

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Non-School Uniform for Fete goodies

We are in non-school uniform tomorrow in exchange for goods for the FOBPS fete. As Year 5's are missing out due to going to Burford School for an enrichment day, they will be in non-school uniform the following Friday (12th June) – please remember to bring in your goodies though!

Class Photographs & Leavers – Monday 8th June

Our school photographer is booked for next Monday to take class and leavers' photos - we hope the sun will continue to shine.

Circus Trip – Monday 8th June

We are all looking forward to our trip to Gifford's Circus on Monday afternoon – the children will have an early lunch, then leave at approximately 11.45 a.m. Subject to traffic, we aim to be back for the end of the school day.

Burford Festival activities – Thursday 11th June

The children will be enjoying a range of activities during the school day, based on celebrating the 150th anniversary of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. These will include story telling events, creating Wonderland characters and using their artistic skills, drawing white rabbits, cheshire cats, mad hatters, etc. The children will also be enjoying a picnic lunch – as per Mrs Ralph's fliers – previously circulated. This is all being generously funded by the Burford Festival organisers.

It would also be great fun if the children could wear a hat for the day – it can either be linked to 'Alice in Wonderland' – if you wish to make one at home, or it is fine to wear any kind of hat.

Have you seen the bunting the children have made for the Festival on the school wall in Priory Lane?

Paddock Opening

We are delighted that the Paddock is now open and would like to extend a really big thank you to Lucy Staveley, Parent and Governor, for all that she has done in making this possible. Already the children have enjoyed exploring the new 'spider frame', sandpit and storytelling circle; when the pond has become more established, the children will also be able to benefit from pond-dipping.

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Wendy Wilks is leaving us

Wendy has decided to retire and will be leaving Burford Primary School on Friday 26th June. We would like to sincerely thank her for all her hard work and dedication given to the school and children over the last 15 years. All the staff and children will be sad to see her leave, but wish her a long and happy retirement.

School Uniform Items

If any parent wishes to purchase the odd one or two items from Mapac which will incur delivery costs, please let Mrs Hunt know your requirements, together with payment in the office by Wednesday next week, and she will place one order to be delivered to the school to save these extra costs.

Second-hand Uniform

Has your child grown out of any school uniform? If so and it is still in good condition, please hand it into the office so that it can be used by other children, for a small donation to the school?

Children outside school before school starts

More and more children are now waiting outside the school gates, very early in the morning and before we open. We are very concerned for their safety, as Priory Lane is a very busy road with a constant flow of traffic. We would encourage you not to drop your children off before 8.30am each morning and similarly for those walking, as school cannot be responsible for their safety before the start of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class will be finding out about the Circus this term and other summer themes such as growing and mini beasts. We are looking forward to our circus visit and have talked about what we might see and what we would like to learn. Hopefully some caterpillars will be arriving this week so that we can watch them transform into butterflies.

In literacy we are practising our sentence writing and working on simple calculations and time in Maths.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We are pleased to be back into our routine this week and all looking forward to a sunny final term. This week we have been learning to 'work scientifically' in science through careful observation, use of scientific language and discussion of findings. The children really enjoyed the 'skittles experiment' that looked at dissolving sugars and colour separation.

In maths, we have been doubling and halving and looking at simple division of two digit numbers. We have also been keeping on top of our mental maths' questions by having fun tests in class.

There has been much excitement about the opening of the paddock and the children have loved exploring all the wonderful additions!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Literacy sessions this week we have been focusing on 'Big Write' sessions where we are producing non-fiction and fiction writing. The children have produced journalistic writing and fiction writing inspired by a short animation. We are looking at up-levelling our writing in preparation for assessment week.

In Maths' sessions we are learning new methods for multiplication and continually working on our mental maths' strategies.

During Art sessions, we are creating an artist study on the artist Alexander Calder and finishing our R.E projects, where we have been working collaboratively finding out about different religions, which we will then present to the class.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

Priory Class are at the start of a very busy term! We have made a start on our summer production, with the children designing and creating excellent props and scenery. To ensure the production runs smoothly and rehearsals can concentrate on acting skills, please help your child to learn their lines and cues.

During Literacy lessons we have been discussing the use of formal and informal language. Using this knowledge, we had to imagine we were training at circus school and write a letter home. Our letters needed to include what the training was like, whether we had made any new friends and what the instructors were like. The children wrote very interesting letters that contained a wide range of unusual teachers!

In Numeracy lessons we have been learning how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.

Scholastic Book Fair

Priory Class are excited to announce that they will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair! This is a wonderful literacy event that will be a great fundraiser for our school, enabling us to acquire much-needed resources to benefit our children's education and encourage a love of reading.

A percentage of all the money spent at the Book Fair comes back to our school in the form of commission which will be used to improve our current collection of books, giving us access to the latest titles and award-winning titles.

The book fair will be open:

Wednesday 17th June: 3:00 – 3:45

Thursday 18th June: 3:00 – 3:45

Saturday 20th June: For the duration of the school fete

Burford Stars

Stars last week of term were **Ceara Townsend** and **Amy Buckland**. This week they are **Gaby Smith** and **Emily Mardle**.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 11th June at 2.45 p.m.

