

# 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 tomorrow - **Friday, 10 October** – we look forward to receiving your contributions.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you so much to all those who attended our Harvest Festival Service and also for the tremendous amount of food gifts. These will now be forwarded to 'Besom', an organisation in Witney which helps families in difficult situations - I am sure they will all be much appreciated.

### Half Term

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching - we finish on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the normal time of 3.10 p.m. After School Club will be running as usual until 5.30 p.m. on this day. Term 2 starts again on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November ready for a very busy and exciting term leading up to Christmas!

### Christmas performances

These will take place in Burford Church on Tuesday, 16 December. Warwick and Windrush Nativity performance is at 2pm and Tolsey and Priory performance at 6pm. Further details to follow in due course.

### Achievement for All

Look out for information coming soon regarding our new Achievement for All awards.

Jenny Dyer      Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

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

Warwick Class children have continued with our wild animals theme. We have been working on the text Giraffes Can't Dance which raises discussions about kindness and how we are all different. The children have been learning how to use the iPads using the Bee-Bot App a directional, problem solving robot game.

The children were amazing at Harvest Festival and I was very proud of their behaviour, singing and showing their wonderful pictures; well done Warwick Class!

We are also very excited about our trip to the Wildlife Park to see some 'real' animals.

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff**

Windrush Class have been very busy making their classroom look wonderful. We have a few new displays that we are looking forward to sharing with parents at our meeting on Wednesday. Look out for the Gumball Noun Tree, the Adjective Flower Garden, Autumn Days writing and our ICT Australian flags.

As I write, we are having a funny start to the week with an absent teacher! Mr Duff had a nasty knee injury which meant I had to be Florence Nightingale for a couple of days! Hopefully as you read, I am back and he is on the mend!

I am very proud of everyone and how hard they are working on everything. Our Cotswold Wildlife trip will be a great reward for hard work and a good catalyst for new learning.

### WINDRUSH SWIMMING

Windrush swimming is due to re-commence on Tuesday 14th October at Carterton Leisure Centre. Our bus will leave at 9.10 so please ensure your children arrive at school with their full kit ready for registration.

Many thanks for bearing with us while we make new arrangements for your children.

## Tolsey Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Nikki Latton**

Mrs Latton is out for the week and I, Mrs Scott, have been the supply teacher for your children. Tolsey Class has done a wonderful job adjusting to having a different teacher and I have really enjoyed working with the children. Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you have any questions or concerns.

This week we have been focusing on a cross-curricular animal theme. The children are learning about ecological concepts such as food webs and predator/prey interactions. Wonderful terms such as canine teeth, producer, consumer and digestive system should now be a part of your child's vernacular.

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Tolsey class continued ....

We are also learning about metric measurement and the children have enjoyed the kinaesthetic activities. Exploring and finding various measurements around the classroom and learning the art of approximation have been very rewarding. What a joy it has been to see and hear the maths conversations happening within the groups.

As Friday will be my last day with Tolsey Class, I hope to give each child a prize for good conduct. The prize is contingent on the class earning 100 points by Friday. If this is achieved, children will go home with a seasonal surprise. Please do encourage them to make our goal.

## Priory Class

**Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester**

Last week, the children had a very enjoyable and exciting trip to Chipping Norton Theatre. Our two directors, Shaka and Brierley, were brilliant and taught the children many new acting and performing skills. It was fantastic to see all the children taking part enthusiastically; they are now more excited than ever about our play and am I sure this will be an experience they will remember for a long time to come. **Good news!** After having spoken to the organisers, families may now buy as many tickets as they would like, so bring brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles and grandparents!

In numeracy lessons we have been revising properties of numbers. The children have worked hard to identify whether a number is a prime, square or composite. We then moved on to find multiples, factors and prime factors of numbers.

During literacy we continue to study A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children have written some very effective agony aunt letters as Hermia, Helena or Demetrius!

## Burford Stars

Last week the stars were Phoebe Dixon and Kirsty Locke. This week they are Timoney Pitt and Phoebe Palmer.

