 6.

## **Golden Post Box**

**Awarded Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 9 a.m.**

Congratulations to **Jessica Blantz** on achieving 1st place in the Floor routine at the Cotswold & North Cotswold Gymnastics Competition!" Well done Jessica.

Congratulations to **Olivia Bazeley** who competed recently in her swimming club annual championships and was awarded with medals in eight events, ranging over different strokes and varying distances. Well done Olivia.

### **FOBPS**

**Friends of Burford Primary School**

The first term of 2018 has been a very quiet one for the FOBPS Team. However, we did have a very productive meeting last week. The team have come up with lots of wonderful suggestions and fund-raising ideas for after the half term, including the very popular Hot Chocolate & Flapjack Friday, plus a fun filled Hawaii night in the summer time... So watch this space.