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Head Teacher's Messages

World Book Day

Thank you to Mrs Duff and all the BPS team for organising such a fantastic world book day for the children today – everyone looked fantastic in their costumes. Jasmine Richards, our author visitor was so impressed with our school – the children were all amazing. Unfortunately Jasmine underestimated how many books she would sell today so if you would still like to purchase either Secrets of Valhalla (£3) and/or Oliver Twisted (£5), please let Mrs Hunt in the office know and she will order them for you. We suggest Oliver Twisted should only be for Year 6 as the content and storyline is a bit older.

Parent Mail & Parent Pay

This week we have started a new payment system within the Parent Mail system. We would very much like this to be the only way that parents/carers pay for school lunches, breakfast/ afterschool clubs, trips, swimming etc. Mrs Hunt and Mrs Ralphs would like to know if you are unable to access your Parent Mail and Parent Pay messages. Please contact them in the office so that they can check your correct email address and try to rectify any issues anyone may have.

Universal Free School Meals

The Government Funding for Universal Free School Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 provides a free hot meal for your child. If your child would prefer a school packed lunch instead, then this is chargeable at £2.00 per day.

Boundary walls

Regretfully problems with the school's stone boundary walls continue – the wall in the pond area of the Paddock has collapsed, due to some inconsistencies with its 'infill' structure. Our Academy Trust, ODST, will be arranging for this to be re-built, but in the meantime, a safety barrier mesh will be installed to cordon off the area and a further barrier will be erected along the long wall, so that safe access to the Paddock can be maintained.

In addition, repair work to the boundary wall, to the right of the front gates, as you look towards the school, will take place during the Easter Holidays.

Jenny Dyer,
Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class have continued to work with the Gruffalo and Gruffalo's Child texts, creating some lovely artwork and representations of characters in the stories. We used foods from the story outside to increase our understanding of capacity language and describing textures.

This week, we discovered the Phonics Fairy 'Fiona' had been visiting and mixed up our letter cards, so the children decided to make a trap! They didn't catch her, but she sent a note of apology and a little treat for the children. Many of the children then decided to make thank you letters, models, pictures and gifts to leave at the Fairy door for Fiona. What a very creative week we are having!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have come back from our break really raring to go and Miss Baptie and I are super impressed with everyone's amazing effort. We are so pleased to have Mrs Robinson with us too, she has slotted in brilliantly.

In Maths we are measuring. The children are learning how to measure accurately and talk about different units. Some of the children in year two have also been learning about inverse relationships for division and multiplication; this has been a brilliant challenge.

In Literacy we are story writing, as there was an unsolved mystery in Windrush Class last week, involving the appearance and then disappearance of a Warthog! We have even received pictures of 'Warty' from New York! All very strange, but wonderful for our creative writing!

As I write, we are all getting ourselves prepared for World Book Day which I know will be as exciting as ever.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class during Literacy lessons we have been looking at texts by the author and illustrator Anthony Browne. The children have been creating fantastic descriptive writing based on the illustrations by the author. In Maths we have been working on data handling and interpreting bar charts and line graphs.

During Science lessons we have been investigating light and learning greetings in Spanish. We are continuing to enjoy our learning outdoors at Forest School and the children show great determination and have had great fun during our first swimming lesson.

Priority Class

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

Extending and applying our knowledge of grammar continues to be a key focus in Priority Class.

In the opening sentence above, I used four verbs – three main and one auxiliary – one pronoun, two prepositions, a proper noun, a determiner and various common nouns!

Incredibly, if you ask a member of Priority to explain the above sentence, the chances are they will be able to tell you which terms apply to the words in my opening sentence. If your child is in Priority, please ask them to explain, I am sure you will be surprised by the extent of their knowledge.

In Maths, the children have been simplifying fractions and finding fractions of quantities. Again, the expected standards are higher than you might expect. Ask your child to talk you through the following:

Simplify 27/81. What is 3/8 of 24? What is 4/9 of 1.8?

At home, the best way you can support your child is through the regular repetition of multiplication tables. At present, we're looking at the 6, 8 and 9 x tables. Please ask your child to talk you through how they use the following sequences to aid their recall:

6,2,8,4,0. 8,6,4,2,0. 9,8,7,6,5...

Finally, a big thanks for the kind welcome I have received from your children; I am thoroughly impressed by their excellent behaviour and commitment to achieving their best.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 10th March 2017 9 a.m.

Stanley Hopcroft for his creativity and ideas in trying sort out the problem of the mixed up letters in class and how we could solve this mystery. What a Superstar you are Stan.

Kian Hickman Duffy for the progress he is making in reading; Kian is trying really hard to improve. Well done, keep up the great work.

Sian Lewis for super effort with all aspects of her learning especially in Maths where she is showing lots of progress. Hard work pays off! Well done Sian.

Eliana Pedro for facing her worries in the water and showing herself that she can swim on her own in the big pool. What a super star!

Emily Selita for producing an excellent piece of descriptive writing. Emily scared the whole class with her writing and created suspense!

Rowan Toms for showing outstanding behaviour during lessons. Rowan shows great enthusiasm for all areas of learning and is always on task producing the best work he can.

Gold Book Cont/d...

Bridget Coombes for learning her 6, 8, 9 times tables in the space of a week, for her excellent thinking in Maths and for hard work over the last two weeks.

Joshua Selita for using complex sentences, correctly using commas and semi colons to join related main clauses in his writing. Keep up the good work Josh.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 10th March 2017 9 a.m.

Well done to **Jessica Blantz** for being awarded a GOLD medal at her recent gymnastics competition. Jessica competed in two categories - the high bar and the floor routine. She was awarded 1st place for a great Level 8 performance on the high bar.

Congratulations to **Jessica Blantz** for achieving her stage 4 swimming certificate. Well done Jessica, keep up the good work.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were Stanley and Jonah. This week they are Kyla & Olivia.

FOBPS

Cook 4 Books

Thank you so much for all the feedback we have had with regards to this fundraising event. The team discussed all of the ideas put forward at the meeting last Friday and it was agreed that we will put Cook for Books on hold for the remaining terms and instead alternate between Hot Chocolate Fridays and Ice Cream Fridays. Again thank you to everyone who took the time to send us feedback. It is always greatly appreciated.

Class Cook 4 Books Totals

Warwick: £42.00
Windrush: £53.45
Tolsey: £42.00
Priority: 35.00

The winning class, Windrush, will receive an extra £20 towards their end of term party and a prize, which will be handed out in the last Gold Book Assembly of the academic year. Well Done Windrush.

Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March sees the return of Comic Relief and this year the FOBPS team will be holding a cake sale on the Thursday 23rd March. Nearer the time, we will be asking everyone to bring in a small cake donation to sell on that day and we would really like the cakes to have a Red Nose/Comic Relief theme. On the Friday we would like to encourage all children and staff members to come into school with crazy hairstyles in exchange for a 50p donation. The crazier the better and there may even be a prize for the child with craziest style. Posters and more details will follow.

Hot Chocolate Friday

The next Hot Chocolate Friday will be the 3rd March, straight after school. There will also be some old Disney videos for sale as well.

Save the Dates

Friday 3 rd March	Hot Chocolate Friday	The Veranda
Thursday 18 th May TBC	Quiz Night	TBC
Saturday 17 th June	Party on the Rec	Burford Rec 3-6pm
Friday 30 th June	Ladies Pamper Night	TBC
Friday 6 th October	The Great Gatsby Ball	St John the Baptist