Zak Morgan for being very helpful and trying really hard in all our activities, keep up the good work Zak.

Isaac Harris for amazing progress in his reading and writing, what a star.

Oliver Rix for an excellent improvement in writing. Oliver is concentrating much more in class and making a huge effort to move his learning forwards. Good job Oliver!

Lewis Batty for his amazing homework and effort with his writing in class. Lewis is working really hard and maturing greatly as a learner. Great work Lewis!

Stanley Pitt for a piece of outstanding narrative work which Stanley produced for homework. Each week we are delighted by another chapter and look forward to finding out more!

Archie Salsbury for a piece of outstanding narrative work which Archie produced for homework. Each week we are delighted by another chapter and look forward to finding out more!

Jade Mapplethorpe for writing an exciting letter about her training at circus school.

David Pittaway, Oliver Traynor and Sam Blantz for working well as a team to paint a detailed town setting to be used as scenery for our production.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 11th June at 2.45 p.m.

Congratulations to **Thomas Elvidge** for passing his grading and has been promoted to blue belt. Well done Thomas.

Congratulations to **Connor Brimblecombe** for riding his bike without stabilisers on Saturday 30th May. Well done Connor.

FOBPS

Cook for Books

Well done Priory Class, you raised a £36.15 for Cook for Books, which now puts your total at **£69.15** Congratulations.

The totals so far are:

Warwick = **£83.00**

Windrush = **£99.10**

Tolsey = **£87.40**

Priory = **£69.15**

Ice Cream Friday

The first Ice Cream Friday will be held on 3rd July straight after school.

Rags 2 Ritches

A big thank you to everyone who donated their clothes, we raised £61.10 with the first collection and the second collection will be on Thursday 2nd July.

Smarties Tubes

The Smartie Tube collection was a success and altogether we raised £86. Thank you to all the families who took part.

Non Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 5th June in exchange for sweets and bottles for our Summer Fete. This will be repeated on Friday 12th June just for our Year 5's as they are missing out tomorrow due to being at Burford School.

Can children in Warwick Class and Windrush Class please bring in boxes of chocolate/multipacks of sweets, chocolate biscuits and large packs of wrapped sweets and can children in Tolsey Class and Priory Class please bring in in bottles of drink, sauces and shower gel.

Alternatively, if it is easier we ask that if you can make a donation of £1. There will be members of the FOBPS team at the school gates collecting all donations that morning and if your child is in Breakfast Club they can hand in their donation to a member of staff.

We would like to thank you in advance as these donations are a great help in raising money on the day of the fete.

Raffle Tickets

You should have now received your raffle tickets in your child's book bag before half term and we would really appreciate it if you could sell as many raffle tickets to friends and family as possible.

Also if you or the company that you work would like to help us by donating a prize for the raffle then please speak to either Louisa Swann or Lizanne Harris. Thank you.

FOBPS cont/d

Summer Fête

As you know our Summer Fete is on **Saturday 20th June from 12pm to 2pm** and if you have any teddies that your children no longer use, we would love for you to donate them to our Teddy Tombola. There will be a donation box on the veranda nearer the time alternatively you can hand your teddies in to a member of the FOBPS team.

If you are available to help out on the day or would like to run a stall, then please see either Louisa Swann or Lizanne Harris.

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.

FOBPS Meeting

The date of the next FOBPS meeting will be Monday 15th June straight after school so if you want to come along, you would be very welcome. Please remember you have the option to put your children into After School Club for the duration of the meeting but please ensure that they are booked in by Thursday 11th June so that appropriate members of staff can be arranged.

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

Message from Burford School

Please see notice on next page asking for your help!

Community Hosts needed for 3 nights during the Ugandan Exchange visit. Can you help?

We are looking for anyone interested in hosting two Ugandan students for bed and breakfast, for the nights of Thursday 2nd July, Friday 3rd July and Monday 6th July. They are between the ages of 16 and 18, have a cheerful outlook on life, will share a bedroom and speak reasonably good English so communication is never a problem

About the link

Burford School has a link set up in 1994 with Bishop Dunstan School in Kalangala, Ssesse Island Uganda. Each two/three year cycle a group of 12 Burford students visit Uganda and then 12 exchange Ugandan students return the following year being hosted by the students but also by the local community. This means their experience of English family life is not limited to one family and it is a chance for others outside of the immediate Link partners to enjoy their company and learn about Uganda. It is an excellent opportunity to experience the Link first-hand and enjoy the warmth of these wonderfully friendly students.

If you would like to know more about hosting these students please contact Jane George (former community host now partner host) on 01993 824143 or by e-mail teethatbeechgrove@hotmail.com or alternatively Suzanne McRae, Uganda Coordinator, on 01993 823303 or e-mail smcr6413@burford.oxon.sch.uk

If you would like to know more about Burford Uganda link please visit the school website