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Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back to the last term of this academic year; it looks to be an extremely busy one with lots of fun activities scheduled. Attached, you will find a list of future dates to pop in your diary.

Breakfast Club

Could I remind all parents who bring their children to our Breakfast Club that we are unable to allow them into the school building until **7.45 a.m.** every morning which is our official start time. I do appreciate that you are all working and need to get off to work but we are unable to accept them in any earlier and staff need to prepare for each session.

Matt Tobin – Learn about reading with your Child

Parents are invited to join Matt Tobin on Tuesday 19th June from 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. at Burford School's Library. Mr Tobin has delivered many good training sessions which our Teachers and Teaching Assistants have attended – well worth a listen! See attached poster.

Science Club

Our children enjoyed a lovely assembly today by Bright Sparks Science – they will be running another club this term focusing on different aspects to last term. Attached, you will find their leaflet and how to book your child into the club direct with the company. Maximum places available are 20 pupils, on a first come, first served basis.

Healthy School

Please find attached Government guidelines regarding supplying your child with a healthy home packed lunch. We have noticed that more and more chocolate/biscuits items are coming into school. As you know from national press recently, obesity in children is increasing, so we all need to work together to help our children to be healthy and fit throughout their lives.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

Welcome back; we hope you enjoyed half term! In English, we are reading Mister Seahorse, another story by Eric Carle. Some of the children have moved on to learning trigraphs – where three letters make one sound i.e. 'igh' as in light and 'air' as in hair. Phonic assessments have gone well.

In Maths, we continue to use Numicon to add and subtract and are focusing on finding one more and one less than numbers to twenty.

This term, we will be having a strong focus on letter and number formation, so would be grateful if you could support with this at home. If you would like a copy of our letter formation sheet, please just ask.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

We have started the week in English lessons, working hard, learning different spelling patterns and enjoyed solving riddles. We are now planning and writing our own riddles. In Maths lessons we are identifying coins and using known number facts to find change. We are also working on numbers past 100 and plotting these on number lines and partitioning 3-digit numbers.

During topic work, the children have created some beautiful African art which I was particularly impressed by. During circle time, we were reminded of our school values and enjoyed our first Forest School of the term which was great fun. The children enjoyed sharing the space with Warwick Class and this was a good opportunity for some of the Year 1s to play with the children joining them next year.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Tolsey Class are off to a flying start in their final term and working hard to reach their final targets. We are having a 9 times tables focus this week with lots of tips and tricks being shared in preparation for some good results on Friday. In Maths, we are also revising multiplication calculation methods and looking at decimals in measurement.

Tolsey Class cont/d...

In writing, we are using the text *Dinosaur in Danger* to complete a guided write. This is a process whereby we take great care and attention over each paragraph of the story, looking at synonyms and re-phrasing; I am impressed with the results so far. This week, I am reading with each child, individually as well as in daily Guided Reading sessions, in order to assess progress.

Mrs Gibbs, Mrs White and I are starting to see some impressive maturity in the class and I am very pleased to report some great examples of kind and thoughtful behaviour towards one another which is so nice to see.

A date for your diary – Monday 16th July @ 2.30 p.m. in the school hall – a special performance just for Tolsey Parents.

Priory Class – Year 5

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Year 5 have had a fab few weeks! It all started with the cricket tournament, then residential and half term swiftly followed. On our return we took part in the enrichment day at Burford Secondary School and swimming lessons began.

I am sure you have heard all about it, but residential was amazing! I was so proud of the children as they quickly settled to life at the centre and their behaviour was great. It was nice to see them take part in all the activities offered, even those they found scary! Personally, I found the Giant Swing the best, as the children pulled some rather interesting faces!

Enrichment Day was another great day out. The children took part in either ICT, Art or Design and Technology in the morning and History/Geography and Drama/Dance in the afternoon. During the morning sessions, they produced some rather brilliant boats, bookmarks or cards. Again, their behaviour was exemplary and a credit to the school.

On Monday 18th June at 3.30 p.m. Kathy Haig, Head Teacher of Burford School and Chris Cowley, Head of Year 7 will be Burford Primary to talk to all Year 5 parents; a letter has been sent out on ParentMail today and also a copy in bookbags, confirming arrangements.

Priory Class – Year 6

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

This week we have been studying *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, considered by some to be the greatest love story ever told and by others a cautionary tale of the dangers that lurk when parents involve themselves too closely in their children's choice of spouse!

In particular, we studied Romeo's first meeting with Juliet at a party held by Lord Capulet. We considered the meeting from a variety of perspectives: Lord Capulet's, Tybalt's, the servant who is spoken to by Romeo, Romeo himself and finally Juliet.

Year 6 Priory Class cont/d...

