

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

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.

End of Term

Term ends next Thursday (20th) at 3.10 p.m. as we have an inset day on Friday 21st October. Our Afterschool Club will run as normal, as will the Cookery Club with Mrs Ralphs. FoBPS will be holding their discos in the hall that day from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. – please see FoBPS' page for further details.

Start of Term 3 & Individual Photographs

Our term starts on **Monday 31st October**. Tempest Photography will be here from 8.40 a.m. to take individual photographs throughout the morning. Non-Burford Primary School siblings are welcome to come in at 8.40 a.m. so that they can be part of the 'sibling photograph' too – a great Christmas present!

Children in Years 1, 2 & 3 will be having their nasal flu spray in the afternoon, if parents have signed the consent form. Please can we ask parents to return this form before the end of term, if you have not already done so. Without this consent form, your child will miss out on this vaccination against flu.

Achiever Awards Assembly

We will be holding our Achiever Awards' Assembly for Term 1 winners on Friday 4th November at 9.00 a.m. The winners will be notified separately.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

Growth Mindset

At the beginning of our new academic year, the teaching staff attended a partnership day of training on Growth Mindset. The training was excellent and as a team we came away with lots of ideas on how to develop the Growth Mindset of the children we work with in order to foster a 'can do' attitude to life and learning.

The course was run by the amazing Will Ord who is one of education's finest speakers and influencers in areas such as Growth Mindset and Philosophy for Children (Will is truly engaging and inspiring and well worth a google!).

Growth Mindset cont/d...

As a follow on, and in support of our work in school and your parenting at home, we have managed to book Will Ord again to speak to parents. This will be truly worth your while and I would strongly advise you try to make either of the meetings he is running. It would be brilliant to know that our parents have an insight into what we are working towards and there really is no better person to explain than Will. The dates and venues are:

Wednesday 2nd November 7pm-9pm

Wychwood CE Primary School
Milton Road, Shipton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6BD

Thursday 3rd November 7pm-9pm

Bampton CE Primary School
Bowling Green Close, Bampton, OX18 2NJ

If anyone has any questions, please do come and see me. A letter with further details is also attached. Please complete the reply sheet on the attached letter and return it to the school office, so we have an idea of numbers attending. Mrs Zoe Duff

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Our Reception children enjoyed their first Harvest Festival; I was very proud of their behaviour and confidence, standing up and singing in front of a church full of people, so well done to Warwick Class. Thank you to parents for your kind donations to charity.

In class we are spending time working on our listening skills through phase one and two phonics' activities, with lots of celebrations when we do well. In Maths we are practising counting, recognising numerals and one more and one less.

Every week, five reception children and sometimes nursery children visit Burford Library where they are able to choose books for themselves and their classmates to share at school. We usually try to link these books to the children's own interests or our theme in school. The children learn about handling books carefully, turning pages, having the book the right way up and finding the words on the page and of course how a library works.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Windrush Class have been very busy getting all of their assessments done this week, so we can keep a good eye on their progress thus far. I have been very impressed with the general attitude to learning this week; we seem to have gone up a gear!

As I write, I am preparing to teach the first lesson of our new art topic on Vincent Van Gough and his painting 'Starry Night'. I know the children will enjoy learning about his work and having a go at reproducing this beautiful painting... I can feel an awesome display coming on!

Class Meeting - Monday October 17th 2016 - 3.15pm in Windrush Classroom

I would like to invite all Windrush parents to an informal meeting where I will run through our daily routines and give you a few tips on how to support your child's learning at home, as well as giving you an opportunity to ask any questions. If you are unable to attend, please don't worry, as we have parent consultations coming up soon!

Tolsey Class

Acting Class Teacher – Mrs Wendy Corless

Tolsey has been busy making the perfect sandwich and enjoyed sampling their products! We are now ready to move onto designing a container in which to keep our sandwiches fresh and squash-proof.

We are continuing with our Romans' topic and are lucky enough to have a box of artefacts on loan from the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. The artefacts are now on display in our classroom. Items such as sandals, tunics, and pottery all add to the enjoyment of the lessons. In the near future, we are hoping to arrange a class visit from a representative from Chedworth Roman Villa to come in and talk to the children about life in Roman times.

Homework is based on either Literacy or Numeracy that has been taught in class. This is sent home on a Monday and should be returned by Friday please.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In Maths lessons, we have been revising and practising our skills in addition and subtraction. We have reminded ourselves of the processes to be carried out, used estimation to help check whether you have an answer that is expected and solved word and real life problems.

