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Head Teacher's Messages

This is our last newsletter for this academic year – I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff and children for working so hard throughout the year and to you, as parents and carers, for supporting your children. I hope you all have a good summer break and enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Farewell to Mrs Duff – we are very sad to be losing such a valuable member of staff, after 11 years at Burford Primary and wish her well for the future, as she takes a career break from teaching.

Year 6 Transition Days - I hope our Year 6 children have enjoyed their day at Burford School today and again tomorrow. Good luck for September too – I hope you settle really quickly and enjoy your time at Burford School.

Cycling Proficiency - Well done to our five children: **Oliver West, Benji Ebeling, Thomas Elvidge, Kymberly Rowles and Scarlett Jenko** for passing their cycling proficiency last week. They will receive a certificate in next week's Gold Book Assembly on Friday, 13 July. Thank you to PC Darryn Moulding for running this course.

ODST Review - Our Academy Trust will be carrying out a review of the school next Thursday, 12th July, led by Jackie Cousins, one of the Trust's School Improvement Advisers. It will be a similar process to an Ofsted Inspection and afterwards school receives feedback. During the day, Jackie Cousins will be meeting with the children, staff and governors and at the start or end of the day may talk to parents.

Guitar Assembly - On Thursday of next week (12th July) Julia Rowe and her guitarists are playing during morning assembly; we are looking forward to hearing their rehearsed pieces.

Year-end performance by Year 5 & 6 – this will be taking place in Burford Church on Tuesday 17th July at 6.00 p.m., ready for a prompt 6.15 p.m. start. All welcome.

Leavers' Service – at Burford Church on Thursday 19th July at 9.30 a.m. All welcome.

Term ends on **Friday 20th July at 1.10 p.m.** No afterschool club provision on this day.

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th September. (Warwick class children on Thursday 6th September).

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

What a lovely week we are having in Warwick Class! On Monday we made Rainbow Fish biscuits and then in the afternoon fruity ice lollies. On Tuesday we set up our own obstacle courses and then enjoyed our lollies to help us cool down!

Wednesday was our school trip to the Children's Play Village in Warwick and I must say the children did you proud; their behaviour was fantastic and we had so much fun. I was proud of each and every one of them. Thursday and Friday are transition days, during which we're learning what it will be like in Year 1. Transition will continue to be a focus for us this term to ensure all the children feel comfortable with their new class ready for September.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In English lessons we are working on our last Paul Geraghty book which is called Tortuga. The children have created actions for the story and are now in pairs writing a page each of the story which will then be put into a class book. The children have also created water colour illustrations for their page. I am looking forward to seeing the finished story. In Maths we are working on doubling and halving, odd and even numbers and multiplication using arrays.

We were very lucky this week to have Mrs Agg visiting, speaking to the children about Africa. Mrs Sparrowhawk also shared some of her Safari stories with us. Thank you for speaking so well to the children and giving us your time. We have continued our Africa theme and finished our silhouette paintings and sketched some African instruments. We have also had a go at playing some African instruments.

The highlight of the week was our school trip! The children were beautifully behaved and had a super time at the play village. Many thanks to FOBPS for making the trip more affordable.

Message from Mrs Duff:-

Thank you and Farewell!

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of the lovely families at BPS for your kindness and support over the years. It has been a true privilege to work with your wonderful children and leaving them will not be easy for me. There are many bright futures ahead and I feel so proud of the achievements of each and every child I have taught. I will never forget my time with you all and wish Burford Primary School all the very best for the future. With lots of love and happy memories, Mrs Duff.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Tolsey have now completed their Tortuga writing which is truly magnificent. Do pop in at the end of the day if you would like to see what your child has created. We have extended our Guided Reading slot each day, as we head towards the end of the term, in order to finish all the books we have on the go which is a real treat.

Afternoons are currently filled with rehearsals for our end of term assembly for which everyone is working hard and, as I write, we are gearing up for a brilliant trip to Warwick Castle.

I am super proud of everyone as ever and am getting rather sad as our time together draws to an end. Tolsey Class truly have been an absolute joy to teach and I can't wait for you all to see the celebration of their year on **Monday 17th July at 2.30pm** in the school hall.

