

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

Karen Patterson (Kayde's Mum) is taking part in a parachute jump on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Anyone wishing to sponsor her can do so by signing up on the sponsorship form in our school office. All proceeds raised by Karen are being distributed to Burford Primary School, Burford Pre-School and Burford School's Uganda charity. Good luck Karen – we admire your bravery and determination!

### Outside School in Priory Lane

Especially during the Summer, Priory Lane is very busy with coaches & tourists. Can I please ask that parents do not park on the zig zags outside the school at any time. Children could be at great danger of being injured resulting from cars being parked and obstructing their vision.

We have also had reports of children on their scooters, riding in and out of parked cars, in the school car park – this again is potentially very dangerous. Please may I also remind you that children should walk with their scooters in the playground at all times? Thank you for your co-operation these matters.

Please ensure your child does not ride his/her scooter on this busy road.

### Signing of Passports

An increasing number of parents have been asking for passports to be countersigned. Whilst we are more than happy to do this, it is time consuming, we would like to ask for a £5 donation which will go into the school funds and be used towards the Paddock Project.

### Multi-Skills event for Reception children

On the last newsletter we mentioned that our Reception children would be attending the Multi Skills event at St Christopher's School in Langford on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately WOSSP (West Oxfordshire Schools' Partnership) has changed the day to 14<sup>th</sup> July which means our children will be unable to attend, due to the day trip to Hill End on that day, with Windrush Class.

Jenny Dyer  
Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

We are having great fun finding out about mini beasts; last week it was spiders that we found have eight legs, fangs, hairs and sometimes eight eyes! This week we have started our caterpillar and Butterfly theme - have our own class caterpillars, which we hope will turn into lovely butterflies over the next few weeks. Our role play areas at the moment include a building site, garden centre and a ship, so if anybody has any useful resources that we could use, they would be most welcome.

Reception children have been busy 'singing their hearts out' and preparing for the Music Festival at Wychwood School; parents will have chance to hear their songs at our end of term performance. The Nursery Children are also learning some mini beast songs, for a mini performance at the end of term. This week we have also been completing the final reading, writing and maths assessments for the children's profiles and they are all working really hard.

## Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Zoë Duff

Windrush Class are doing brilliantly with their various assessments and are very nearly finished. Just a smidge more maths and we'll be done!

In-between testing they have been learning all the different ways to use the maths equipment available to them and are writing some great reports. The plan is to turn the reports into newspaper reports and make a class newspaper. The children have also been singing non-stop for their music festival and getting the first stages of their summer performance sorted with their director and writer, Mrs Bennett!

## Tolsey Class

**Class Teachers – Joanne Brierley & Chrisanne Massetti**

Tolsey Class are at the end of a busy couple of weeks with testing and starting to think about our class assembly. We are pleased to invite Tolsey parents to join us on Wednesday 9th July at 2.30pm for our last sharing assembly - we hope you can join us.

We have again been captured by the WWII bug and written some fantastic newspaper reports based on our trip to STEAM at the end of last term. We are hoping to enter one of them into the school newspaper before the end of term.

We are focusing our maths on multiplication and division over the next couple of weeks. We are scaling amounts in recipes and beginning to use concise written methods to answer problems. Please continue to encourage your child to practise times tables at home each day.

Thank you for the cardboard donations; these will enable our 'Viking' water work to come to life, so watch this space!

We had a number of children who forgot their kit for swimming this week - please could I remind you that our lessons are on Mondays.

## Priory Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Nikki Latton**

Priory have been working extremely hard in literacy lessons and produced some beautiful poetry on a unit, focusing on the issue of whale hunting. They learnt how to create a haiku and then produced their own piece of poetry on the same issue, which focused on using powerful descriptive language. They also produced a super piece of narrative writing, inspired by a short film called 'Little Boat'.

The children have been working on area and perimeter in maths, problem solving and mental maths strategies. In topic they have been finishing their work on rivers and started the science unit on Evolution. They are also working on their French project based on the story, 'Lac chenille qui fait des trous'.

## Burford Stars

Last week the stars were Thai Langley and Rose McIntosh. This week they are Ethan Howard and Sasha Grimes

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014  
2.30 p.m.**

**Micheala Barrett** for her progress in her speaking and listening skills at circle time. Micheala can now wait more patiently to join the discussion, asking and answering relevant questions. Well done Micheala.

**Rowan Toms** for his progress and enthusiasm in moving his reading skills to the next level, keep up the good work Rowan.

**Henry Moore** for working really hard to complete his phase 2 High frequency words and being enthusiastic about everything he takes part in - Henry you are a Star.

**Rhys Cooper** for showing an excellent attitude to his work. Rhys has worked particularly hard with his maths and has made super progress. Well done Rhys!

**Jessie Howard** for being so enthusiastic about school and trying her very best. Jessie has worked hard to improve her writing which is getting better every day! Well done Jessie!

**Oliver Traynor** for continuous effort to create work of a high standard and providing great discussion during lessons. Good luck in Year 5, you are ready for it, well done!

