

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back to a busy Summer term ahead! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break and are well rested.

### Welcome Back Mrs Ralphs

We give a big welcome back to Mrs Ralphs, our Catering Manager, after a long absence. It is so good to have her return to work and I know the children (& parents) are delighted to enjoy her school lunches again!

### ParentPay

For parents of children in Nursery, Tolsey & Priory Class wishing to pay for school lunches for the forthcoming term via ParentPay, in advance, it amounts to 23 days @ £2.20 is **£50.60** up to and including Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent consultations at the end of last term; it was very well supported. Should you not have been able to attend, then do book an appointment to see your child's class teacher via the school office.

### Governor Questionnaire re Communication

The School Governors prepared and distributed a questionnaire about communication during parent consultations, seeking your comments and contributions. Thank you to all those who have completed and returned this already. Should you have missed the opportunity on consultation day, the questionnaire can still be completed. Paper copies are available in reception, outside the office, as well as the post box for completed questionnaires.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

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

Welcome back from the Easter break, we hope you enjoyed lots of chocolate eggs and Easter treats, as well as a well-deserved rest.

Our new topic this term is 'Under the Sea.'

In Maths we are about to begin learning about money and will have a shop set up in our garden for the children to practise using money to pay for things.

## Warwick Class cont/d...

In Literacy we will be writing to support our science work on 'The life cycle of a frog'. A big thank you to Mrs Ralphs for the frogspawn!

Tomorrow (Friday) the children are having a 'clay day' with Mrs Corless, following on from a recent staff training day, where they will be making some sea creatures.

Forest School begins again Wednesday 1st May, so please could you ensure your child has their forest school kit in school in preparation. Even with the warmer weather approaching the children must still have their arms and legs covered, so please bear this in mind. If you are free to help with Forest School this term, please let one of us know.

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton**

It is lovely to see the children back from their Easter holiday, ready for a new term. We hope you all had a lovely time together, enjoying the good weather. We are off to a super start with our new topic 'Dinosaurs'. During English lessons we are writing our own version of the story 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs'. The children will be putting themselves in the story and going on an exciting adventure.

During Maths lessons, we are working on identifying and comparing 2 digit numbers, finding 10 more and 10 less and counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. We are counting in fractions, identifying fractions, finding halves and quarters of shapes and amounts.

As part of our topic work, we are finding out about dinosaurs and creating dinosaur artwork. During our circle time sessions we are working on how to develop a growth mindset using a dinosaur theme. If you would like to find out more about this there is a display in our cloakroom.

Swimming lessons have now finished for Windrush Class, but they will now be accompanying Warwick children to Forest School starting from next Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> May) for this term. A separate letter regarding this has been sent out.

## **Tolsey Class**

**Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney**

This term sees us learning all about rainforests - their location, climate and the animals and people that live there. We have already studied the artist Henri Rousseau and created jungle pictures in his style. The children did a fab job with these, with them already being on display in our classroom. Please do come and have a look.

In our English lessons we are going to revise the water cycle through poetry! So far, we have learnt what makes a poem a tongue twister - the use of alliteration and assonance - and how we can play with words to make a non-sense poem. Additionally, we have looked at and written our own riddles.

Maths has seen us furthering our knowledge of decimal fractions. We have explored why we would need to use decimals and how tenths are ten times smaller than ones. Next week, we will move on to comparing, ordering and rounding these numbers.

## **Priory Class**

**Mrs Georgina Lawton**

This week the children have worked really hard in Maths, producing some excellent work on multiplying decimal numbers.

In PE we had fun practising forwards and backwards rolls, cartwheels and then we enjoyed exploring how to put them into a sequence to perform to the class.

In Science, we began to investigate the different life cycles of animals and plants.

## **Gold Book Certificates**

**Awarded Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May @ 9.00 a.m.**

**Toby Hayes** for being an amazing mathematician and trying hard with writing his name. Well done Toby.

**Maxim Shankland** for always coming into school with a smile and entertaining us all with his amazing break-dancing skills. Well done Maxim.

**Ethan Hind** for showing a high level of understanding during Science lessons. Ethan shows enthusiasm for the subject and always has something interesting to share. Well done Ethan!

**Ella Kilburn** for adopting a growth mindset approach to her learning. Ella is determined and hardworking and always prepared to give new thing a go. We are very proud of you Ella. Keep up that positive attitude.

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

**Logan Brimblecombe** for creating a fantastic piece of art work in the style of Henri Rousseau. Great job Logan.

**Sian Lewis** for demonstrating a range of interesting balances during our PE lesson. Well done!

**Evan Brierley** for making really good choices with friendships and putting more effort into his learning. Keep it up Evan.

**Ava Trott** for being fantastic at any creative work – your picture book and biography were truly amazing.

## **Golden Post Box Certificates**

**Awarded Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May @ 9.00 a.m.**

Congratulations to **Darcie Williams** for passing her Stage 4 certificate in swimming. Well done Darcie.

## **Community News**

Thank you to Tayler & Fletcher Estate Agents for organising an Easter competition for our children. Please see the attached poster announcing the result and winners.