

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Maths' Morning

On behalf of Mrs Beaney, a big thank you to all the parents who attended the Maths' Morning yesterday – it was good to see so many. We hope you found the information helpful and enjoyed all of the Mathematical activities in classes and gained a greater understanding of how you can support your child. For those unable to attend, the Calculation Policy and PowerPoint presentation will be available on our school website shortly.

It's Panto time!

On Wednesday next week, all the children will be going to see the Robin Hood Panto at Chipping Norton Theatre. Lunches will be served a little later on this day on their return. Please ensure that your child's permission slip has been signed and returned to the office before the day.

Parent Consultations

On Monday 7th December the school will be closing at 2.00 p.m. for parent consultations. Afterschool Club will continue for those regularly booked in. Sign-up sheets to make your appointments are available in your child's class.

Week commencing 14th December

During this last week of term, there will be no activity afterschool clubs – i.e. netball, cookery or art, due to Christmas activities taking place, nor will there be any swimming lessons for both Windrush and Tolsey class.

Achiever Award assembly

This term's Achiever Award Assembly will take place on Thursday, 17th December at 2.45 p.m. Letters to the achievers will be sent out shortly.

Parents of Nursery children

If your child was born on or between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, you need to apply for a primary school place now (Reception year). Deadline is 15th January 2016. You can either apply on line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or you can pick up a paper application form from the school office.

Future Dates for your diary:-

Friday 4th December – 3.15 p.m. Christmas Bazaar;
Monday 7th December – 2.00 p.m. School closing. Parent consultation meetings from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Performances: Warwick and Windrush Classes at 2.00 p.m. & Tolsey and Priory Classes at 6.00 p.m. in Burford Church

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch for all children.
Thursday 17th December – 9.00 a.m. Governor Coffee Morning.
Thursday 17th December 2.45 p.m. Achiever Awards assembly.
Friday 18th December – School closes at 1.15 p.m.
Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 3.

RADIO OXFORD SOCK APPEAL

Please find details at the end of this newsletter.

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class enjoyed their Maths' morning in conjunction with the whole school session. We tied it in with our recent objectives of weight and direction, making balance cakes in small groups and using the mini i-Pads to play a directional robot game.

We have enjoyed learning about Diwali over the past few weeks, culminating in the reception children learning a dance that tells the story of Diwali and how it is celebrated; I was very impressed with their dancing.

We are now ready to get 'glittery' and start our Christmassy creations! All children should now know what part they are playing in the Christmas performance and we will start rehearsing with Windrush Class next week and have some extra singing sessions.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Windrush Class produced some beautiful artwork for Remembrance Day, which is proudly displayed in both the classroom and on the Veranda.

We are very proud of our class, for their participation in the Maths' morning; they showcased some of the equipment used during Maths' sessions and enjoyed sharing some of their learning with parents.

In literacy we are polishing up our sentence writing to ensure we are structuring everything correctly and using the correct punctuation. The year one children are getting good at planning sentences in their hands, placing a word on each finger.

We are full steam ahead with the Christmas play; please look out for a costume letter next week.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class, we have started narrative work on African fables. The children have read some African fables and used drama to tell their own story in a similar style. We have been watching short animations of the 'Just So' stories by Rudyard Kipling and will be creating our own story using them for inspiration.

In Maths, we have had an excellent week working on multiplication; the children enjoyed seeing some of their parents come into school and I was very impressed as to how the children could explain their methods.

During Topic, we are finding out about our local area, which includes observational skills in Science, using the microscopes.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beane

I am extremely proud of all the children in Priory Class for their behaviour and engagement in the Maths' Morning. It was fantastic to see the children explaining and then playing the games they created.

In order to prepare for the Maths' Morning, we focused on written methods of multiplication in Numeracy.

In Literacy, we have written biographies on Nelson Mandela. As we write, we are ensuring that formal language is used, they are written in the third person and that our writing is interesting to the reader.

On **Monday 14th of December at 3:20 p.m.** I will be holding a SATs' Meeting to explain the changes to the tests, the higher demand in expectation and what parents can do to support at home.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 4th December 2015 9 a.m.

Luka Shankland for his super progress in phonics, Luka has worked really hard learning all the phase two sounds and is always enthusiastic during our phonic games. Keep up the great work.

Ruby Agg for sharing her enthusiasm and knowledge about weight and balancing during Maths' sessions. Well done Ruby.

Micheala Barratt trying very hard to behave well in class and be a kind friend; we have noticed a real improvement. Micheala is also trying very hard to build up her reading skills. Good effort Micheala, keep it up!

