

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Farewell and Good Luck to Mrs Rigby

Mandy Rigby will be leaving Burford Primary School on Friday 9th March, moving on to a new venture based in Carterton.

Mandy will be sadly missed by staff, pupils and parents alike – she has been a very valuable member of our team over the past 11 years and we wish her well for the future.

Lunchtime Supervisor/TA/Afterschool Club Co-Ordinator vacancy

Please see the advertisement on the school website regarding this vacancy.

Reminder - No After School Club provision for the next two Mondays - 5th & 12th March

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

School Lunches

For parents/carers who would like to pay for the whole term in advance, up to and including Thursday 29th March, it works out as £61.60, covering the 28-day period. Thank you for paying by ParentPay.

Restrictions on Smoking near school

Please note smoking is not permitted at any time or in any part of the premises, entrances or exits to the school, by any person regardless of their status or business with the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Wednesday 28th March 2.00 p.m.

Easter Service @ Burford Church.

Wednesday 18th April

Online safety workshop at Bampton school 09:00 – 10:00 for parents, helping to understand your child's online world and how to keep them safe.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Warwick Class and learnt so much! Last week we spent a day learning about Smartie the Penguin, who helps keep us safe on the internet. If you would like to find out more here is the website <http://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin> and have a look at our display in the corridor outside our classroom.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Oliver's daddy and his team who brought one of their fire engines into school on Monday afternoon; we had so much fun!

We are looking forward to a visit from the Blue Cross in a couple of weeks to find out more about life at the vets

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In English lessons we have enjoyed watching the animation 'The Clock Tower'. Afterwards, we retold the story, including actions to help sequence the events, then concentrating on writing up the story. Some of us added our own ideas to what happened next. In Maths lessons we have been working on different strategies for addition and subtraction. Some are counting on using a number line to add, whilst others have been adding 9 by using the strategy of adding 10 then adjusting.

We have also enjoyed reading books by Julia Donaldson in the run up to World Book Day. So far, we have read 'The Snail and the Whale', 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' and 'Charlie Cook's Favourite Book'. The children have also been creating artwork, using inspiration from pictures of tulip fields in The Netherlands. They have brightened up our classroom and made us look forward to warmer weather!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

A huge thanks to Mrs Beaney who stepped into the breach along with Mrs White and Mrs Gibbs last week when I was off with a bad back. I hear the class had a great week and I felt proud to hear of their hard work and determination.

This week, we are play script writing and using some old favourite 'Julia Donaldson' books to adapt and re-write. The children are learning about the specific features of a script and taking their time to think of clever ways to adapt the story for the stage.

In History, we have started our Viking project by taking a look at why the Vikings invaded, where they came from and where they settled. In Geography, we will be finishing off our volcanoes and exploding them in a Science lesson! We should be at the point of sending volcanoes home soon, so clear a space!

In Maths, our focus this week is fractions. Today we have used the 'bar model' method to calculate fractions of numbers and started to add and subtract fractions. Once again, while calculating our fractions, we are seeing the importance of multiplication and division facts and have pledged to practise them more at home!

Priory Class – Year 5

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

After an exciting week in Tolsey, I am glad to be back with the Year 5's. In preparation for World Book Day we have been creating and sewing finger puppets of characters from the Gruffalo. Later, we will create backgrounds and write a play script.

In addition, we have been researching the Marie Celeste and the many theories surrounding the crew's disappearance.

Priory Class – Year 6

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

Another fine week in Year 6: we've been writing about the central beliefs of the Christian faith. We've looked closely at the story of Adam and Eve, attempting to establish why the eating of the apple in the Garden of Eden is considered so important.

So far, we've gone from the creation story up to the birth of Abraham: now we'll begin to look at the other Abrahamic religions. By the end of next week, the children will have completed their essays – I'm sure that they'll be great. Thursday saw Year 6 have a first attempt at a mathematics reasoning paper in the style they'll meet in May. I've just finished marking these and am pleased to say that the results are very encouraging.

The children in Year 6 continue to be hard working and hilarious in equal measure: they are a pleasure to work with as always. Pop in any time to have a look in the books.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 9th March 2018 9 a.m.

Xanthe Chambers for amazing phonics and reading and always having a smile on her face!

Ayden Rowles for writing his own name and being a good friend and member of Warwick Class

Erin Hoare for showing such determination, enjoyment, increasing confidence and skill during swimming sessions. We have enjoyed watching you improve so much over the weeks. Well done Erin you are a swimming superstar!

William Harrison for showing excellent concentration and ability during all areas of the curriculum. William has made excellent progress in reading and maths. He showed particular skill counting-on using a number line. Keep up that outstanding attitude William, we are very impressed!

Lyra Lake for astounding Mrs Beaney with her instruction writing and making me very proud to receive such fabulous compliments about a member of my class! One super proud Mrs Duff!

Seth Harvey for fantastic maths 'teaching' in class. Seth demonstrated his understanding of the 'bar method' beautifully on the board. in front of the whole class. Fantastic fractions Seth!

Miley Beck For always finding interesting facts when conducting independent research connected to English.

Emily Selita For being an excellent role model and member of the class. Emily is always ready to learn, trying her best.

Josh Selita: When Josh is Prime Minister, I'll say "I taught him," and people will be thoroughly impressed. He is an exceptionally talented young man, always calm and considered in his conduct and is a shining light for all of us to look up to. Well done, Josh. I am constantly amazed.

Archie Salisbury: Arch maintains the ability to be amusing, supportive, insightful and a good friend to all, while at the same time achieving to a high standard in all areas of the curriculum and consistently giving his best. Arch, you are a fine young man and will no doubt go far. Well done.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 9th March 2018 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Scarlett Hanks** for competing in the A.D.F.P (Ass. of Dance) Championships and finishing 3rd in the fast dance and 1st winning the slow dance! Well done Scarlett!

Well done to **Benjamin August** for completing the North Leigh Winter Hike and walking 8 miles.

Well done to **Grace Collett** for completing the North Leigh Winter Hike and walking 8 miles.

Congratulations to **Grace Collett** for attaining honours in her recent Modern Jazz exam.

FOBPS

Friends of Burford Primary School

Hot Chocolate & Flapjack Friday

Thank you to everyone who bought a hot chocolate and flapjack last Friday, you helped the School Council to raise a whopping £54. The School Council only need to raise another £36 on the next bake sale and they will have reached their target of £90.

School Council Bake Sale

The next School Council bake sale will take place on Friday 16th March straight after school and we are asking all families for their help with cake donations, that we can then sell on.

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 that 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 substances or decorations.

Sports Relief

On Friday 23rd March sees the return of Sports Relief and this year we are inviting all children and staff to come to school wearing something sporty, in exchange for 50p.

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.

Dates for Diary

Whole School Cake Sale	Fri 16 th Mar
Sports Relief	Fri 23 rd Mar
Hawaiian Luau	June TBC
Whole School Raffle & Balloon Race	July TBC