

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back; I do hope you have all enjoyed a restful half-term and the warmer weather.

### Friends of Burford Primary School (FoBPS)

I am delighted to let you know that we now have a newly formed FoBPS Committee who will be working hard, not only to raise funds for our school, but to ensure that our families enjoy a whole range of activities/events. We look forward to hearing about these in due course.

Co-chair: Hollie Whatling (Year R & 2 parent)

Co-chair: Stef Williams (Year 1 parent)

Secretary: Lynne Agg (Year 4 parent)

Treasurer: Kirsty Kilburn (Year 2 parent)

Committee Members: Richard Agg (Year 4 parent); Angela August (Year 4 parent); Wendy Corless (EYFS teacher); Amy Curtis (Year 1 parent); Elisabeth Salisbury (Year 2 & 4 parent); Mary-Ann Simpson (Year 3 parent).

### Future Dates for your diary –

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2.00 p.m. Easter celebration.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2.00 p.m. School closes. 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Parent Consultations.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

**Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless**

Term 4 has got off to a busy start in Warwick Class! This week we planted cress seeds and are observing them as they grow. We have been writing instructions on how to grow your own cress seeds and even used imperative (bossy) verbs! In Maths we have been working on one more and one less than numbers to 10, then 20.

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating Shrove Tuesday by eating pancakes and having a pancake flipping contest! Next Thursday is World Book Day and we are looking forward to welcoming you in for 'Book and a Brew' so don't forget your travel mugs!

As the weather is steadily warming up it may be worth checking your child's forest school kit to make sure it is appropriate for the warmer weather. If you could name your child's shoes this would be a big help for when we return from forest school too as not all of the children recognise their own shoes!

As always our door is always open.

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton**

We have started the term learning about creatures who live in the sea and our focus this week is on whales. The children are reading the book 'The Whales' Song' and have created beautiful shape poems using descriptive language. We will then go on and write the story. We are also fact finding about whales and are creating information posters. In maths we are identifying and comparing 2 digit numbers and some of the children are finding half and quarter of different numbers.

In Science we have been learning about creatures under the sea and sorted information about fish and whales. In P.E. the children had their first Dance lesson with a specialist teacher and had an amazing lesson on contemporary dance, where they imagined they were puppets!

## Tolsey Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney**

This week sees us 'kick off' yet another busy term for Tolsey. Forest School, Swimming, World Book Day, a Growth Mindset workshop and a class trip to experience life in a World War One trench are all activities that we have planned this term!

In class we have started a new topic called 'What a Wonderful World'. Over the next five weeks, the children will take a closer look at where countries of the world are located and some of the ways geographers describe their locations. English lessons will focus on folk/fairy tales from different cultures and countries.

Additionally, children will be undertaking a Design and Technology project, in which they will design and make their own animal. The animal will have a moving mouth and be made from junk material. To make this project really successful, Tolsey Class would appreciate cardboard and junk modelling materials. Please can we ask that any **materials** sent in, have **not be used for food products**. Shoe boxes, parcel packaging etc would all be great. Thank you.

## PE Update from Mrs Beaney

Starting from Monday 25th February, pupils in Year 1 and 2 will receive six dance lessons at school with Lorraine Razzell, principal of The Dance Barn. The children will get a taster of a different style of dance each week and will cover: contemporary, tap, ballet, social dance, ballroom and street dance. They will learn sequences and dances designed to develop physical skills, stamina, creativity, expression and musicality using a range of movements and musical styles. We anticipate the children will have a lot of fun and hope they will share some of their dancing with you. Years 3 - 6 will also have lessons in the Summer Term.

Lorraine trained at the Royal Academy of Dance in London and is a registered teacher of the RAD. The Dance Barn is based in West Oxfordshire and offers classes for both children and adults. The school is also a recognised school of the Council for Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre. For more information visit the website - [www.thedancebarn.co.uk](http://www.thedancebarn.co.uk).

## Priory Class

Mrs Jenny Dyer

This week, Priory Class have prepared for a final 'big write' relating to a 'flashback story', to include moods, feelings and taking initial ideas based on the animated film, 'The Piano' by Aiden Gibbons.

Maths has focused on finding averages of number (the mean), then moving on to the calculation of time intervals and reading timetables to establish journey times and further applied these skills to problem-solving.

Be warned, your child may ask to carry out a science investigation at home involving an egg and distilled vinegar, to make a 'bouncy egg' with a messy end – all to do with materials and changing state!

## Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00 a.m.

**Harry Shepherd** for writing an amazing set of instructions on how to plant and grow cress seeds. Well done Harry!

**James Challinor** – you will not believe this – but at half term he actually climbed a mountain with Daddy! Wow!

**Leah Ramos Domingos** for making the leap to the big pool. Leah shows so much confidence and enthusiasm it is a pleasure to watch. Well done!

**Ayden Rowles** for showing increasing confidence and a positive attitude learning his phonics and key words. Well done Ayden!

## Gold Book Certificates cont/d...

**Benjamin August** for creating fantastic line drawings of animals. I always enjoy watching Benjamin produce such fantastic pieces. This is clearly a talent of yours!

**Alex Wilson** for showing a great understanding of the features that are present in a folk tale. Not only can you name these features, but you can also provide examples from different stories.

**Faith Warren** – for being a great Year 6 – always getting on with her work and having a positive attitude towards learning. Well done!

**Oliver West** – for being a conscientious member of Priory Class; he has produced some good writing and aspiring to great things in Maths. You are an excellent role model, Oliver. Well done!

## Golden Postbox Certificates

Awarded Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00 a.m.

Congratulations to **Leah Ramos Domingos** for completing her stage 2 swimming certificate. Good luck with stage 3 Leah. Well done.