

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

140 years' old

This year Burford Primary School is 140 years' old – we are currently preparing a plan of celebratory activities. The first event is in conjunction with Burford Secondary School's Re-union taking place on **Saturday 23rd September from 3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.** We will be displaying some photographic and written records from our school archives at the exhibition. **For further information, please browse: <https://www.burford.oxon.sch.uk/school/alumni/alumni-events/>**

Named Uniform

Please ensure that all clothes are named either with a label or with a permanent marker because we are constantly picking up clothing with no names and cannot return them to their rightful owner.

Maths' workshop for parents

A Maths' workshop is planned for parents on Thursday 28th September, running from 7- 8.30 pm in the school hall, led by Maths Consultant Nathan Crook. 'Where are we with maths teaching? What current strategies are used to support children with learning to calculate? How can you help?' We do hope you are able to join us.

Swimming & Forest School Schedule

We have arranged swimming lessons and Forest School visits to Filkins Woods in blocks of 8 sessions throughout this academic year as follows:-

Swimming:-

Autumn Term (Terms 1 & 2) & Spring Term (Terms 3 & 4) – Windrush Swimming at Carterton Pool

Term 2 & Start of Term 4 – Tolsey Class – Witney Pool
End of Term 4 and Term 6 – Priory Class – Witney Pool

Filkins:-

Autumn Term (Terms 1 & 2) - Priory Class
Spring Term (Terms 3 & 4) – Tolsey Class
Summer Term (Terms 5 & 6)– Windrush Class
Warwick Class will be attending all 24 sessions.

Separate letters will be issued accordingly.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Both Mrs Corless and I are very proud of how well Warwick Class children have settled in to their daily routines. We have continued to observe the children over the last couple of weeks to enable us to make baseline assessments which help with daily planning for their learning.

There are some nice displays appearing around our class many involving the children's work or 'voice'. We have started one to one 'All About Me' sessions to find out about the children's family life and interests out of school and these will continue over the next couple of weeks. This is part of our home school link and parents are welcome to add to the board themselves as it is a two way process.

We are also continuing to have lots of PSED time discussing our new vision statement 'Respect, Aspire, Achieve', our own class rules and what it means to be a good friend in Warwick Class.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Windrush Class the children brought in their favourite toy and we enjoyed finding out about them. The children then used them in their story and where they went on an adventure with them. This was based on the book 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. They have produced some super ideas and are becoming much more independent getting those ideas down on paper.

During Maths lessons we are working on place value, counting to twenty and then to 100. We have been using Numicon and Cuisenaire rods to make our numbers; finding more and less; using symbols to compare numbers and solving place value problems. We have also been counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

During Art lessons we have been creating tiger faces and finding out about the artist Arcimboldo and designing funny fruit drawings! We have also enjoyed learning how to use colour magic and creating our own designs using ICT.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

This week in our incredibly busy and productive classroom we have been working our socks off as usual. In English lessons, as well as daily Guided Reading sessions, we have been polishing our grammar and punctuation with a focus on modifying noun phrases, using coordinating conjunctions and learning about clauses. We look forward to our big write on Friday when we can put our impressive skills into practice!

Tolsey class cont/d...

In Science we are learning about the digestive system and have had some great lessons looking at the 'whole process'. As you can imagine, there have been a few jokes but the class have had a very mature approach to the topic overall.

Maths is getting very exciting as we have lots of 'lightbulb moments' happening as pupils learn new methods and apply them to surprisingly tricky problems.

The Raptors Of Paradise – Book Recommendation (7-14yrs)

Tolsey Class have been waiting and at last we have made it to the launch and release of our text on which we will be basing the rest of our writing for the term, 'The Raptors of Paradise'. The book comes with a free App which we will be using in class as we read. The App cleverly augmentates the illustrations, making the whole experience extremely engaging, fun and inspirational. The story is very gripping and gives us so much scope for learning across many different subjects.

We have ordered 5 books so far, with a plan to buy further copies for a class read, before Christmas. We are also lucky enough to have the author, Jay Jay Burridge planning a visit to our school to talk to the children about his incredible work. Read on for a snippet of information from the first book of the amazing Supersaurs series,



IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE DINOSAURS HAD NEVER DIED OUT.

IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE DINOSAURS HAVE SURVIVED AND EVOLVED...

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF SUPERSAURS.

Bea's parents went missing eleven years ago. So when her grandmother and godfather suddenly decide on a trip to the remote Indonesian islands of Aru, to see the elusive Raptors of Paradise, Bea starts asking questions. But the more questions Bea asks, the more trouble comes their way. Was the journey a big mistake, or the beginning of an epic adventure?

