

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Safety at the start and end of the school day

As the tourist season gets under way in Burford, it is even more important that you park your cars away from Priory Lane and walk with your child to and from school. Coaches and the 233 service bus all seem to be arriving to collect their passengers at the end of the school day, which is already putting our children at risk, and this is further exacerbated if cars are parked in restricted areas of Priory Lane. Thank you for your support on this really important issue.

Arrival times

So that learning can start as quickly as possible each morning, and to avoid disruptions to other children who have already arrived and settled, please ensure your child(ren) arrives at school by **8.40 a.m.**, in time for registration

The following table illustrates how, over time, significant amounts of learning time can be lost when children arrive late to school:

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year

You can see, 5 or 10 minutes really matters – it has a huge impact on your child(ren) individually and for the whole class. Thank you for your support.

Swimming for Tolsey & Priory classes

Priory class will be going swimming on **12th, 19th & 26th May and Tolsey on 9th, 16th & 23rd June** (all Thursday afternoons). All of these sessions will be for an hour, rather than 30 minutes, so the same amount of swim-time over three trips instead of six. Priory Class should have received a letter this week – if you have not already done so, please return the reply slip to the office as soon as possible.

'Forest School' at Filkins Wood

The following dates are when the children will be enjoying sessions at Filkins. Separate letters will be distributed to individual classes/year groups, as appropriate.

26th May – Windrush Class
9th June - Windrush Class
16th June - Priory Class
23rd June - Priory Class
30th June – Priory Class
7th July – Years 4 & 5 as a transition session with Mrs Beaney
14th July - Priory Class

Race for Life

All Burford Primary School children will be taking part in the school's Race for Life for Cancer Research. This will be held on the morning of **Wednesday 15th June at Burford Recreation**.

Parents are welcome to come and take part or support the runners on the day. All families should have received a sponsor form, so please encourage children to get sponsorship for this important cause that has touched most of our lives.

There is a lunchtime Running Club for Tolsey & Priory children on Tuesdays, so if your child has signed up, please remind them to bring their kit into school. Please see Mrs Lock for any further details.

Future dates for your diary

Thursday 26th May - Governor Coffee morning with John White & Richard Coombs
Friday 27th May – Achiever Awards assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 27th May – Term ends at 3.10 p.m.
Tuesday 7th June – Term 6 begins. Inset day on Monday 6th June.
Monday 13th June – School photographer – class photos & Year 6 leavers.
Monday 13th June – Year 5 Music Festival – rehearsals during the day and performance at 7.00 p.m. Burford School
Wednesday 15th June – Race for Life, Burford Recreation
Wednesday 29th June – Year 2 Music Festival – 5.45 p.m. Burford School.
Wednesday, 6th July 1p.m. Sports Day – Burford School
Monday 18th July 1p.m. Reserve Sports Day – Burford School
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th July – Induction new classes. Year 6 to Secondary Schools.
Tuesday 12th July – Priory Class Summer production – 7.00 p.m. performance – Burford School
Wednesday 13th July – Year 6 leavers trip
Monday 18th July Achiever Awards assembly
Tuesday 19th July 2.15 p.m. Assembly for Leavers – Burford Church
Wednesday 20th July 1.15 p.m. School closes. No Afterschool Club.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class has continued to learn lots of interesting facts about frogs and how they develop through the different stages. Some of our tadpoles are now getting close to being ready to release into the school pond; we just need to build a little step so they can get back out again!

Warwick cont/d...

The Reception children are practising their talk for writing, looking at amusing or interesting pictures and deciding what they think is happening in the picture and then writing a sentence (or more) about it. In maths they have been using non-standard and standard measures to see how far they can jump, like a frog, and recording numbers. We are also carrying out an experiment linked to Tim Peake's space mission, where we are growing 'Rocket'; the children chose to be on either the blue or red team, with the red team being slightly ahead in growth at the moment.

The Nursery children are practising lots of rhyme and alliteration activities to help with their journey into reading. In Maths they are playing games to help increase confidence in counting, learn to recognise numerals and help with correspondence of number. We are about to start some mini beast activities starting with 'Incy Wincey Spider'!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

This week, we have all landed on planet SATs! The Year Two children have started their tests by completing both reading papers either as a group or with 1:1 support. While we have been doing this, the year one children have had some great lessons with the Year 5 children. Their task has been to write a set of instructions for making a windmill. It has been really nice to see the older children working with the younger children so well. I'm very proud of how well everyone has coped with having their learning in different places, having different teachers and being super quiet so the Year Six children and Year Two children were not disturbed. Next week we will be doing the Maths papers.

