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Head Teacher's Messages

Harvest Festival

We are holding our Harvest Festival Service on **Thursday** next week (**6th October**) starting at **9.30 a.m. at Burford Church**. The charity we are supporting is 'Besom' – an organisation in Witney which helps families in difficult situations. Donations should be non-perishable goods i.e. tinned veg, pasta, rice, cereals, jars of sauces and tins of meat, tinned fruit, etc. Cakes, biscuits, & sweets as treats. Household cleaning items/toilet rolls are always gratefully received. Parents, carers, grandparents – everyone welcome.

Afterschool Club

I am pleased to say that our afterschool club is extremely full every day now – the children love attending it and have lots of fun. However, we do need to know the exact numbers of children booked in so that Mrs Rigby can plan the sessions accordingly and also have the correct ratio of adults to children. Therefore, it is extremely important that you book your children into the club in advance – a booking form is available via the school website or from the school foyer. Please be aware that we require 24 hours notice of cancellation for booked sessions; those not attended without notice will be charged, as families will have potentially been turned away due to the afterschool club being full. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents of Year 6 children

All parents of Year 6 children should have received a letter regarding applying for a place at secondary school in September 2017. The deadline for on-time applications is **31st October**. Apply on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. Should you have any problems with this, please see Mrs Hunt in the school office who will be able to help you.

Nut Free School

We have children in our school and staff who have **severe, life threatening reactions (anaphylaxis)** if in contact with nuts, especially peanuts. We have noticed that some items in lunchboxes are containing items that have been produced in factories that are not nut free. Therefore, please could I ask that we are a 'nut free' school i.e. **no peanut butter** sandwiches, **no nuts in cakes** when brought into school for cake sales, **no Crunchy Nut cornflakes boxes** for junk modelling etc.

Thank you for your support and consideration in this extremely important matter.

Healthy Home Packed Lunches

Please could we remind all parents who supply their children with home packed lunches to ensure that they are filled with healthy foods – sandwiches, salad items, fruit, yoghurts, etc. Packets of crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars etc. are discouraged.

Race for Life

We have received a 'big thank you' from the Race for Life organisers for raising a grand total of £1155 for this worthwhile cancer charity. Thank you to all those who sponsored. Well done!

Jeans for Genes

Last Friday the children came to school wearing their jeans for the day and raised £66 for the charity.

Old newspapers

We would like to hold a stock for use during art activities – can we ask that you save these and bring them into school please.

Free school meals / service families

In addition to children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 all receiving free school meals through the Universal Government scheme, it is extremely important for **all** families to let us know if your annual family income is less than £16,190 and not receiving Working Tax Credit. If this is the case, the school receives an additional amount of funding which will enhance your child's learning provision. To check for you, we need your name, NI number and date of birth – please see the office staff in confidence. Otherwise, hot meals or school packed lunches are charged at £2.00 per day for pupils in Nursery, and Years 3 to 6.

Service children

An additional amount is received for these families, so please let the office know if you work for any of the armed forces.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

A term as a Parent Governor by Andrew Salsbury

Over the past two years I have been tasked with the responsibility for governor training. Each governor has to complete a day of training when they start, after which they are expected to attend courses to help them develop as governors. My part in this process is to identify courses, book some to be delivered here in school and to record them once done. This month a course covering "radicalisation" has been delivered.

On September 13th - 7pm till 8.30pm - I attended a meeting of the Full Governing Body. This meeting covered all aspects of school life - in particular, we reviewed the latest school SATs results and discussed our roles and responsibilities, were we to have an OFSTED inspection.

A term as a Parent Governor
by Andrew Salisbury cont/d...

On the 22nd of this month, I also attended a Governor and Parent Coffee Morning, to meet parents who wanted to chat over school issues in an informal setting.

I am a member of the Health & Safety and Premises Committee; the next termly meeting is at the beginning of October, with linked documents to review beforehand.

Finally, as a Class Link Governor, I get to visit a class in action - it's great to see the children grasping knowledge in a fun and safe environment. At the end of the visit I talk to the teacher to see how we can support more; then I write a report for the next Full Governing Body Meeting, so that everyone can find out what it's like 'at the sharp end'. I plan to carry out my next visit mid-October.

It's a privilege to be a Parent Governor and I'm grateful for the opportunity.

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class enjoyed their first Forest School session, exploring the woodland and hunting for mini beasts. The Reception children have now started phonic sessions, learning the phoneme, grapheme and finding objects with the initial sound that we are learning each day, followed by mark-making sessions to put what they are learning into context. Our recent text has been 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Snail and the Whale', which both focus on kindness, fitting nicely with our Family Links PSED sessions.

We have also been practising our Harvest Festival song ready for our visit to church next week.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had a great couple of weeks in Windrush where we are really starting to gel as learners. Everyone is starting to know what is what and where!

In Literacy, we have been working on nouns and verbs, as well as our handwriting and sentence planning.

Year One Maths has been all about the 1-100 square with lessons on how to use it and how it can help us. Year Two children are working on their place value which is so important to get right and understand.

Our displays are looking wonderful; filled with the children's artwork! Our latest work, based on watercolour technique, was very controlled and impressive! We now have lots of autumn leaves to display!