During Literacy, we finished writing our adventure stories. The children have worked hard to produce imaginative and well written stories. Clearly inspiration was taken from a wide variety of sources, ranging from footballers, video games and famous stories. Now that our stories are written, we are going to spend the remainder of the term editing these, to improve them further.

Priory Class cont/d...

In our Classroom, we have a dedicated area for reading. It is lovely to see the children enjoy reading and working in this area. However, it is sparsely furnished with two bean bags and it would be great if we could make it a more comforting and relaxing area to read. Therefore, if you have any spare cushions or beanbags that are in a good clean condition, we would very much appreciate them. Thank you.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were **Jonah White** and **Kayde Paterson**. This week they are **George Khan** and **Monty Marriott**.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 20 th October	End of Term
Monday 31 st October	Start of Term
Monday 31 st October	Individual/sibling photographs
Friday 4 th November 9.00 a.m.	Achiever Awards' Assembly
Monday 7 th November 2.30pm	Parent consultations – school closes at 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday 29 th November 1.45 pm	Panto at Chipping Norton Theatre
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas performances 2.00 p.m. & 6.00 p. m. Burford Church
Friday 16 th December 9.00 a.m.	Achiever Awards' Assembly
Friday 16 th December 1.10 p.m.	End of Term - no Afterschool Club

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 20th October 2016 9 a.m.

Lily Jeffries for her amazing creativity; she has some really good ideas and is able to work out the processes needed to achieve them - what a star you are Lily.

Finlay Wilcox for a super attitude towards all of his learning, especially his whizzy Maths' problem solving! Keep up the great work Finlay.

Eliana Pedro for showing lots of determination in Maths. Eliana was keen to ask for some extra support with a concept she found tricky and now has a good handle on it! Well done for being a pro-active learner Eliana!

Sofia Evans for moving up a group in swimming and having a very confident first session with her new group. Well done Sofia, I was so impressed with your swimming this week!

Poppy Harris for consistently trying your hardest in all you do. Keep up the good work Poppy.

Benjamin Ebeling for excellent effort in all you do with your learning. Keep up the good work Benji.

Isabelle Lampard for writing a fantastic story during Literacy these last few weeks. I was hooked from the moment I read the first line! It was well written, with lots of description. I could clearly 'see' what was happening. Brilliant work! I can't wait to read more of your stories.

Jake Chandler for writing a brilliant opening to his time machine homework. Jake really thought through what was happening in his story and wrote it in such a way that it was engaging and entertaining. Fantastic work – well done.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 20th October 2016 - 9 a.m.

At the end of last term, **Olivia Lampard** sat a Sheila Price Dance School "in-house" Examination. She was examined by an external examiner on the syllabus of the Royal Academy of Dance and achieved Grade 1 Ballet with Honours. Well done Olivia - you deserved this!

Well done **Jake Chandler** on a fab day at Grove Rugby Festival. It was a long day, but you were awesome with lots of uncontested scrums & rucks!

Well done to **Sofia Evans** for running 2k for the British Heart Foundation on 2nd October and raising £245. Sofia ran non-stop and made her family very proud.

FOBPS

Bags 2 School

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for this collection.

Cook for Books

Well done Warwick Class, you raised £42 which is a fantastic start to the year. The next Cook for Books will be after the half term.

End of Term Party

The end of Term Party will be held on Thursday 20th October at 5pm-6.30 pm. Tickets cost £1.50 each, includes a free hot dog and drink and you can purchase them directly from the school office or Lizanne Harris (Poppy & Isaac's mum.)

There will be plenty of games in the hall and a disco and karaoke out in our marquee. Fancy dress is optional.

All Warwick, Windrush and Tolsey class must be accompanied by an adult and Priory class may be dropped off but must be collected by adult at 6.30pm.

If you are able to help out at this event, that would be great, so please let a member of FOBPS or the office know.

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 to 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

Laura Davies has decided to take on the challenge of running the Snowdonia Marathon on 29th October 2016. She is raising money for Street Hope, a charity which directly supports vulnerable children in both the UK and Kenya. She would like to give a very heartfelt thank you to the Burford Primary School families who have kindly given their support and encouragement.

If you would like more information, including a link to Street Hope's website, or like to sponsor her, please visit

<http://uk/virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=LauraDavies24&fald=750493&isTeam=false>