

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

I would like to congratulate **Jasmine Mead** for achieving second place in the 123ICT Seasonal Greetings Message computing competition – well done Jasmine. A certificate will be awarded in next week's Gold Book assembly.

### FoBPS - Friends of Burford Primary School

Due the snow and school closure, this meeting has been re-scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February in Tolsey class, commencing 3.30pm. Should you require your child to be in afterschool club whilst you are in the meeting, please let Mrs Hunt know, as soon as possible.

### Prompt morning registration

I would like to remind parents that the school gate opens at 8.40 a.m. and registration starts at 8.50 a.m. –with children carrying learning activities/reviewing previous work up to 9am when lessons commence. Please ensure your child(ren) are prompt and in school ready to learn.

### PE Kit

A number of children are in school without a PE kit. Please ensure that they have a full kit, named and in a bag for every day.

### Term Ends

Term ends on Friday next week (15<sup>th</sup> February) at 3.10 p.m. with the afterschool club open as normal. Term begins on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

This week we celebrated Chinese New Year. We ate noodles with soy sauce and prawn crackers; learnt to become dancing dragons and made our own lanterns. The children really enjoyed the day and linking it to our Diwali celebrations last October.

Forest School has begun and we are braving the weather; thank you to all parents for ensuring your child had a hat and gloves and plenty of layers to wear. We are especially enjoying the hot chocolate and biscuit!

## Warwick class cont/d...

In Maths we are working on one more and one less than numbers up to 20 and in phonics we have started learning trigraphs - where three letters make one sound e.g. igh as in night...clever stuff!

If you have any recyclables you think we may like for junk modelling they are always very much appreciated; we just ask that none of it has come into contact with any nuts.

As always, our door is open if you want to pop in for a chat.

## Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Windrush class during English lessons the children finished their Peter Pan stories and worked hard, learning their common exception words and particular spelling patterns. They also put themselves in the role of a character from Peter Pan and written a diary account.

In Maths we are measuring weight. The children used balance scales to measure and compare weight and some used g and kg. During Science we looked at forces and creating a marble run.

## Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

During Maths we have been learning about co-ordinates and grid references. The first half of the topic saw us completing lots of practical activities, such as using a compass, playing games involving coordinate grids and finding our way out of mazes, using the shortest possible route. We then used this knowledge to plot and find points on a grid, draw polygons and translate shapes – all using coordinates.

In English we have started to learn and write a new story, all about Bella and The Bear. The children read the story and discussed which other stories it reminded them of and why. We also retold the story, with actions, focusing on expression and tone. Next week, the children will rewrite the story.

## **Priory Class**

**Class Teacher – Mrs Jenny Dyer**

This week, the children have studied journalistic writing and written an article about 'The possible closure of the school'. There have been various children 'hot seated' as teachers, parents and children, during which they were asked about their opinions and feelings. The children learnt how to write accurate quotations from these witnesses to incorporate within their articles, leading to a final piece as a 'Big Write'.

During Maths, the children have learnt about the interior angles of various shapes, including parallelograms, as well as angles at a point and 'sharpened' their skills of using protractors - never an easy task when you have two scales running in opposite directions! The children have been challenged to prove some of their answers using prior knowledge skills linked to angles, as well as needing to measure accurately.

## **Gold Book Certificates**

**Awarded Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 9.00 a.m.**

**Rupert Gage** for always being so polite and working so hard on his sounds and even spotting digraphs! He always writes his name on his learning too. Well done Rupert!

**Freya Ladwa** for being so kind, caring and thoughtful. Freya is an amazing friend who always helps others. Freya, we are so lucky to have you in our class!

**Corey Walker** for moving up a swim group. Corey has been working so hard and has just made the big leap to the big pool. We are very proud of how focussed you are when listening to the teacher and doing your very best. Well done Corey!

**Sofia Prowton** for showing a huge improvement in her reading and writing. Sofia has just moved up a reading group and is showing great enthusiasm and success, reading her key words. Sofia you are on fire! Keep up that outstanding attitude!

**Harry Wilkins** for showing a great understanding of coordinates. When presented with missing coordinates, he was able to identify them confidently.

**Ollie Brierley** for fitting right into Tolsey Class; it is like you have always been here! Your attitude to learning is fantastic as you are always ready to learn. Great job!

## **Gold Book Certificates cont/d...**

**Ava White** for being a really good role model during Breakfast Club and helping the younger children with their breakfast.

**Ronnie Wells** for working well on his Reading Journal keeping the writing and layout neat. Keep up the good work Ronnie.

## **Golden Postbox Certificates**

**Awarded Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 9.00 a.m.**

Congratulations to **Olivia Lampard** for passing her Grade 1 Guitar examination with distinction. Well done Olivia.

Well done to **Jeremiah Kallimel** who has moved into Stage 4 swimming. Jeremiah is very excited to share his swimming achievement with you all. We would like to thank you and your hard working team for all your support with swimming lessons. He has gained so much confidence during this time. Thank you again. Mr & Mrs Kallimel.