

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Proud to become an Academy with ODST

Last Thursday (1st October) we held a celebratory assembly to mark the occasion of Burford Primary School joining the Oxford Diocesan Schools' Trust (ODST) as an academy; a very special occasion in its almost 140 year history. Anne Davey, Chief Executive, David Locke, Operations' Manager and Suzanne Lane, School Link Adviser, from ODST, joined our celebration.

Key Stage 1 children sang a French song, 'Salut! Ça va?', with Key Stage 2 ringing handbells to celebrate in traditional style, followed by the singing of 'Thank your Lucky Stars'. To demonstrate the process of change, from the old to the new, Year 5 & 6 children read their own versions of 'Just so stories'.

Anne Davey presented the ODST Academy Plaque and shared this with the children. She talked about each child being special and how ODST would support their school in helping them to be the best learners possible, both now and in the years ahead

Year 6 – Secondary School placement

All year 6 children need to apply for a Secondary School place by **Monday 2nd November 2015** at the latest. Apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions If you are unable to access the website, paper copies can be obtained from the school office, but please remember to do this well before the deadline to allow time for posting.

Achiever Awards Assembly

Please come and join us for this term's Achiever Awards Assembly on **Wednesday 4th November at 2.45 p.m.** Letters announcing the winners will be sent out next week.

Wet weather – appropriate clothing

During this wet weather period, a few children have been coming into school without coats. Please ensure your child has a coat with them. Also, please ensure all items of clothing are named, so that any lost property can be quickly returned. School does not have the capacity to store lost property and so items with 'no names' will be sold as second hand uniform. Please remember that jewellery should be kept to a minimum, in line with our uniform policy - no items are permitted to be worn during any sporting activities for health & safety reasons. Tape will be used to cover stud earrings if they cannot be removed.

School car Park

It has been reported that children are running between parked cars and some scooters colliding into cars – to avoid damage to staff cars, it is imperative that you are supervising your child at all times and encouraging them to stand with you, prior to the gate opening. Thank you for your support.

Collecting children from activity clubs

Please could all parents wait under the veranda for their child to finish activity clubs and supervise their siblings at **all** times. We are concerned that our Caretaker is cleaning at that time and a range of chemicals could be around in classrooms.

Family Learning

Please sign up to attend our Family Learning Sessions (information at the end of this newsletter). We require at least eight families to register to ensure these sessions commence. We hope to begin on Thursday, 5th November at 9.30am – there will be five sessions, focusing on how you can support your child's literacy at home. Please book your place with Sally Hunt, in the Office, before half term as we need to let the organisers know the numbers to ensure the course runs.

Jenny Dyer

Chair of Governor's Message

'The effectiveness of the school's engagement with parents and carers' is one of a number of judgments under 'the Effectiveness of Leadership and Management' in the Ofsted Framework.

The Governors of Burford Primary School are responsible for agreeing the strategic vision, direction and ethos of the school, in cooperation with the leadership team, staff, pupils, community and parents. We regularly attend the school to meet with staff and pupils and would like to invite all parents to our Governor/Parent coffee mornings that will take place throughout the academic year.

These coffee mornings are a fantastic opportunity for you, as a parent, to find out more about who we are, what we actually do, how many meetings we attend and for what reason, our role, what our background and skills are and, most importantly, what impact we have on the progress, attainment and achievement outcomes for your child(ren).

The dates for these coffee mornings and governors in attendance are now listed on our Governor Board (opposite the school office). We understand that some parents were unable to attend last year and, therefore, have arranged these on different days of the week.

If you have any ideas on how to improve Governor/Parent communication further, please contact the school office (via email or in person).

I sincerely hope you are able to attend and look forward to meeting you at our coffee mornings.

Zoey Khan
Chair of Governors

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Forest School sessions have got off to a great start; we have been exploring our woodland, learning the rules and boundaries to keep us safe and using natural materials to build and create. The Parents Handbook is now available on the school website or in the classroom so do have a read through, especially if you are volunteering with us.

Now we have some signs of autumn, the children have been exploring colour and being creative with leaves; we are also helping to look after the schools very own hedgehog!

Phonics' sessions are in full swing - we have been learning initial sounds; the children seem to be enjoying these sessions especially the games and 'celebrations' we have for good listening.

We were all very proud of the Reception children's singing and behaviour at the recent Harvest Festival and are looking forward to performing again at Christmas with the Nursery children and Windrush Class.

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Last week was very poetic! We have been learning to paint a picture with words to create free verse poems. Our class poem had a structure but no rhyme; the children created the verses and agreed on changes and additions. (Published at the end of this newsletter!).

This piece of work covered spoken word objectives, as well as writing, reading, maths (months of the year) and art. Well done to everyone in Windrush Class who either read a line aloud or shared their art work. Mrs Bennett and I were very proud of how the children presented the poem on stage in church. This week we are preparing to make i-books, using our setting and character work completed this week. It's all go in maths too with repeating patterns and number exploration using all operations.

A reminder! Please can you make sure all items of clothing are labelled; Windrush Class seem to have the ability to loose items of clothing, even when they are trying their very best not to!

Trousers/skirts and t-shirts as well as jumpers would be really helpful for swimming and PE sessions! Please also encourage your children to dress themselves independently at home as they will benefit from the practise when at swimming or getting changed for PE. Mrs Bennett and I cannot get 30 children dressed; we're good, but not that good!

Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class, during literacy lessons the children have finished their narrative work on Rapunzel and the Clocktower and produced excellent descriptive work. Now they are working on performance poetry and have shown such enthusiasm and talent for performance. In maths lessons, we are learning how to double and halve numbers by partitioning and recombining. We are also doing further work on strategies for multiplication and division.

