

# Burford Primary School Newsletter



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## Head Teacher's Messages

**Meet the new Head Teacher** - there will be opportunity for you to meet Lisa Austin, the interim head teacher from January, during our Hot Chocolate Friday, on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – do make yourselves known to Ms Austin.

**Volunteer** - We are pleased to welcome **Miss Kayleigh Ford** who has kindly offered to volunteer as a Teaching Assistant in order to gain some experience. Miss Ford will be with us on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays for the remainder of this term.

**Poppy Appeal** – Burford Primary School raised a fantastic £93.99! Thank you for all your donations which are used to support the Armed Forces' community.

### Book Fayre

Advance notice. We will be holding our annual Scholastic half-price book fair in the school hall from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – before & afterschool each day. Amazing bargains – ready for Christmas!

### Reception year application

Is your child 3 or 4 years old born between 1/9/2015 and 31/8/16 – if so, you need to apply for a primary school place now, even if your child already attends our nursery. Deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

### Colouring competition – Tayler & Fletcher Estate Agents

The overall winner who will be switching on Burford's Christmas lights on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 p.m. is **Ollie Brierley**. Well done Ollie. Congratulations also to the 19 other entries who were runners up – their stars will be on display on the Christmas trees in Burford, along with Ollie's. Thank you to all the entries – a great response – the Estate Agents said it was a difficult judging exercise!

**Holidays during term-time** – may I remind you that **holidays taken during are not permitted** and only in exceptional circumstances is a request for absence agreed. Where holidays are taken during term time, without authorisation from the head teacher, referrals will be made to the County Attendance Team to investigate the absence further and you may be liable for a penalty notice. This is a fine of £60 per parent/carer for each child absent from school.

I would ask that all parents/carers consider any request for leave very carefully and work with us to promote full attendance and access to education for all our children. Currently attendance stands at 95.24%, with our school target across the year set at 96% – please help us to reach this target.

Jenny Dyer, Head Teacher

## Warwick Class

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

In Warwick Class the children have now begun blending phonemes (sounds) in Phonics. We are building vowel consonant (vc) words (in, it, as, at) and vowel consonant vowel (cvc) words (cat, dog, map, dig). We have been building them using phoneme cards and magnetic letters and reading them in our daily phonics sessions. We have also been playing cvc word Bingo and having lots of fun.

In Maths, we are continuing with our work on subitising and cardinality, introducing the children to even more new maths resources and ensuring we are solidly grounding the skills we have already been learning.

This week is our last Forest School before Christmas and we look forward to starting it again on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We will be sending the Forest School Kits home to be washed. With the temperatures dropping, you may wish to check that your child has gloves, hat and scarf as well as an extra top layer.

## Windrush Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney**

In English we have been studying the story 'Lost and Found'. Last week we looked at synonyms for sad and lonely. We then used these to write a lost label for a creature that we had found. This week we learnt about verbs and how they show tense. Using this knowledge, we changed past tense sentences into the present tense.

In Maths, we have returned to place value, writing numbers in both their word and numeral form.

## Tolsey Class

**Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor**

In Tolsey class, we have been having lots of laughter with our humorous poetry and are coming up with some great humorous lines of our own. We really are very funny!

In Maths, we have been challenging ourselves with rounding and decimals. We have also been swimming which we all really enjoy and are making good progress.

In our topic of monarchs of England, the children have been showing their skills and knowledge about their chosen monarch. They have made PowerPoint presentations, posters and booklets which will be on display in the classroom shortly.

## Priory Class

Ms Nikki Latton

This week in Maths, Priory Class children have been working hard on multiplication and using effective mental maths strategies. They have picked up short multiplication and long multiplication, then moved onto solving problems; they also used practical resources to represent the numbers involved. In English lessons, we have looked at different examples of persuasive writing; the children will then have to enter the Dragon's Den and persuade the Dragons to choose their product!

In Science, the children have carried out investigations regarding dissolving. In History we have been finding out about the Celts and Boudica. The children enjoyed their last Forest School session and it was a delight to see them showing good teamwork, demonstrating resilience and independence.

## Gold Book Certificates

**Awarded Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.00 a.m.**

*We welcome parents and family members to attend the presentation of their child's certificate, which takes place in the school hall.*

**Hugo Hark** for being a totally awesome mathematician and doing trickier maths than Mrs Docherty!

**Isla Crofts** for being totally awesome at Phonics, she just can't stop building and reading new words!

**Thomas Norgrove** for writing an excellent 'found tag' for an arctic creature. Great writing Thomas!

**Harry Shepherd** for drawing a set of fantastic trees to show the changes that occur over the seasons.

**Stan Hopcroft** for making a huge effort in all areas of learning, especially with his presentation. It is very clear how much effort Stan is making and his Tudor family tree was FABULOUS!

**Luis Simpson** for really knuckling down with his learning and showing that he is a mature and sensible year 4. He has also been really helpful and supportive to his peers.

**Scarlett Hanks** for showing increasing confidence, focus and a more positive attitude towards her learning. You are working hard; you are more confident asking for help and this is helping you to make greater progress. Keep up that excellent attitude Scarlett.

**Toby Taylor-McIntosh** for working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Toby has a positive attitude towards his learning; he has impeccable manners and is a pleasure to teach. Well done Toby!