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Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back – I hope you all had a great Easter. It is always good to see the children return refreshed and ready to learn. The topic for the summer terms is '**Circus Circus**', as detailed on the website under Class Curriculum Maps - I am sure there will be lots of fun in store for the children.

As the sun is now shining and the warmer weather hopefully here to stay, please ensure that children have **sun cream** applied before school.

Please may I also remind parents that children must wear **dark shoes that are robust**, with low heels - trainers or sandals are not suitable. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

We are hoping that all **coughs, colds and sickness** will be at a minimum for the remainder of this year! However, I have been asked to issue for the following notice regarding Scarlet Fever:-

'Following a recent increase in scarlet fever, above seasonal expected levels, we want to remind you of the signs, symptoms, and actions to be taken if you become aware of a scarlet fever outbreak.

The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

As per national Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings, children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be excluded from nursery / school / work for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate 10 day course of antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications and if you have any concerns please contact your doctor.'

Drinks in School

Please may we remind you that should your child(ren) bring in their own drink for lunchtime, this must be water only - squash or fizzy drinks are not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Message to all parents in Year 5

A future date for your diary is Thursday 23rd April at 3.20 p.m., at Burford Primary School, when you will be given an opportunity to meet with the Head Teacher and staff from Burford School in preparation for transfer to Secondary School.

Governor Coffee Morning

Please join the Rev Richard Coombs & Mr John White on 19th May for our next coffee morning with the Governors in the school hall.

Future dates for Governor Coffee Meetings for your diary are:-
7th July with Zoey Khan & Jenny Dyer.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Welcome to Term 5, we hope you had a lovely break. Warwick Class are starting off the new term with some traditional tales including Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs. We used instructions to plant some magic beans and are hoping there will be some huge beanstalks growing soon! We have been practising our climbing like Jack, sharing and counting beans and started writing Bean Diaries!

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our Forest School meeting; we will get more information out soon and hope to visit for the first time in Week 3.

We are looking forward to spending lots of time outdoors this term, so please check children have suitable clothing and sunscreen applied.

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We are all glad to be back and fully in the swing of our busy days. We have started our literacy lessons with a poetry focus and been learning about alliteration for use in poetry. We hope to create a display of poetry and beautiful circus paintings.

In maths we are having a two week fractions focus with lots of interactive and visual lessons. It's amazing how quickly the children's understanding is developing, so much so that we are going to get pretty technical and learn about numerators and denominators!

Windrush Class cont/d...

Everyone seems to have come back that little bit more grown up and we are enjoying talking about be moving on. I keep saying the year two children are looking like year three children and the year ones are looking like year twos!

Please make sure your children have sun cream on when they come in on sunny days and feel free to pop a tube into their book bags for topping themselves up.

Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

Tolsey class have come back from their Easter break refreshed and ready for a new term. We have started our work on persuasive writing in literacy and are looking at different adverts and how companies persuade us to buy their products. We will then create our own piece of persuasive writing. In maths we are doing lots of work developing our mental mathematic skills and are working on symmetry, 2D and 3D shapes.

We have started thinking about what we would like to learn for our 'Circus Circus' topic and begun our Science topic on Materials. We have already had our first swimming lesson and are looking forward to learning circus skills and outdoor games for P.E.

Priory Class Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

Welcome back to term 5. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday. The Year 6 are now officially on the countdown to SATs with only three full weeks left! I have been extremely impressed with their attitude towards the exams so far; they are working hard in every lesson to ensure they achieve their very best.

After SATs are finished we will make a start on our end of year production. This year we will be performing 'Cinderella Rockefeller'. We plan to use cardboard boxes for our scenery; therefore, we would be very grateful for any you may have. The bigger the better, but flat-packed for ease of storage!

In literacy we have been concentrating on revising different word classes. We created a list of amazing adjectives and ambitious adverbs connected to the circus; using these words, we then wrote a descriptive piece of text, where the children had to imagine they were peering through a fence at a circus!

We have been doing lots of revision in numeracy, each day has started with a mental maths test! This week the children have demonstrated their skills and understanding of area and perimeter.

Burford Stars

Stars this week: Sam Backhouse and Jenny Carter

Gold Book Certificates Awarded Thursday 23rd April at 2.45 p.m.

Harry Wilkins for his new found confidence in everything he has a go at, keep up the great work Harry

Alfie Hoare for his amazing problem solving in Maths, well done Alfie you are a Super maths star.

Madison McDowell-Gilbert for speaking up much more in class and sharing her super creative ideas. Madison is also showing a much more confident approach to maths. Great job Maddie, keep up the great work.

Daniel Bowman for being a really kind and caring friend to all of his classmates. Daniel always makes sure his friends are happy and have what they need. Well done for fab role modelling Daniel!

Olivia Bazeley for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards her learning. Keep up the good work Olivia.

Alfie Minchin for developing his mental mathematical skills and problem solving skills.

Sam Moore for writing an excellent poem inspired by the circus.

Gaby Smith for working extremely hard in numeracy lessons. All your hard work is paying off!

Golden Post Box Awarded Thursday 23rd April at 2.45 p.m.

Congratulations to Connor Brimblecombe for passing his Grade 2 swimming. Well done Connor.

Congratulations to Henry Moore for passing his Grade 3 swimming. Well done Henry.

Well done to Zachary Mead for conquering tree top junior at Go Ape.

Community News

The Burford Skate Park Group & Hands Up for Syria Foundation Charity Clothes Sale

We would like to thank everyone very much who supported our 3 day fundraising Clothes Sale in Island House by coming along, helping, donating clothes and tombola prizes it went very well and we raised in excess of £900.00. Some more excellent news is that a local company has very kindly fund matched the total, this means instead of sharing the £900.00 each group now receives £900.00 each. We thank them very much for their donation. Also a special thank you to Mr Nick Mills and family who lent us Island House to have the sale. Best wishes

Rachael Conlon 01993 822607

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Any ideas for fundraising please let us know or if you would like to join our Group please contact me Rachael Conlon or our contacts at the Primary School are Louisa Swann, Rachael Barton and Helen Blantz. Please sign our petition supporting a Skate Park to improve the play facilities on the recreational ground.

FOBPS Newsletter

Cook for Books

The next Cook for Books will be on Friday 24th April, after school on the veranda and will be the turn of Windrush Class.

The totals so far are:

Warwick = **£83.00**

Windrush = **£47.00**

Tolsey = **£40.00**

Priory = **£33.00**

Red Nose Day

Congratulations everyone, we managed to raise **£185** for this wonderful cause.

Summer Fête - Save the Date

Please put Saturday 20th June in your diaries as this will be when we hold our annual Summer Fete.

We would be extremely grateful if anyone can help with sourcing or donating **raffle prizes!** 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.

Rags 2 Riches

Thank you to everyone who bought in bags full of clothes, we raised **£60** with this collection.

The next one will be in July.

Smarties Tubes

Hopefully your children have been helping you around the house over the Easter Holidays and filling their smartie tubes with 20p's. Could we kindly ask you to return the tubes to either Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann over the next couple of days. Thank you.

FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS has 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 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.

There are many different ways you can help, whether you have lots of time on your hands or would like to contribute as and when you're able to. We hold our meetings roughly every 6 weeks and are very relaxed with no obligation to attend each session. If you feel you can't commit to a large role, you may want to be involved in a smaller but equally important way (e.g. running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale). Or you can always support FOBPS events by simply turning up, it all counts!

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. Or if you'd like to simply be included in the mailing list for the minutes of our meetings, then just let us know. 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 chair of FOBPS directly at louisa@theswanns.com or Lizanne Harris at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk



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