Thank you all for a wonderfully supportive year and enjoy a lovely restful summer holiday. - Mrs Duff

Priory Class – Year 5 & 6

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

It's that busy time of year where play rehearsals are in full swing and a wide variety of different events and activities are taking place. One such event was our trip to Warwick Castle. The children really enjoyed this, with the dungeons being a big hit! We learnt lots of interesting facts and information about how crimes were punished and the development of the castle itself.

I was very proud of all the children that took part and passed their cycling proficiency last week, despite the heat. A big thank you to PC Darryn Moulding, who came to teach the children how to safely ride their bikes.

In English the children have been writing poems. One of my favourites was entitled Six Sides of a Dice in which the children had to describe what the sides looked like to them. The children worked really hard on these and produced some excellent examples.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 13th July 2018 at 9 a.m

Laurence O'Brien for making some of the most epic models I have seen! Also for being an awesome reader and reading so much at home! Keep up the hard work!

Leah Domingos for being so creative, Leah makes some amazing models and her singing and dancing is fabulous. We will see her on the TV one day I'm sure!

All of Warwick and Windrush Class for making us so proud with their behaviour on our school trip. They were amazing!

Jeremiah Kallimel for outstanding behaviour at all times and a superb attitude towards learning. Jeremiah is always keen to do his best and I know will be a good role model to the younger children when they join our class next year.

Finlay Willcox for outstanding behaviour at all times and a superb attitude towards learning. Finlay is always keen to do his best and I know he will be a good role model to the younger children when they join our class next year.

Zachary Mead for showing much improved behaviour and a more mature approach to his work in class - great job!

Harry Wilkins for striving hard to improve his written work which has really impressed everyone!

Alexandra Wilson for always trying her very best to improve her work and for amazing ideas during Guided Reading discussions. Great job Alex!

Special Mention! Orlando Gledhill has worked his socks off and has completed his Key Word Mission 300! We will be excited to award Orlando his certificates in our Gold Book assembly.

Keelan Mackie for writing an excellent poem entitled 'I Am'.

Pippa Dapiton-Bush for writing an interesting and thoughtful version of Six Sides of a Dice. I really enjoyed the imagery that you created.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 13th July 2018 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Nathan Bradley** for being the winner of the crossbar challenge recently. He hit the cross bar 4 out of 5 times – not bad for a goalkeeper!

Well done to **Finlay Willcox** on passing Stage 2 swimming and moving on to Stage 3.

Congratulations to **Eliza Shore** in Tolsey class who ran the Sherbourne 3k fun run in 17 minutes & 34 seconds. She beat her Mum easily on Sunday 24th June! Well done Eliza.

Congratulations to **Austin Elvidge** for passing Stage 2 swimming. Mummy & Daddy are so proud of you. Well done and keep up the great work.

FOBPS

Friends of Burford Primary School
By Lizanne Harris, Chair of FOBPS

Summer Raffle - Thursday 19th July

The Summer Raffle will be held on Thursday 19th July straight after school, on the Paddock. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their raffle tickets; for those of you who haven't, then please do so by Friday 13th July. Remember the proceeds of this event will contribute to the pantomime trip in November.

The Priory Restaurant

A big thank you to Justin Evans and his team at The Priory Restaurant, for donating 50% of their profits, from the launch of their Ice Cream Stand on the 20th June.

Goodbye & Good Luck

I would like to say farewell, thank you and good luck to Zoe Duff. Not only has she been incredibly supportive to the FOBPS team over the years, but in my opinion is a truly great teacher who will be sorely missed, not only by FOBPS, but also the children who she has inspired and taught over the years.

You will be missed and never forgotten.

What we have achieved this year

As we come to the end of this Academic Year, I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of my FOBPS team, staff, parents and children for your continued support. We have raised over £3000 this year, which has been put to good use and helped not only the school but the children as well.

FOBPS cont/d...

FOBPS is looking for a new leader

As I look forward to the new Academic Year, I think it's time I start looking for someone to pass on the FOBPS baton. I have been an active member of the FOBPS team for 5 years, two of which having held the position of Chair and now feel it needs a new leader who has fresh ideas and can move the PTA forward.

From September, I would ideally like someone to share the role of Chair with me and have the view of taking over fully by July 2019, if not before. By then, my daughter will be moving into Year 6 and my time will be spent helping her focus on SATs and transition to 'top school'.

If anyone feels like they have the skills and time to take on this role, then please get in touch and we can meet up for an informal chat over a coffee and slice of cake.

So, all that's left for me to say is, have a fab summer and we'll see you in September.