

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

### Burford Primary School Website

We are in the process of re-designing and modernising our school website. We would very much like to hear as to what information you would find useful to access from the website – a form is attached for you to communicate your ideas and this should be returned to the school office by **Friday, 10 October** – we look forward to receiving your contributions.

### Jeans for Genes

Thank you to all those children who wore their jeans to school last Friday – **we raised £90** for this charity.

### Harvest Festival

Future date for your diary – we are holding our Harvest Festival on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 p.m.** in Burford Church. Further details will be communicated with regards to donations and the choice of charity.

### '48 hour rule'

If your child is sick, and to avoid this spreading to other children, we ask that they remain at home for two days, before returning to school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Burford School – GCSE results

We are delighted to be communicating Burford School's GCSE examination results, which are attached to this newsletter

## Warwick Class

**Class Teachers – Mrs Teresa Lock &  
Miss Chrisanne Massetti**

Warwick Class is continuing with their animal theme. We have been reading 'Lottie's letter' and thinking about how humans sometimes do things that may harm the world and animals that live in it, and what we can do to help. Recent activities have included, discovering the prints animals make with their feet and recreating them with various media. We have also been looking at natural patterns on the coats of wild animals and trying to make our own repeating pattern with paint, pegs, beads and blocks.

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### Warwick Cont/d...

In P.E and other physical sessions we have been moving and acting like different animals and drawing and painting pictures of them. Our phonic sessions are going well and we are starting to learn how to blend sounds to build a word. In Maths we have been practising our vocabulary of size and finding out who is the tallest and smallest in the class at the moment. The children have also been more formally introduced to 'Numicon', a maths' resource that the whole school has begun to utilise in their maths sessions. Next week the Reception children will start to find out about Harvest and learn a song or rhyme to sing at our Harvest festival at the Church. Our next story focus will be 'Giraffes can't dance'.

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff**

We are very much in the swing of things now and really getting to grips with life in Windrush! We have had a good two week introduction to our new maths programme 'Numicon' and are now using the equipment with confidence. The children are enjoying the visual and practical approach we take to maths in combination with a little bit of recording and formal calculating.

In literacy we have been working on 'past, present and future tense' through a recount of our trip to feed the ducks. The children created some excellent story maps to support their recall of events. I have to say we did see lots of familiar faces and story maps do feature Poppy's Mum, Emily's Mum, Miss Johnson and Ollie's Grandparents...I'm sure we saw Ollie's Dad too!

Topic work is keeping us busy in the afternoons along with our science. This week we have worked on aboriginal paintings, symbols and maps and in science, classification of animal body parts. Thank you for all the really wonderful 'rough guide' homework, we really loved sharing it and are awarding lots of house points!

### Windrush's Playground Project

Look out for some information regarding our fundraising mission for the front playground. As you may have read, Windrush Class hope to add to the funds already raised from the recent and fab 'cream tea' event to improve the far side of the front playground where the new picnic benches have been placed.

Ideas so far include; a perspex painting/drawing wall, a chalk wall, a reading area with birdhouse, book boxes, large boards to be painted by the children, a pergola and a painted picket fence. We are keen for ideas and help with fundraising/building & creating so please ask myself, Julian's Mum (Mahnee) or Ollie's Mum (Laura) if you can help out.

## Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class, the children are enjoying their work on 'The Wild West'. They are learning about the different Native American tribes and creating their own totem pole designs and tepees.

In literacy we have produced some super work based on the story 'How grandmother spider stole the sun' and are now working on another story in a similar style. The children worked particularly hard learning the difference between simple, compound and complex sentences.

In maths Tolsey have shown an excellent attitude towards learning, whilst working on their mental addition and subtraction. They have been practising number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and using these facts to help with addition and subtraction.

## Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

In Priory Class, the children have been showing great enthusiasm for our upcoming performance of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. Earlier in the week we held auditions and I was extremely proud of each and every one of the children. They made the decision of casting very difficult. We now have a busy few weeks, as we prepare for the performance at Chipping Norton Theatre, details of which will follow shortly.

In Literacy we have started looking in detail at A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children have read, and watched, different versions of the play to further their understanding of the events that occur.

In Maths the children have been working on different methods of addition and subtraction, and when it is most appropriate to use these. Some of the children have found this challenging, but I am very impressed with their perseverance and determination to succeed.

Quotes from the children:-

"I really have enjoyed getting ready for our class production. This is because we are doing Shakespeare – the language is a bit difficult though!" -Timoney Pitt

"I have really enjoyed the different art activities that we have done" - Llinos Cooper

## Burford Stars

Last week the stars were Marcos Hayden and Jenny Carter. This week they are Sholto Ross and Amy Buckland

## Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

2.45 p.m.

**Benjamin August** for settling in to his new school so well, Benjamin comes in with a lovely smile, has made lots of new friends and is very excited about his learning. Well Done Benjamin

**Lottie Salsbury** who has made an excellent start in our phonics sessions; Lottie listens carefully and is always keen to answer questions when required. Keep up the great work Lottie.

**Jessie Howard** for moving up a level in reading. Jessie you have clearly been practising over the summer and your hard work has paid off. Impressive work!

**Albert Pitt** for super sensible behaviour, raising his hand to ask questions and careful thinking. Albert is sharing his ideas in the right way and being a great role model! - Super learning!

**Amy Taylor** for showing an excellent attitude towards her learning. Amy demonstrates great independence during all lessons and has produced some super work.

**Joshua Selita** for showing an excellent attitude towards his learning. Joshua listens well; is always keen to answer questions giving good explanations and shows great enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum.

**Sacha-Finley Boast** for being an excellent role model to the class and whole school. He always completes set work to the best of his ability and has an excellent attitude towards his learning.

**Sam Backhouse** for writing an interesting and creative poem about Autumn. He created his own structure and worked hard to achieve the end result.

## Golden Post Box

Congratulations to **Eve Blantz** for being selected to perform in this year's pantomime at the Chipping Norton Theatre. Eve has been asked to act, sing and dance in the Christmas performance of **Mother Goose**.

Well done Eve for being chosen from over 50 children who went to audition!

Maybe Eve will be performing on 26th November when we have our Burford Primary School Christmas outing to the panto.

Congratulations to **Luke Johnson** for being 'man of the match' playing football for Tower Hill Stars against Banbury. Well done Luke.

# FOBPS Newsletter

## **Autumn Ball – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

The Ball is now upon us and this event will be raising much needed funds to help with the Paddock project (you may have noticed the project plans at the school entrance.) Tickets are now all sold out but if you are feeling generous and would like to contribute, you can do so by visiting our donation page at:

<http://mydonate.bt.com/events/fobpsball/185073>

Also if anyone is free during Friday daytime, we would welcome any volunteers to help us set up this event.

## **Cook For Books**

It's back! The first Cook for Books will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October after school on the veranda. It will be the turn of Warwick Class, so please look out for cake donation plates in your child's book bags.

## **Halloween Party**

Save the Date... We will be holding our annual Halloween Party on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. If you would like to help out at this event then please speak to Nicola Chandler or Lizanne Harris.

Tickets will be on sale soon.

## **Bags 2 School**

The next Bags2School will be collected on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. The blue collection bags will be put in your child's book bags nearer the time.

## **FOBPS on Social Media!**

FOBPS have got an account on **Facebook**, so please remember to 'like' us. We keep you informed on upcoming events and give feedback on recent ones. You can find us at [www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool) or use 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 **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, 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 feel free 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)

## **BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL – 'NEW LOOK' WEBSITE**

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