## Community News

### BURFORD SKATE PARK GROUP

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Family Fun and Activity Day and thank you to the school for allowing us to do the two Cake Sales. We are very pleased to let you know that we have raised £480.00 for our first fund raiser. It was a lovely day; the sun shone and everyone congregated on the Recreational Ground and enjoyed the activities, refreshments and the raffle. The raffle was an Aladdin's cave of wonderful gifts and vouchers, full of amazing prizes which were won by many of the local families. Thank you all again for coming along and supporting the day and helping to make it such a successful and fun day. Rachael Conlon on behalf of the Burford Skate Park Group. Join or like our Face book page <https://www.facebook.com/burfordsk8parkgroup> If you would like to offer help or have any fund raising ideas please contact me on 07789320623. A future date for your diaries we are hoping to join in and raise some money **on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** during the afternoon before the Christmas lights are switched on at the Tolsey and Father Christmas arrives....watch this space.

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**2.45 p.m.**

**Lillian O'Brien** for being such a great role model in all our lessons and also for her creative thinking and spectacular balances in P.E sessions, Well done Lilly.

**Grace Collett** for making a great start in our phonics sessions, Grace is making good progress in her early reading skills, she listens carefully and can offer answers during our games. Well done Grace.

**Bartosz Koczorowski** for an amazing effort with homework. Bartosz is producing really careful work and his writing at school is improving hugely. Well done Bartosz!

**Sammy Staveley** for huge amounts of enthusiasm for all aspects of his day and excellent behaviour. A very impressive start to year One Sam, fantastic stuff!

**Joshua Selita** - Josh has been an excellent student this week. He participates in our discussions in a thoughtful and meaningful way. He also works very hard and is incredibly focused.

**Kyla Mackie** - Kyla has demonstrated leadership skills in group work activities. She is eager to share her thinking and, when she does, her responses are articulate and reflective.

**Brandon Whalley** for writing a very interesting agony aunt letter. He used quotes and details from the play to really bring the problem to life.

**Kirsty Locke** for working really hard in all areas of the curriculum. She listens attentively during all taught sessions.

## Golden Post Box

Congratulations to **Thomas Elvidge** who has achieved a yellow belt at Kuk Sool Won.

A big a big well done to **Sam Moore** who has mastered the art of tumble turns and has now moved up to stage 6 swimming.

Well done to **Ollie Davies** who has achieved 10m distance in swimming.

## Burford Primary School – 'new look' website

We are in the process of re-designing and modernising our school website. Please list below the type of information you would find useful to access from the website:-

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Please return this slip into the school office by tomorrow - **Friday, 10 October, 2014**

# FOBPS Newsletter

## Autumn Ball

The recent Autumn Ball was another wonderful event, enjoyed by many local residents. The weather was kind, the sunflower decorations in the church were beautiful and the guests looked fabulous! Special thanks to Sarah Palmer for creating the amazing floral entranceway into the church – all generously lent to FOBPS by Hickman Landscapes.

The fundraising aim was for the Paddock project, and the Ball raised over £1700 on the night – plus three very generous guests offered to fund the new bike/scooter racks, the whole pond area and all the birdhouses! So the overall amount raised will be well over £3000! Thank you to everyone who helped with the setup, clearing away and obviously to all of you who came along on the night!

## Cook for Books

Yes, tomorrow is the first cook for books event of this school year, run by Warwick and Nursery. For those of you new to the school, the Cook for Books events are a chance for each class to raise money for buying new books. Each class has 2 cake sales in the academic year, and all the money they raise can be spent straight away on books for their own class. So the more cakes you bring in to sell, the more books your child's class can buy! And at the end of the summer term, the class that has raised the most money will win a whole class prize. Don't forget your pennies tomorrow!

## Christmas Cards

This year FOBPS will be arranging for personalised Christmas cards, gift tags and thank you notepaper to be produced for you to buy. Each child has already created a colourful Christmas themed drawing in class, and these have now been sent off to the printers. Once we get your children's personalised order forms back, they will be put into the book bags. All orders and payment will need to be handed in before half term. The actual packs of cards, notepaper and tags will then be delivered in early November, ready to use for family and friends!

## Halloween Party

Tickets are now sale for the FOBPS Halloween party which will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 4.30pm to 6pm. You can purchase your tickets from either Lizanne Harris (Poppy & Isaac's mum) or Nicola Chandler (Jake's mum), it is £3 per child and all Warwick children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you are able to and would like to help out with this event either by setting up or running a game or helping out in the kitchen then please see Lizanne or Nicola.

## FOBPS cont/d...

### 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)