Julian Schulz for being very conscientious with his spelling and presentation when writing. Julian is very good at asking for help to make sure his writing is as good as it can be. Well done Julian!

Gold Book Certificates cont/d...

Tallulah Smith for a fantastic attitude towards her learning. She has made great improvements to her writing and improved confidence in Maths. Keep up the good work Tallulah.

Jake Chandler for working hard to improve the quality of his writing. Jake is also showing much greater concentration and focus during lessons. Keep up the hard work Jake.

Linos Cooper for making an exciting and engaging game for the Maths' Morning. Your game was clear, easy to understand and beautifully presented.

Tyler Bowman for working hard in all areas of learning. You are always trying to achieve the best you can. Keep it up.

Mission Complete

Awarded Friday 4th December 2015 9 a.m.

Mission Complete! - Well done **Olivia Lampard**, you have worked so hard to get all of your spellings correct, now for your next mission!

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 4th December 2015 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **George Khan** for moving onto Stage 9 in his swimming lessons. Well done George keep up the good work.

Congratulations to **Olivia Bazeley** for passing her ASA swimming gold challenge. Really well done Olivia.

Congratulations to **Isabella Prowton** who has met all the prescribed techniques and theory laid down by Monkey Dragon Karate organisation and is hereby registered as a 10th KYU. Well done Isabella.

Burford Stars

Last week's week stars were Camille Duff and Sophie Wilson. This week's stars are Madison Taylor and David Pittaway.

Outdoor Learning Projects

On Saturday 21st November, we held an event for the playground project. Manfred & Gabi Schotten kindly let us use their 'little cinema' venue for an Indian evening. It was a wonderful night with a curry and a film, kindly organised by a team of parents and supported by the Governors and their guests; and generously supported by Burford's Spice Lounge & the Co-Op. We raised **£875.60** towards the outdoor learning project.

On Saturday 12th December – Karen Patterson (Kayde's Mum) has organised a carol singing & cake selling event at the Tolsey at 10.30 a.m. This was a lovely event held last year, which gained very positive feedback from the Town and shops. Please come along and support this year's event and enjoy a festive song and mince pie. Please see Shelley Dapiton-Bush (Pippa's Mum) for details.

FOBPS

Xmas Bazaar

Don't forget our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 4th December straight after school.

If you haven't done so already, please return your raffle tickets, sold or unsold, to the office or a member of the FOBPS team by Friday 27th November.

If you would like to get involved or help in any way please speak with Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann.

Wonderland Spring Ball

On Friday 11th March 2016, FOBPS will be holding our next fabulous Ball. It will be held once again, in the beautiful St. John the Baptist Church and will be Wonderland themed. There will be a sparkling reception, a three course dinner with wine, live band, bar and a fantastic raffle.

The aim of the Ball is to raise much needed funds towards the refurbishment and updating of our Warwick Class.

In order to raise as much money as possible, we are asking for **9 table sponsors** to help us. Each table sponsor is required to donate £75 plus a raffle prize in return for numerous areas of advertising and donation recognition at the Ball. If you or the company you work for would like to find out more information about becoming a sponsor, then **please** contact the school or Lizanne Harris at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk

The cost is £45 per person and the tickets will be on sale soon! If you would like a ticket or 2, then please contact the Chair of the PTA, Mrs Lizanne Harris at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk or contact the school office on 01993 822159 or email office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk
We hope you'll be able to join us on the night for another wonderful event!

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 next FOBPS meeting has not been confirmed yet, but we will let you know as soon as we have a date.

If you would 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 wish!

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

RADIO OXFORD SOCK APPEAL
(1st DEC – 24th DEC)



Can you help us to support those in need this Christmas?

Burford Primary School are teaming up with Radio Oxford in the hope that we can support some very worthy local charities provide someone in need with a nice pair of warm cozy and hopefully fun socks for the cold winter months.

What are we asking for?

Donate **NEW** (standard adult size) pairs of socks. It will be helpful if they still have the label on so the sizes can be identified. Make sure all socks are in pairs attached with a tag or safety pin. Added bonus would be if they are colourful and fun, just to add a smile to the recipients faces!

Please hand the socks to your child's class teacher before the last week of term.

Partnerships:

The following charities have signed-up with us to receive the donations:

1. Gatehouse
2. The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre
3. Oxford Homeless Pathways
4. Crisis
5. St Mungo's Broadway
6. Diocese Of Oxford

We will be tracking the success of the appeal with the children and follow on with the theme in January with a 'Big Write' entitled 'The Mystery of the Missing Sock!'

Thank you for your support!