Check out the website for lots of information about the book: Supersaurs.com

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mr Steve Tattum

An excellent start to the term from all members of Priory class. In Science, our 'Forces' topic is well underway; we have already had a few successful launches of our 'Priory 1' rocket from the junior playground. Congratulations to Mrs Dyer who came out to watch some of the launches. Such was her enthusiasm that she joined in with the lesson, managing to fire a rocket to an altitude well over 100 feet, over the school and into the front car park!

Priory class cont/d...

Elsewhere, we are continuing our study of democracy, focusing next week on how Magna Carta influenced the development of our modern democracy.

It is hard in just a few short paragraphs to cover how much we have done in class; I have been trying to catch parents at the end of the day to encourage you all to come and take a regular look at your child's book so you can get a real insight into the work we do in Priory. Please pop in at the end of the day, no appointment needed, and ask to see your child's books – you will be pleasantly surprised.

Burford Stars

The Burford Stars this week are **Rhys Cooper** and **Keelan Mackie**.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 29th September 2017 9 a.m.

Oliver Lane for his increased confidence in coping with transition times, well done Oliver you are being really brave.

Darcie Williams for having a great attitude to whatever is on offer in her new classroom. Keep up the great work Darcie.

Bradley Townsend for showing improving listening on the carpet and showing enthusiasm for his learning. Bradley also showed great independence and confidence during his first swimming lesson. Well done Bradley!

Téa Mackie for being a super role model to the younger children in the class. Téa demonstrates an outstanding attitude towards her learning in all subjects. Keep up the hard work Téa!

Micheala Barrett for a superb attitude to learning with a determined approach to improving her reading skills. Micheala has a wonderful 'Can do' attitude that is inspirational!

Connor Brimblecombe for rising to the challenge and really improving his effort in writing. Connor is a really conscientious learner and aspires for greatness!

Alex Scepetkova for perfect behaviour, a model of active listening. Alex models our school values 'Respect, Aspire, Achieve'.

Ava White for an enormous improvement in her writing. Keep up the good work Ava.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 29th September 2017 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Dexter Bradley** for achieving his Purple Belt with Matt Fiddes Martial Arts. Dexter had to remember his student creed, complete his hand drills and kicks and more importantly show lots of concentration, good listening and effort. Well done Dexter.

Congratulations to **Lottie Salsbury** for passing her Stage 4 swimming in July. Well done Lottie for sticking with it each week, and for being a fun member of the group too!

Congratulations to **Archie Salsbury** for passing Stage 6 swimming in July, and for making a great start to swimming in Stage 7. Keep up all that good hard work!

Well done to **Finlay Willcox** who has been awarded Star of the Week Certificate at Dance Mania this week.

Congratulations to **Logan Brimblecombe** for passing his Stage 2 swimming.

Congratulations to **Connor Brimblecombe** for passing his Stage 4 swimming.

Community News

FFF&B (Fairford Filkins Faringdon and Burford) Ploughing Championships & Country Show - Saturday 30th September 2017 Southrop Farm Lechlade (Off Hambidge Lane) This is a wonderful day out for all the family.

If you like steam engines, old fashioned vintage tractors, threshing machines, modern pieces of kit of all shapes and sizes or the majestic heavy horses, this is the show for you! There's also flower and produce and children's craft competitions, main ring attractions and tasty food stalls to keep you fed and watered. Meanwhile wander around the competition fields admiring the handiwork of all the ploughers and hedgers keeping up their countryside skills.

This time it is just outside Lechlade on Hambidge Lane. Check out our fb page and website <http://www.ploughingmatch.co.uk> for details of the evening entertainment in the enormous marquee, a fantastic venue for a party. So who's coming?

FOBPS - Friends of Burford Primary School

I would like to take this opportunity to invite new parents/carers to our first annual FOBPS meeting on **Friday 22nd September** and hopefully join our ever-growing team. And of course, this invitation is always open to existing parents/carers who would also like to get involved.

The Great Gatsby Ball

Our first major fundraising event, The Great Gatsby Ball is fast approaching and there is a limited amount of tickets left, so if you haven't already got yours then please contact me directly to secure a seat.

For all new parents/carers, this event will be held on Friday 6th October in the beautiful St John the Baptist Church. Tickets cost £45 per person and include a sparking reception and 3 course meal; there will also be a 16 piece live band plus our famous raffle with some wonderful prizes. All proceeds from this event will go towards the redesign and development of our school kitchen. On behalf of the FOBPS team, I would like to wish everyone a very productive year ahead and look forward to your continued support.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Lizanne@mydapster.com or on 07983485211 or catch me in the playground before or after school.

Please know that questions and suggestions are always welcome and I look forward to getting to know your family.

Lizanne Harris
Chair of the PTA

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