

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

I am looking forward to seeing you all this afternoon for the parent consultations. If you have not made an appointment for today, could I ask you please to try and arrange a different day/time with your child's class teacher, via the school office.

Importance of PE kit in school

Unless for medical reasons, **all children must participate in regular, weekly PE activities within school.** Having no PE kit in school cannot be used as an excuse not to join in. However, without suitable footwear and clothing, it is unsafe for your child. We only have limited 'spare' stock of trainers and sportswear in school so **we must stress the importance of your child having a full PE kit with trainers in school at all times.** Bring it in on Monday morning each week and take it home on Fridays for a wash to freshen it up.

Dates to note: -

Thursday 8th February School closes today at 2.00 p.m. for 2.30 p.m. parent consultations.

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 until 5.30 p.m.

Please note that **Monday, 19 February is now an INSET day** – all other INSET days this academic year remain unchanged. School resumes on **Tuesday, 20 February.**

Reminder - No After School Club provision – Mondays: - 26th February, 5th & 12th March

All members of staff will be renewing their Paediatric First Aid Training.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

Mrs Duff will be informing you of this year's theme nearer the time.

Wednesday 28th March 2.00 p.m. Easter Service @ Burford Church.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

What a busy few weeks it's been in Warwick Class! We've had a great term and I'm really proud of how independently the children are working. We are all becoming mini scientists and are really enjoying carrying out our colour experiments in class.

Our phonic focus continues to be 'digraphs' (two letters make one sound) and we are flying through these. I will write in your child's reading record which ones they are focusing on next. In Maths we are working on number formation.

Next term our role play area will be a veterinary surgery and we hope to be having a visit and talk from someone at the Blue Cross, we can't wait!

We hope you have a restful and fun filled half term with your children.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In English lessons, we have started work on report writing. The children have been finding out which characters live in the 'Once Upon a Time Wood' and are writing information in a report about the characters and where they live. In Maths we have started work on measurement; we are comparing different lengths and using rulers to measure items. To find out who cut Rapunzel's hair, the children have to problem solve by measuring.

As Geographers, we have been out using compass points to give directions. The children will then be drawing their own maps to show where the buried treasure is located. In R.E we have been looking at special religious figures and started looking at some of the Bible Stories of Jesus.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had another fantastic week in Tolsey and are all officially on fire! In writing, we have written about Rosa Parks as an autobiography; I have been stunned by the children's reactions to this amazing story and how well they can comment on the changes our world has gone through and the changes our world needs! We have also been writing about a very thought provoking film called 'Boy in the Bubble' which has allowed us to think of heartbreak, love, beauty and cruelty in the world. We are deep thinkers this week!

Tolsey Class cont/d...

In Maths, the children have been rounding decimals, sorting angles (obtuse and acute), converting time and practising all our multiplication and division facts. The children are all showing an increased confidence with their tables which is great to see.

Afternoons have been busy with volcano studies and we have finally started our models, ready for erupting next term.

We are all ready for a break, as we do work our socks off in Tolsey and looking forward to coming back to lots of great work in Term 4, including the launch of our Viking project.

Priory Class – Year 5

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

What a gruesome time Year Five have had! We learnt all about the mummification process and then mummified a tomato! We had to remove all its 'organs', wash it with 'palm oil' and water from the River Nile, cover it in 'natron' and then place it in a 'tomb'. Our mummies can be viewed in Priory Class.

In addition, we have been learning about the sinking of the Titanic. We conducted research into design of the ship, Bruce Ismay's devastating decision and the events of that fateful night. Based on this, Year Five have produced some fantastic writing.

Priory Class – Year 6

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

This week Year 6 have been researching the unusual events said to have taken place at Borley Rectory around the turn of the last century. On Thursday and Friday we will be using the information collected to write a balanced argument as to the reality of what happened at Borley.

In Maths, we've had a 'mock' SATs week; I am pleased to inform you that the children achieved well in their practice exams and are well prepared as we move into the final half term prior to SATs examinations in May.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 23rd February 2018 9 a.m.

Jasmine Mead for being super helpful in class and trying really hard with her science experiment writing.

Corey Walker for amazing pattern work in Maths and being a great role model at tidy up time.