I would like to invite my parents (Y1 & 2) for a class meeting in the last week of term; I will come back to you all with a date via parent mail.

Tolsey Class

Acting Class Teacher – Mrs Wendy Corless

In Art, we have been working really hard, sketching in our new sketchbooks and learning about different artists. In D & T we are nearly ready to make the perfect sandwich after trying different types of bread and fillings.

The classroom is filling up with some super home-made shields, linked to our History lessons. I am sure the Romans would be queuing up to buy them! Well done everyone.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In Priory Class, the children have been showing great enthusiasm for their Forest School sessions. It is very enjoyable watching the children explore the woods and working together to collect bones and create dens. If you would like to join us for any of our Forest School sessions, please see me; your help would be very much appreciated.

In Literacy, we have started to plan an adventure story, drawing maps, with routes, of the adventure our main character will take. The children enjoyed telling peers their story and loved getting creative in art, drawing and designing a magical creature their character encounters.

In Maths we have finished our work on place value and are now ready to begin working on different methods of addition and subtraction, and when it is most appropriate to use these.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were **Max Ebeling** and **Ruby Wells**. This week they are **Levi Wilson** and **Connor Morgan**.

School Council 2016/17

I am very proud to be heading up the School Council this year and would like to introduce you to our fantastic team!

School President: Connor Morgan

Vice President: Kyla Mackie

Secretary: Jonah White

Financial Controller: Stanley Pitt

Year One: Lyra Lake & Sian Lewis

Year Two: Connor Brimblecombe & Lottie Salsbury

Year Three: Albert Pitt & Olivia Lampard

Year Four: Ronnie Wells & Pippa Dapiton-Bush

Year Five: Joshua Selita & Olivia Bazeley

The standard of speeches this year was very high and we were extremely proud of the effort that all candidates made and their enthusiasm for being part of this year's School Council.

We have lots of work ahead of us and look forward to our first meeting next week where we will be planning for better playtimes and creating a business plan for our Governors.

Mrs Duff

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 7th October 2016 9 a.m.

William Harrison for his super speaking and listening skills during news time; what a star you are William.

David Powell Jones for settling into his new school and environment so well and being very kind and attentive to others in the class, well done David.

Nathan Bradley for being so motivated to improve his work especially his reading and writing. Nathan is becoming a very mature and independent learner. Well done Nathan!

Scarlett Hanks for outstanding effort with her work which stands out as being carefully presented and well thought through. Another amazing role model in year two! Well done Scarlett.

Ronnie Wells for being considerate, thoughtful and helpful in the class. Thank you Ronnie.

Madison McDowall-Gilbert for super, creative writing in class. Keep up the good work Madi.

Olivia Bazeley for being an excellent role model. She always completes her work to the highest standard. I am very impressed with her listening skills and how she has worked hard to learn some difficult concepts in Maths. Keep up the good work.

Bridget Coombes for working really hard in all areas of curriculum. She has been working hard to improve her Literacy skills, both in class and with Mrs Gibbs. Well done Bridget!

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 7th October 2016 - 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Ellie Marshall** for achieving Stage 5 in swimming. Keep up the good work Ellie.

Well done to **Jonah White** for being achieving an entry level award in Initial Guitar, with merit.

Well done to **Connor Morgan** for being achieving an entry level award in Initial Guitar.

FOBPS

Bags 2 School

The first collection this year will be on Thursday 6th October at 9am. The donation bags have already gone out in the book bags, so please look out for them.

For everyone who is new to this type of collection, Bags2 School will collect the following items:

Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, jewellery, lingerie, belts and Soft toys.

If you fill your donation bag, please dont worry, as you can also use normal black sacks.

Cook for Books

The first Cook for Books will be on Friday 7th October and will be the turn of Warwick Class. For all the new families of Warwick Class, Cook for Books is a cake sale which is held after school on the Veranda with all proceeds going towards buying new books for your childs class.

On Monday, you will recieve a cake donation plate in your child's book bag, which we kindly ask for you to return with baked cakes on Friday morning. If you are like me and can not bake, don't worry we do accept store bought cakes 😊. Please remember that **all must be nut-free**.

We run this event twice throughout the year for each class. The class who raises the most money will not only recieve fabulous new books but also a prize and a donation of £20 towards their class end of year party. If you have any questions then please feel free to email me at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk

End of Term Disco

FOBPS would like to hold an end of term disco for the children. For this to happen, we will need an extra 7 volunteers to help out in the kitchen and run a few games. If you would like to volunteer then please email me or speak to me in the playground. Unfortunately, without the extra help we will not be able to run this event.

FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting has not been organised yet but if you would like copies of the minutes from the last meeting, then please get in touch. As always every parent or carer is welcome to our meetings and be part of our team.

FOBPS on Social Media

Don't forget to join our Facebook group to keep up to date on all our events and plans.

Community News



New Exercise Classes for Burford at Warwick Hall from 15 Sept

Mon 9.10-9.40am Bodyweight Interval Training,
9:45-10.30am Pilates.
Thu 6.55-7.25pm Bodyweight Interval Training, 7.30-8.15pm Pilates.
Both class types are suitable for all abilities - you do not need to be fit!
Buggy friendly.

£7 per class, £63 for 10 classes.

Call Jayne to book 07968 344681