Tolsey Class cont/d...

During science lessons, we are working on sound and carrying our different investigations to explore how we hear sound. We are also enjoying the use of microscopes which are on loan to us from the Royal Microscopic Society. We have been amazed by the difference between what we see with our eye and what we see through the microscopes. The children enjoyed learning about Harvest and created a super Harvest poem. I was very proud of how confident they were reading their poem in church.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In numeracy lessons we have been revising multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10, decimal place value and addition. As the class were such experts with addition, they created informative tuition videos explaining the process. All the videos were super impressive; if you're unsure of what to do, just ask a member of Priory.

During literacy we finished writing our Just So Stories based on African animals. All the children worked hard to produce imaginative and well written stories explaining why certain animals look the way they do today. There were several 'naked' mole rats, one of which had an accident with an electric razor, a hare whose long ears were stretched during a snake attack and several monkeys whose bottoms are pink as a result of sitting on berries!

Due to the wet weather earlier this week, the children played with clothes from the dressing up box. It was lovely to see them play and really enjoy using the clothes and because of this, I would be grateful for any other costumes/old clothes that you no longer want, so that they can make use of them. Thank you.

Burford Stars

This week's stars are Reece Townsend and Madison Taylor.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 16th October 2015 9 a.m.

Kian Whalley - Kian has been enthusiastic about all of the different experiences encountered since starting his new school and perseveres in all activities. Keep up the great work Kian.

Lyra Lake for her growing confidence in sharing news and excellent ideas with the class, well done Lyra.

Zak Morgan for excellent listening and really great work in maths. Zak is really confident with his numbers and problem solving. Good job Zak!

Tamara Hayden for a high standard of literacy work. Tamara takes great care over the presentation of her work and plans her writing carefully. Keep up the great work Tamara!

Daniel Bowman for enthusiasm and growing independence in maths.

Rhys Cooper for always showing such enthusiasm for his learning and work at home, practising his mission spellings.

Gold Book Certificates cont/d.

Eve Blantz for producing a creative and information video on rhinos. It was brilliant to see your journalistic side and presenting skills.

Camille Duff for producing a creative and information video on zebras. It was brilliant to see your journalistic side and presenting skills.

Kyla Mackie for writing a well thought out poem on lions for homework. I really enjoyed reading it and loved the rhyme.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 16th October 2015 9 a.m.

Oliver Davies for completing the summer reading challenge at the library. Six books read for the certificate. Well done Oliver.

Harrison Davies for completing the summer reading challenge at the library. Six books read for the certificate. Well done Harrison.

Thomas Elvidge for obtaining a red belt in Kuk Sool Won. Well done Thomas.

Madison McDowall-Gilbert for passing her graded examination in dance with a distinction.

Olivia Bazeley has competed in the Witney and District Swimming Club- Club Championships over the last two weekends. Olivia swam in seven events in the 11yrs and under category, achieving lots of PB'S and she was especially pleased with her PB in the 50m butterfly. Congratulations Olivia.

A Year of Harvest by Windrush Class

In January, harvest gives us a jar of shiny red jam.

In February, harvest gives us a hot, fluffy jacket potato smothered in butter.

In March, harvest gives us a vase of daffodils as yellow as the sun.

In April, harvest gives us a frosty glass of freshly squeezed orange juice.

In May, harvest gives us crunchy, carrot, cabbage coleslaw.

In June, harvest gives us a healthy glass of carrot juice.

In July, harvest gives us a bowl of tomato soup made with grandads home grown tomatoes.

In August, harvest gives us a cone of hot steaming chips, ready for salt and vinegar.

In September, harvest gives us a castle of pancakes drizzled with chocolate sauce and bacon.

In October, harvest gives us pumpkin pie, pumpkin soup and a pumpkin carved to give you a fright.

In November, harvest gives us a plate of porridge with a blob of chocolate.

In December, harvest gives us a fruity, flaming Christmas pudding, fit for a feast.

FOBPS

Rags 2 Riches

Thank you to everyone who bought in their collection bags for Rags 2 Riches, we managed to raise over £70.

Cook For Books

Warwick Class Cook for Books will be this Friday after school on the veranda. Can parents please leave their cake donations in the meeting room on Friday morning.

If you have a child in after school or in an activity club on Friday and would like to buy a cake, then please see a member of the FOBPS team and they will leave a cake in the meeting room with your name on it.

Christmas Cards

Your children have now designed their very own Christmas cards and they have been sent off to the printers. You should hopefully receive the order forms before half term so please look out for them in your child's book bag.

Save the Dates

Friday 4th December – This will be when we hold our annual Christmas Bazaar. If you would like to get involved or help in any way please speak with Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann.

Friday 11th March – This will be when we hold our Spring Ball in the beautiful St John the Baptist Church. Tickets will cost £45 and will be on sale in the early part of December. The theme this time around is The Mad Hatters Tea Party so if you would like to be involved or help with decorations etc. please see Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann.

FOBPS on Social Media!

Don't forget to give us a 'like' on **Facebook** and we can 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

A date for the first FOBPS meeting of this academic year has not been confirmed yet, but we will let you know as soon as we have a date.

If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann, or myself 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 lizanne@pingthing.co.uk



Family Learning at



Burford Primary School

Keeping Up With the Children Course

GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES

It's free!

Find out how you can support
your child's Literacy
learning at home

Starts: Thursday, 5th November 2015

(Every Thursday for 5 weeks)

Time: 9.30-11.30am

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