Sofia Evans for showing good progress and greater aspiration across the curriculum. Sofia has been working hard on the content and presentation of her handwriting. She has also shown greater fluency and moved up book bands in her reading. Keep up that positive attitude Sofia. We are very impressed!

David Powell Jones for being an aspirational learner and always showing an outstanding attitude towards learning. David shows particular skill in Maths and has made excellent progress this year. Well done David!

Olivia Lampard for always trying her best to exceed her last piece of work! She is hitting her targets and striving for more on a daily basis. Keep going Olivia!

Grace Collett for being a conscientious learner and always striving for more. Grace writes with maturity and her work is a pleasure to read. Top work Grace!

Pippa Dapiton Bush for writing an engaging and well thought out recount of the sinking of the Titanic.

Ellie Marshall for her interesting and fascinating contributions to class discussions.

Anisha Khan for progress in Mathematics; her results in this week's tests were particularly pleasing.

Lola Barrett for making the world a better place; it is truly a privilege to count her as a member of my class.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 23rd February 2018 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Archie Salsbury**, who has achieved his Stage 7 Swimming Award. This represents great work week-on-week - great commitment and a fabulous result, well done Archie!

Congratulations to **Olivia Lampard** for being awarded Entry 3 Initial Guitar level with a distinction. Keep up the good work Olivia.

Congratulations to **William Harrison** for passing Stage 4 swimming. A great achievement!

Congratulations to **Konrad Harrison** for passing Stage 2 swimming. Well done.

Well done to **Rhys Cooper** for completing North Leigh Winter Hike last weekend by walking 18 miles.

Well done to **Sian Lewis** for completing North Leigh Winter Hike last weekend by walking 8 miles.

FOBPS

Friends of Burford Primary School

Hot Chocolate & Flapjack Friday

Yep, its back! We will be selling hot chocolate and flapjacks on Friday 23 February, straight after school. Hot chocolate cost 50p, which includes whipped cream and marshmallows; the very yummy flapjacks, which are all homemade, also cost 50p.

Cakes Sale

After a very long break, the FOBPS team have decided to reintroduce our once very popular cake sales, with a slight difference. Instead of each class taking turns to donate cakes, we will be asking the whole school to donate. The whole school cake sale will take place once every two terms (hopefully,) the first will be held on Friday 16th March.

Nearer the time, you will find cake donation plates in your child's book bag and on the morning of the sale, we ask that you please leave your donations in the meeting room, just off the main hall.

The cakes you donate can be anything from chocolate rice crispy cakes to fancy cupcakes or a whole cake that can be divided into sections. Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** school, so we ask that you do not use any kind of nut-based ingredients or decorations.

The FOBPS Hawaiian Luau

The FOBPS team and I are in current discussions about our next big fundraiser. As you all may be aware, we no longer have use of St John the Baptist Church for our annual ball, so we are looking to do something entirely different in order to raise these sorts of funds.

The team and I would like to hold a Hawaiian Luau at the Upton Smokery, sometime in June. This night would include an all you can eat BBQ, Hawaiian Cocktails, Steel Drum player, an amazing band and also transport to the venue from Burford Primary School and return. Plus, lots of little games and competitions on the night.

Before we start the negotiations with the venue, coach company and decide on a fair ticket price, I would like to get parents input and desire on whether they would want to attend this event, so please email me directly at lharris@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk or message me directly on FB, or catch me in the playground at either drop off or pick up.

This event will be adults only and open to all parents, staff and the Burford Community.

FOBPs Treasurer

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.

Valentine's Day Shopping

With one of the most romantic days of the year nearly upon us, anyone buying last minute gifts for their loved ones on websites such Amazon, Ebay or John Lewis, please don't forget that FOBPS have been set up with an easy fundraising account. Instead of heading directly to those websites please go through the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofburford as making purchases via this website will automatically make a donation towards FOBPS and won't cost you anything.

Dates for Diary

Hot Chocolate & Flapjack Sale	Fri 23 rd Feb
Whole School Cake Sale	Fri 16 th Mar
Hawaiian Luau	June TBC
Whole School Raffle & Balloon Race	July TBC