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Head Teacher's Messages

School Council Fun Run

The very last call please for any outstanding sponsorship money from the sponsored 'Fun Run'. We are meeting with the CEO of the African Children's Fund next Tuesday to present the charity with a cheque, so **all monies must be in by tomorrow (Friday)**. Once received, the School Council members will announce the total we have raised and how many bowls of porridge this provides for the children in Africa. Every £7 will be worth 100 bowls of porridge.

Strictly nut free school

Please may I remind all parents & carers that we need to be a very **strict 'nut free' school** as we have children & adults who could have a severe reaction if in contact with any products containing nuts or, indeed, their wrappers. Therefore, be aware of this when preparing packed lunches and provide fresh fruit or vegetables only for morning snacks. Please ensure your child is aware; this is particularly important when purchasing snacks from local shops before school. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children both healthy and safe.

Future Dates for your Diary

Please find attached to this newsletter, a list of activities/events happening for the remainder of this academic year – quite an extensive list - a very busy summer term for us all!

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

This week we have been learning about how to be healthy by doing exercise and eating a balanced diet. We were lucky enough to have Mrs Thomas come in on Thursday and help us make some traditional Polish food - we loved our morning so a very big "thank you" to Warren's mummy!

We have also been very musically creative this week, learning pirate songs and using different instruments to make the pirate songs sound even better! We then made our very own music shakers and played them too!

Forest School started again this week and we had great fun getting back to our outdoor learning, let's hope the weather continues to improve.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In English lessons we are finishing our writing on 'The Hunter' by Paul Geraghty. I am very impressed by the detail and use of language the children have used. We have discussed English targets and the children have decided what they need to work on to improve their writing. In Maths the Year 1 children have been working on ordering and comparing numbers and the Year 2 children practised all areas of maths in preparation for their assessments at the end of May.

During our Topic work on Africa, the children have been learning about food chains and enjoyed creating African savannah food chains on the BBC schools website. We also had our first Forest School session which the children thoroughly enjoyed. I look forward to seeing what they create and play next week!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Tolsey Class have been enjoying some poetry this week and last; they have been fantastically inspired by Michael Rosen's poetic narrative 'Chocolate Cake'. The children learnt the poem and performed it as a class, trying to add the kind of emphasis Michael Rosen adds during his hilarious performances. The children progressed to working on their own descriptive pieces using the senses as a basis for their poems which describe the joys of chocolate cake!

We have managed to link some fun artwork to our poetry project too and all can be seen on display in the corridor.

In Maths, the children have been ordering fractions and decimals and looking at equivalence. Everyone seems to have increased their levels of confidence with maths of late which is so exciting to see as the year approaches its final stages. I am now starting to see mathematicians that look ready for Years four and five!

This week, we started our work on King Alfred the Great which has been so interesting in many ways, especially when we realise how much of modern life we can attribute to decisions made back in the 870's!

The children are working hard across the whole curriculum and I am particularly impressed with their reading progress as a result of our daily group reading sessions in class.

As always, Tolsey Class are a pleasure to hang out with each day!

Priory Class – Year 5

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Earlier this week, the children took part in athletic events at Burford Secondary School. Events included running, short and long distance, high jump, long jump and throwing a 'howler'. I was really proud of the attitude the children displayed and their determination to run the full 600 meters.

During our History sessions, we have been learning about crime and punishment through the ages. We have considered the legacy of the Roman justice system and crime and punishment through the Anglo-Saxon period. The children had interesting debates about how the modern British and Anglo-Saxon's would punish the same crime.

In English, the children wrote newspaper reports, detailing how a super hero saved a young boy which I thoroughly enjoyed reading. We are now learning the Saga of Bjorn. Elements of this story are rather comical, however, as we unpicked what was happening, the children quickly discovered how it was actually quite a sad story. Interesting discussions about religious beliefs were had!

Priory Class – Year 6

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

We're revising hard in preparation for the SATs examinations which begin in two weeks. Recently I received an email from a company that read: 'Welcome to ***** Mobile, it's great to have you on board.' As you can imagine, I was appalled by such misuse of a comma and intend to pursue the company involved to the fullest extent of the law; more on this in coming weeks.

In English, the children have completed various journal entries based on 'The Long Walk' by George Layton. We're now studying 'The Signalman' by Charles Dickens, and will complete a piece of extended writing by Friday. As always, you are welcome to see your children's work at the end of the day.

We have also completed a reading test so as to experience what a SAT feels like prior to the main event.

Congratulations to all who attempted it: everyone tried their best. A particular mention to Jake Chandler who scored an incredible 98%!

Maths has been a whirlwind of test preparation. As usual, a huge well done to Year 6; they are a happy bunch who always try their best.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 11th May 2018 9 a.m.

Dexter Bradley for amazing under the sea writing - using phonemes and digraphs in his writing!

Aleah Ashton for amazing under the sea writing - using phonemes and digraphs in her writing!

Jeremiah Kallimel for making an outstanding start to his new school. He has settled in quickly to our class routines and already shows outstanding behaviour and an excellent attitude towards learning. Well done Jeremiah!

Jennifer Johnson for showing excellent progress in maths. Jennifer did particularly well in the recent assessment for maths and shows great focus in lessons and good mental maths strategies for working out problems. Keep up that hard work Jennifer!

Lewis Batty for showing maturity in lessons and for consistently producing a high standard of work. Lewis is starting to look like he's ready for Year 5 now! Great job Lewis!

Isabella Prowton for trying so very hard at everything she does and for making a huge effort with the presentation of her work which has improved greatly. Fantastic work Isabella!

Ava Trott for once again displaying great artistic talent. The piece you drew, inspired by Kandinsky, was amazing! It was very impressive to watch you visualise the different shapes and lines you wanted to draw and know the effect that this would have on your final design. Great work!

Caitlin Townsend for being a helpful member of the class and the school community. She is great at volunteering to help tidy the classroom and support her peers in class. Outside of class, she sets up engaging games for the other children to play at playtimes.

Archie Salsbury for a superb piece of writing based on 'The Giant's Necklace'. Archie is a very talented writer who brings much to writing lessons.

Jake Chandler for a superb effort in his reading test; Jake is persistent in his pursuit of excellence and is a fine example to us all.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 11th May 2018 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Liberty Salsbury** for taking to swimming lessons like a duck to water and passing Stage 1 in super-quick time. Mum & Dad love seeing you enjoying the water, so well done and keep up the hard work!

FOBPS

Friends of Burford Primary School

Waitrose Community Matters Scheme

Great news, after many months of trying, Friends of Burford Primary School has been selected by Waitrose in Witney, to be part of their Community Matters Scheme, which started on Tuesday 1st May. So, if you shop in Waitrose, please don't forget to grab your green token and pop it into our collection box. The more tokens that we collect, the more money we get.

Whole School Raffle & Balloon Race

This year, we will be combining two of our most popular events into one afternoon, the Balloon Race and a whole school raffle. This event will be held on Thursday 19th July at 2.45pm, when we will be releasing the balloons, followed by the raffle. Coffee, squash and cakes will also be on sale.

After the May Half Term, we will be sending out Balloon Race Entry Forms and a pack of raffle tickets for each family to sell, so please look out for them in your child's book bags. More details to follow. All proceeds for this event will go towards the School Pantomime Trip.