I must also mention how amazingly well the children are doing in their swimming lessons. We saw some fantastic progress this week and have spotted some super talent!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class, during literacy lessons, we have been performing rainforest poems. The children enjoyed this greatly; were brilliant at being critical friends and gave good feedback to their peers. We enjoyed performing our poems to children in Priory Class and are now working on a counting poem for younger children, which we are going to perform to Warwick class. During Maths, we are working on methods of addition and subtraction and solving number and word problems.

During topic work, we have been continuing with our rainforest theme and using water colours to create rainforest art and also investigating plants during science. We have been learning the different parts of the plant and how they adapt to different habitats. The children enjoyed playing cricket and have also been learning about the weather and the seasons in French.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

This week, and over the last year, our Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard and deserve a huge well done. They are all amazing! Despite having some tricky tests, they have all tried their absolute best and should be proud of themselves for all they have achieved.

With the conclusion of SATs, we have lots of exciting projects and activities lined up to keep everyone engaged and focused until the end of the year. Forest School will begin in Term 6, with many of the children looking forward to some outdoor learning. There is the leavers' outing that needs to be planned and funds raised, in addition to our leavers' production and transition days.

Linking to our topic of Keen to Be Green and the Iron Man, we have learnt about the WEEE Man - test your child to see if they can tell you all about him! We would like to build our own large sculptures inspired by him and are therefore, still on the hunt for any (clean) packaging. I have had some donations, but more are still needed.

Burford Stars

Last week's star were **Brandon & Oliver**. This week's stars are **Sacha & Sophie**.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 20th May 2016 9 a.m.

Téa Mackie for gaining more confidence in her independent sentence writing, keep up the great work Téa.

Harry Chambers for making progress with his keywords and reading, he is trying really hard, you are a star Harry.

Alfie Hoare for making a big effort to improve his writing. Alfie is great at checking in with me to see if there is anything he can improve. What an amazing learner!

Harrison Davies for having a fantastic attitude to learning. Harrison's reading and writing have improved greatly and he is always trying his hardest to present me with his best work.

Corey Toms for showing excellent sportsmanship during cricket. As well as showing talent, Corey demonstrated good leadership skills when organising the fielding of his team.

Elsjé Grimes for showing enthusiasm and an excellent attitude towards her learning in mathematics. Elsjé is picking up new methods quickly and focuses well in every lesson.

To all of my amazing and hardworking Year 6 children. I am so proud of each and every one of you. You have worked incredibly hard over the last year to revise key topics and, in some cases, learn totally new material.

Camille Duff for showing all the skills needed in an excellent independent learner. I have been impressed with how hard you have worked on your Keen to be Green scrapbook. You have researched the needed information and presented it neatly in an attractive manner. Fantastic work!

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 20th May 2016 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Anna Swann** and **Olivia Bazeley** who took part in their swim club's junior championships at the weekend. They got through the heats and were selected to take part in two finals each and both won two medals each. Well done girls.

Congratulations to **Zachary Mead** who received an outstanding achievement award for excellent play and sportsmanship in football. Well done Zachary.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please search your purses, wallets, handbags etc to see if you have any vouchers at home & pop them in the box outside the office- thank you. We will be placing our order very soon.

News from Burford School

An advanced notification that an Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils will take place on Thursday 22nd September 2016, from 4.30pm until 7.00pm.

FOBPS

Cook for Books

The next Cook for Books will be on Friday 20th May and is the turn of Tolsey Class. Please look out for the reminders in your child's book bags. If you would like to help with the cake sale, please let Lizanne Harris or any other member of the FOBPS team know. Thank you.

Summer Fete

Our annual Summer Fete will be held on 9th July. We are looking for any ideas or suggestions of stalls, games, food, or anything else you would like to see happen on the day. All ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Upcoming Dates

Cooks for Books	Fri 20 th May 2016	Tolsey 3.10 pm Veranda
Cooks for Books	Fri 17 th June 2016	Priory 3.10 pm Veranda
Bags 2 School	Mon 20 th June	Veranda
Non Uniform Day	Thurs 30 th June 2016	£1 donation or a bottle
Ice Cream Fri	Fri 1 st July 2016	3.10 pm veranda
Summer Fete	Sat 9 th Jul 2016	Paddock & whole school
Ice Cream Fri	Fri 15 th Jul 2016	3.10 pm veranda