

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back – I hope you all had a lovely half term. The children all look refreshed ready to start another busy term.

### Swimming & Paddock School

I would like to notify you of a slight change to our planned rota for swimming lessons for the Tolsey/Priory Classes – Tolsey Class will now be swimming this term and next (Term 5), with Priory Class swimming during Term 6 when SATs are all over. Priory Class will also be attending Filkins Wood for Forest School during this term.

### Priory Class visit Burford School for author visit

On Tuesday next week (1<sup>st</sup> March), Priory Class will be walking to Burford School to listen and meet the author Jo Cotterill. Jo will be talking about her latest book 'Electrigril'. The event will start at 9.45 a.m. and finish around 11 a.m. Should you wish to purchase a copy of her book, they are available from the Madhatter's Bookshop for a Primary School discounted price of £5.60. If you buy a copy in advance, she will happily sign it on the day.

### World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

We are all looking forward to dressing up as our favourite book character next week. Please see Mrs Duff's information about the day further on in this newsletter.

### Parent Consultations – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Please note this date in your diaries, starting at 2.30 p.m. The school will be closing at 2.00 p.m. that day, but the After School Club will be open until 5.30 p.m. Appointment lists will be displayed by classroom doors in the very near future.

Jenny Dyer  
Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had a good half term. Warwick class have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year; we made and ate chow mein with everybody using chopsticks, some for the first time, with great skill. The children discovered it was the year of the monkey and enjoyed playing along with drums and dancing to Chinese dragon music. They also created lanterns, lucky money envelopes, blossom paintings and fans and even had a go at Chinese writing!

We are looking forward to our four sessions back at Forest School, to see what changes have occurred in the woodland and continue with our journey of exploration.

## Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Mrs Bennett and I are sure everyone has grown! It is nice to be back and fully into the swing of all things Windrush.

In Literacy this week we are preparing for our 'Big Write' as well as polishing up on grammar. The Year 1 children have been working on plural and singular words and Year 2 children (along with a few Year 1 children) looking at the singular possessive apostrophe.

Maths has got off to a puzzling start with the Year 2 children tackling an interesting investigation. It was great to see 'light bulb' moments happening all over the classroom! The Year 1 children have been learning how to use some more sophisticated mathematical language as well as working on their place value knowledge.

In Science, we are looking at animal habitats and I am super impressed with how well the children understand reasons why certain animals and plants do well in different surroundings. Our hot/cold blooded lesson from last term has come back into play very nicely! We are also conducting a science investigation linked to bacteria and hand washing. Ask your child to explain to you how we are testing the effectiveness of thorough hand washing!

**Year 2 Parents only** are invited to join me for a meeting on **Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3.20 p.m.** in the classroom to discuss **end of KS1** tests in May.

Mrs Duff

## Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey the children have continued working on shape and space in Maths. We are drawing and describing 2D shapes, using mathematical language. Some of the children are identifying different types of angles and learning how to use protractors. In Literacy we are finishing work on instructions and I am enjoying reading their instructions on how to create the Perfect Teacher! The children produced some excellent work during our Big Write Day and enjoyed sharing their story ideas with Priory Class.

We have started learning about electricity in Science and the children created Safety posters and made an electrical circuit. We started swimming lessons, which the children enjoyed and are looking forward to our visit to the Roald Dahl Museum.

## Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a relaxing and restful holiday. With SATS only nine 'working weeks' away, the Year 6 in Priory Class are very busy getting ready for their end of year tests. To help your child do as well as possible, please continue to support them learning their spellings and multiplication facts and ensure homework is completed.

In topic work, the children have started an extended project researching, storyboarding, scripting and filming their own documentary, based on an aspect of Anglo-Saxon life. Hopefully, we will have lots of exciting and engaging films to share with you!

## Burford Stars

Last week's stars were **Brandon Whalley** and **Luke Johnson**. This week's stars are **Brandon Whalley** and **Sacha Boast**.

## WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY MARCH 3rd

**\*\*\*\*Come dressed as your favourite book character\*\*\*\***

Preparations are well under way for a fun-packed day which is designed to ignite everyone's passion for the wonder of books.

This is another reminder for all parents that **children and staff** will be dressing up as **book characters** for the day. For great ideas just Google 'World Book Day'.

To add to the money already raised at the talent contest for our sponsor child Annunciate, we would ask that you provide your child with a **donation of 50p** for the day. We hope to be able to send a healthy sum to Africa by the end of the school year to help buy books and other school equipment that she so desperately needs.

**Warwick Class** children should bring their costumes in bags to change into after Forest School in the morning.

There is **no need to come to school in uniform** but do make sure your costume is warm enough for outside play! We will be taking lots of photographs of the day which will be posted onto our school website. Each child will be given a book token to spend and Mrs Ralphs will be preparing a special lunch for the day! Please see your child's Class Teacher with any questions you may have.

Mrs Duff - Literacy Coordinator.

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 9 a.m.**

**Ruby Agg** for her hard work and commitment to progress in reading skills. Well done Ruby keep up the good work.

**Kian Whalley** for always being keen to have a go at what is on offer in Warwick Class and being a good role model; keep up the great work Kian.

**Albert Pitt** for an impressive start to the new term. Albert has been helpful, kind, conscientious and super polite. He has also really impressed me with his scientific knowledge of bacteria during our investigation. Keep up the fantastic effort Albert!

**Lily O'Brien** for being a very helpful and mature member of our class. Lily always makes sure she has done her best; she asks excellent questions and is an 'all round' fabulous role model.

**Archie Salsbury** for excellent work, identifying angles in Maths and good use of a protractor to measure the angles. Archie has also shown perseverance and hard work on his times tables challenge. Well done Archie!

**Ellie Marshall** for excellent behaviour and focus during lessons. Also, Ellie has been working hard on her cursive handwriting and improving the output of her writing. Keep up the hard work.

**Reece Townsend** for working hard to complete Literacy and Numeracy work to the best of his ability. In recent weeks I have been pleased with how well you have been listening and trying hard to apply your learning. Keep up the good work Reece.

**Madison Taylor** for working hard to improve your numeracy skills. I really enjoy working with you on a Monday evening. You always listen, ask questions when needed, and apply the knowledge learnt. Keep up the good work.

## Golden Post Box

**Awarded Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 9 a.m.**

Congratulations to **Olivia Bazeley** for passing her Grade 1 ballet exam with a merit. Well done Olivia.

Congratulations to **Sam Staveley** who passed his level 4 'Rock Start' climbing certificate. Sam has now completed the Rock Start programme and will now join the NICAS climbing programme. Well done Sam!

**Future dates for your diary -**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Tolsey Class** visiting Roald Dahl Museum. Separate letters will follow.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – 3.15 p.m. FOBPS meeting

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – 9.00 a.m. Assembly – presentation by CCS and 123ICT to our winners of the recent competition.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – 9.00 a.m. Governor Coffee Morning

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – 2.30 p.m. Parent Consultations. School closes at 2.00 p.m.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – 9.30 a.m. Easter Service in the Church.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – School closes at **1.10 p.m.** for Easter.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April** – Term 5 starts.

**SATs week** – 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

# FOBPS

**Wonderland Spring Ball – What to wear?**

Eclectic Heart, Helen & Douglas House Shop, 50 High Street, Burford has a nice range of Ball gowns in stock, specifically sourced for our 'Ball guests' – please pop in and have a look.

**Hot Chocolate Friday**

The FOBPS team will be selling Hot Chocolates straight after school this Friday (26<sup>th</sup> February). 50p per cup and includes the choice of whipped cream and marshmallows.

**Cook for Books**

The next Cook for Books will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and will be the turn of Warwick Class.

**FOBPS Meeting**

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March straight after school. All are welcome and please remember to book your children into after school club as soon as possible.