We then wrote first-hand accounts from the perspective of each character listed. As you would expect, the writing produced was of a typically high standard. The children were hoping for a slightly more relaxed time after SATs, however we are now working on writing portfolios in order to assess the classes' writing for end of KS2 assessment; it is a real credit to each and every pupil in my class, and you as parents, that they have knuckled down without complaint and tried their very best. What a wonderful group of young people.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 15th June 2018 at 9 a.m

Darcie Williams for being an all-round superstar in Warwick Class! Darcie is polite, caring and helpful and has a great attitude to her learning! Well done Darcie!

Sophie Crossman for being an all-round superstar in Warwick Class! Sophie is polite, caring and helpful and has a great attitude to her learning! Well done Sophie!

Téa Mackie for creating a beautiful piece of African art and for super story writing. I am always impressed by your outstanding attitude towards learning Tea. Well done!

Selina Khan for creating a beautiful piece of African art and for mastering partitioning to add 2-digit numbers in maths. Well done Selina!

Benjamin August for showing lots of kindness and consideration towards his friends' feelings and for playing well at break times. Benjamin is also impressing me in class by improving his concentration. Great work Benjamin!

Eliana Pedro for improving her written work, showing more care and attention to spelling and correct letter formation. I can see a real improvement Eliana, well done!

All of **Year Five** children for being superstars.

Alfie Minchin for his account of the meeting between Tybalt and Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Isabelle Lampard for her account of the meeting between Romeo and a servant in *Romeo and Juliet*.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 15th June 2018 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Logan Brimblecombe** for passing Stage 4 swimming; he whizzed through Stage 4 – good listening and attention delivers results. Keep up the good work Logan!

Congratulations to **Connor Brimblecombe** for passing Stage 5 in swimming last term – keep up the good work Connor.

Swimming Gala

On Monday June 4th, I took a team of children from Key Stage Two to our partnership swimming gala which is always great fun, but a highly competitive event! There were seven schools competing and some very tough competition from some schools, generally much bigger than us!

The children all felt privileged to have been chosen, as they work towards the chance to represent their school all year while attending their school swimming sessions. Mrs Harris and I sensed a real team spirit from the start with everyone feeling nervous, but ready to swim their best. Every point counts at this competition and it's vital that every event is represented. Each race was over 25m and closely timed by the Year Ten officials from the Secondary School. We had some amazing results from everyone whether they were club swimmers or not.

Olivia Bazeley and **Ava White** dazzled everyone as they powered down the pool to win their races. **Joshua Selita**, **Olivia Lampard** and **Thomas Elvidge** looked as though they could Olympic swimmers, given the speed and grace they displayed! **Grace Collett** kicked hard into first place in the float race (one of the hardest races) and we saw amazing results from **Isaac Harris**, **Scarlett Hanks**, **Oliver West**, **Rhys Cooper** and **Isabelle Lampard** in this tough event too. Tight races were swum by **Kit Powell-Jones**, **Elsjé Grimes**, **Poppy Harris** and **Nathan Bradley** who all won vital points for their team by holding off the competition.

The highlight came towards the end when the chanting of **BURFORD** filled their air as we powered our way to victory in two out of the four relay races. **Jessica Blantz** led the Mixed Year Relay girls' team to victory, followed by **Olivia Bazeley** swimming a quick anchor leg to win the Under 11 Relay. The other two relay teams including **Albert Pitt**, **Connor Brimblecombe**, **Lewis Batty** and **Zachary Mead** came a respectable 4th in two very tight races.

By the end of a very exciting morning, we couldn't wait to hear how we had done and were amazed that our little school of brave swimmers, showing awesome sportsmanship and team spirit, came a very close 3rd!

I could not have been more proud of our school and fell lucky to have accompanied the children to this excellent event!

Mrs Duff



Burford Primary School Swimming Team

FOBPS

Friends of Burford Primary School

Balloon Race

As you may have read in recent copies of The Bridge magazine, residents of Burford would eventually like to make the town plastic free. After some research and discussions, the team and I have decided to scrap the balloon race event this year. Despite the fact we use biodegradable balloons, it still takes around six months for these to decompose and we feel the school may be viewed poorly for releasing 100+ balloons into the environment.

End of term Raffle

FOBPS will still be holding the end of term Raffle on Thursday 19th July, straight after school, which will hopefully be held on the paddock. Our plan is to have ice creams, tea, coffee and maybe a cheeky glass of Pimms or Prosecco, before and during the raffle draw, whilst you supervise your children playing and having fun with their friends.

The raffle tickets have been ordered and will hopefully be in your child's book bags by the end of next week, for you to sell to family and friends. Each ticket costs £1 and we ask that all tickets sold or unsold be returned to either the school office or Lizanne Harris by Friday 13th July. There will be many prizes to be won, including days out, luxury hampers and cash.

If you work for a business or know of someone who would like to donate a raffle prize, then please let Lizanne or the school office know.

As always, the proceeds of this event will contribute to the pantomime trip in November.

