

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back – I hope you all had a very enjoyable Easter. The Summer Term is always an extra busy one for us all but with the sun out, I am sure the children will all be having lots of fun learning outside.

School Lunch Payment

For those parents/carers wishing to pay in advance on Parent Pay for school lunches for Term 5, the amount is £63.80 (29 days). Priory Class children will require to deduct £6.60 from this amount due to the forthcoming residential trip.

Swimming/Forest School

Swimming has now finished for Windrush class for the rest of the academic year, but they will be attending Forest School from Wednesday 2nd May for eight sessions, finishing on 27th June. Separate letters will be sent out soon.

Swimming has also finished for Tolley Class (year 3 & 4s) for this year but Priory Class (year 5 & 6s) will be going from next term, starting on Thursday 7th June. Separate letters will be sent out soon.

School Council Fun Run

The sponsored 'Fun Run' organised by the School Council was excellent. Please could all sponsorship forms and money be in the school office by 9.00 a.m. tomorrow (Friday) as we will be counting it all up and then let you know how much we have raised and how many bowls of porridge this provide for the children in Africa. Every £7 will be worth 100 bowls of porridge.

New data protection regulations

On 25 May 2018 there are some changes to the current data protection regulations called the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). The school, and The Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, regards the protection of personal data relating to children and parents/carers as a very important matter.

The Pupil Privacy notice outlines the pupil information that we collect, hold and share including the lawful basis about how we use this information. Once this has been approved by our Governors in May, it will be put on our school website, in accordance with best practice, together with our updated & approved data protection policy.

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Next Academic Year

Mrs Hunt is in the process of preparing our school budget for this coming September and being aware of future pupil numbers is most helpful. If you have or know of anyone who has children who are 3 years old and looking for a Nursery to attend, then please ask them to contact Mrs Hunt for an application form and/or a visit.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

Welcome back to a brand new term; we hope you had a relaxing and fun filled Easter break!

This term we have started our new topic 'Under the Sea' and decorated our classroom with jellyfish, rainbow fish, an octopus or two, and watch out for the sharks!

In Maths this week we have been learning about capacity and using language full, half full and empty. We have also been ordering different amounts of sand and water.

In phonics we are revising consonant digraphs 'ow' and 'ou'.

We have also been thinking about all the things we are good at and what we might like to do when we are older.

We are enjoying the start of the sunshine and the more outdoor learning opportunities it brings us!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

After an enjoyable Easter break for all, we welcome you back to another term in Windrush Class. We have started our new topic on 'Africa', which the children are very excited about. In English lessons we have enjoyed reading the book 'The Hunter' by Paul Geraghty. This is a beautifully illustrated book which explores the issue of poaching. We have already shared some insightful comments and I look forward to reading some of the children's writing in due course. In Maths we have started work on sorting data into pictograms and interpreting data. The Year 1 children enjoyed creating their own human pictogram which we then translated onto paper. We found out the most popular choice of favourite wild animal out of the Year 1s.

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Windrush Class cont/d...

Whilst working on our Africa topic, we have looked at rural and city homes in Africa and compared. We have also compared them to how we live and what our homes are like. We have found out about different African animals and had a go at drawing them. We look forward to learning more about Africa throughout the term.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Tolsey Class are off to their usual flying start to our summer term. I have been blown away by the effort and enthusiasm for our Easter homework task which involved making or researching Viking long boats. We have the makings of an incredible display and I can't wait to get it all together and celebrate everyone's hard work.

In Maths we have started off by reviewing our knowledge of place value with some children looking at 5 digit numbers while others look at quick methods to mentally add and subtract from 3 digit numbers. We are continually looking at our multiplication facts and having a big push towards knowing our times tables with impressive fluency.

In English, we are looking at the superb animation 'Broken - Rock, Paper, Scissors'; we have started off with a review of fronted adverbials and some in-depth character description work before looking to build a narrative to go with the visuals. This has kicked started our enthusiasm for writing brilliantly and I am really excited to see the finished narratives.

Priory Class – Year 5 & 6

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beane

What an interesting start to the term – having year 5 and 6 together again! I have been very impressed with the way that the children have settled back into the classroom routine, despite the disruption to their normal timetable.

With a cricket tournament on the horizon, we have been busy practising and developing our skills. This had the added bonus of allowing us to be outside enjoying the gorgeous weather. In addition, we have learnt about the different pets that people have at home – in Spanish!

During English lessons the children have been learning how to write pieces that describe both the character and setting. For inspiration, we have used an animation called the Rocketeer. Later in the week, we will write this as a narrative. Year 6 have also completed a practise spelling, grammar and punctuation paper and reading and reviewed to address any areas needed.

During Maths, we have revised conversions of metric units, area and perimeter.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 27th April 2018 9 a.m.

Karolina Pedro for starting in our Nursery this week and settling in so well.

Jasmine Mead for helping our new member of class to settle in and for being so kind. Thank you Jasmine – you are a star.

Max Burn for showing huge improvement in focus and behaviour during lessons. Max is a pleasure to teach and developing an outstanding attitude towards learning. I was particularly pleased with his recent reading assessment, achieving 100%. Wow! Keep up the hard work Max, we are very proud!

Logan Brimblecombe for listening beautifully during English lessons and always offering ideas and answering questions. Logan thinks deeply about different issues and offers insightful comments to the class. Keep up that excellent attitude Logan; I always enjoy listening to your thoughts on the books we share.

Scarlett-May Ritchings for settling in brilliantly to our class and impressing me with her fabulous work ethic. You are a shining example already Scarlett!

Nathan Bradley for a confident start to term, especially in Maths. Nathan is asking questions to clarify his understanding which is exactly the right thing to do for great success. Great job Nathan!

Oliver West for always trying his best in everything that he does. He always shows an outstanding attitude towards his learning.

Faith Warren for impressive mathematical knowledge. She listens carefully to instructions, using this during independent work and volunteers to answer more and more questions during whole class discussion.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 27th April 2018 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Jessica Blantz** for completing Level 6 swimming. Fantastic achievement, Jess - "Just keep swimming!"

Congratulations to **Sofia Evans** for passing her Stage 5 swimming certificate. Well done Sofia – keep up the great work.

Congratulations to **Lily Jefferies** for passing Stage 3 swimming. Keep up the good work Lily.

Community News

A 'Blue Brothers Tribute' is coming to Warwick Hall – please see attached poster for details.

FA Girls Football – free taster session with Witney Vikings – see attached poster for details.

FOBPS

Friends of Burford Primary School

Has summer arrived? The sun should be out on Friday! Please come along and buy an ice cream straight after school this Friday, 20 April.