**Amy Taylor** for showing enthusiasm with your homework. An exciting piece of work, well done! Keep up this great attitude to your learning.

**Tiffany Mackie** for showing hard work and talent when working on her descriptive language in Literacy. She has also made excellent progress with problem solving in Maths. Well done Tiffany.

**Amy Buckland** for showing an excellent attitude towards her learning – always trying her best. Well done Amy.

## Community News

### Cotswold Youth Choir

I am contacting you on behalf of the Cotswold Youth Choir. This Choir meets every Saturday morning in Burford and welcomes anyone between the ages of 7 and 17 years who is enthusiastic about music and keen to sing. We have a Junior Choir and a Youth Choir (for school years 7 and above).

We have a talented and inspirational Musical Director, Adam Treadaway, who is currently expanding the choir and is happy, therefore, to offer some complimentary workshops (funded by the Cotswold Youth Choir) for both primary and secondary schools. Each workshop would be around 30 minutes, for up to 30 students per half hour, two hours for each school. We have only two remaining available dates: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014. I am sure that you would be delighted to attend, and the children, as it will be a fun and inspirational 'taster' session. We hope that as a result, some may wish to join the Choir on Saturday mornings. If your child is interested, please let the school office know and then we will try and arrange for them to have a taster session.  
Amanda Hanley, Chair of the Committee

# FOBPS Newsletter

## Quiz Night

The next fabulous quiz night will be held on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** at The Carpenters Arms. These truly are great evenings so please start getting your teams together and buy your tickets from a member of the FOBPS team. Thank you.

## Non-Uniform Day

Please remember that this **Friday** is **Non Uniform day** in exchange for tombola items. Please could **Nursery, Warwick and Windrush** classes bring in boxes of chocolate, yummy chocolate biscuits or big bags of wrapped sweets that we can divide up for the Choc/Sweetie tombola. And please could **Tolsey** and **Priory** classes bring in bottles of drink (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic), bottles of sauce, bubble bath, shower gel or anything else you can think of! The FOBPS team will be waiting outside the front of school ready to take the goodies off your hands! Could children in Breakfast Club please hand their donations to a member of staff on arrival? We really do appreciate your help in making the tombola stalls as fabulous as possible!

## Summer Fête

The Fête will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** between **11am and 3pm**. As well as lots of fun activities, there will be various tombola stalls, an ice cream van, farmers market stalls, a great raffle, face painting, cake stall, a yummy BBQ and the ever popular bouncy slide!

If anyone can help with sourcing or donating **raffle prizes**, we'd be very grateful! The raffle brings in over half of the profit at these events, so the better the raffle, the more money we can spend on resources for our children!

There will be a box out on the veranda for donations for the fete – raffle prizes, bottles, teddies etc.

If anyone can help out on the day, please let Louisa Swann or Lizanne Harris know, it would be much appreciated, thank you.

## Raffle Tickets

You should by now have received your envelope of **2 x books of raffle tickets** for the summer fete. There are some fabulous prizes on offer so please start selling your tickets straight away! Please sell as many as you can and then return the stubs (& any unsold tickets) along with the money, to any member of FOBPS or the school office by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. And if you have any unwanted gifts or items you can donate for the raffle, please hand them in to the school office. Thank you.

## Autumn Ball

Save the Date! **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** is the date of the next FOBPS fund raising Ball. It will be held in the beautiful St John the Baptist Church and will be autumn themed. The Ball will be raising much needed funds to help with the Paddock project. Tickets will be £45 and on sale in the next few weeks, but if you'd like to reserve a couple now, please speak to Louisa Swann or the school office. More details regarding the menu will be issued as soon as they're finalised. Also, each year we need 9 people or businesses to sponsor the tables at the Ball for £50 each plus a raffle prize. If you, or the company you work for would like to find out more about being a sponsor, then we'd love to hear from you!

## Cook for Books

Priory Class Cook for Books raised a total of **£40.70**, well done!

## Ice Cream Fridays

It's back by popular demand, and the first one will be on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – a yummy ice cream for **just 50p!** Why not treat yourself and your child?!

## Lego Club

Please don't forget we are asking for **donations** of any **Lego bricks, boards and figures** that you or someone you know, may not need anymore, for our planned Lego After School club. Also, if any of you are keen car booters, then please keep a look out for us! Thank you.

## FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS have now got an account on **Facebook**, so please remember to **'like'** us on there, so we can keep you informed on upcoming events and feedback on recent ones. You can find the link to our Facebook page from the **school's website** – just look under the **'News'** tab and then the **'Social Media Page'** link at the bottom. The amounts raised at events and photos will be posted on to FB for you to see and share!

## FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, straight after school.

If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann Lizanne Harris or Rachael Barton and we can tell you more about it!

Our meetings are very relaxed so don't forget to pop along whenever you want to!

## **Please do let us know if you think you can help or want to get involved with FOBPS**

If you would like to contact **FOBPS by email**, feel free to email the co-chair of FOBPS directly at **[louisa@theswanns.com](mailto:louisa@theswanns.com)**