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Head Teacher's Messages

Farewell - It is with a heavy heart that I write my last 'Head Teacher's Messages' and say goodbye – I shall miss the school, all of the children, parents and extended family members immensely. It has been a huge privilege being the Head Teacher of Burford Primary School and I have enjoyed being part of such a wonderful community for over 9 years and shall treasure all of the memories.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the dedicated staff team at Burford Primary, who have supported me over the years and to our Governors who play such a vital role in being the school's critical friend and offering challenge, so that the children are given the best opportunities to realise their full potential. Also, thank you to the Friends of Burford Primary School (FoBPS) who work tirelessly to raise funds, to enhance provision in so many ways.

Beyond school, I have worked with the local community, colleagues within our Burford Partnership Schools and more widely with other schools within our Academy Trust, as well as local Charities and other professionals. All support and contribute significantly to the life of our school, in so many ways, and make a difference to provision available to our children.

With my very best wishes to you all for a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Nikki Latton – We say goodbye to Nikki Latton at the end of term; she has taught at Burford Primary for the last 14 years and we are so grateful for all the contributions she has made to school life and commitment to the children in her care; we wish her every success for the future.

Tracey Cross - We also say goodbye to Tracey Cross who has covered our Breakfast Club for many years and, for a time, served on our Governing Body. We thank Tracey for all those early morning starts and wish her well in the future.

Christmas Production & Key Stage 2 Concert - these take place next Tuesday, 17th December in Burford Church, with **Warwick & Windrush children performing at 2.00 p.m.**, being watched by their parents and the children from Tolsey & Priory classes. Should you wish to collect your child from the Church at 3.00 p.m., please ensure a member of our staff is aware. For the **evening concert, at 6 p.m.**, Priory & Tolsey children need to **arrive at the church by 5.45 p.m.** A presentation to those staff leaving will follow the concert and a social gathering – see Zoey Khan, Chair of Governor's message.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

Message from Zoey Khan, Chair of Governors

To mark the occasion of Mrs Dyer's retirement and to say goodbye to members of staff who are leaving, there will be a **presentation and social gathering after the Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 17 December at approximately 7.00 p.m in Burford Church.** Even if you are unable to attend the concert, it would be lovely to see you all afterwards. A buffet and refreshments are being provided.

Term ends - THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 1.10 P.M. and recommences on **TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020**

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

We are all so incredibly proud of how hard Warwick Class have been working this term, the progress they have made in their number work and phonics in particular is to be commended. I would like to thank all of those parents who have continued to support us through the term, in particular with the home reading, it really is key and those who are reading and talking about books at home on a daily basis are doing especially well, so thank you.

We hope that you all enjoy our Nativity next week, and such a special time for you to treasure as parents. We hope that you have a wonderful time as a family over the Christmas break and look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year, ready for even more learning!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In English, Windrush Class children worked really hard to write instructions on how to help a lost penguin find its way home. We discussed possible titles, their layout and how to use imperative verbs (bossy words). I was really impressed with the range of suggestions on how to help a penguin - calling the local fire station, looking in a book about penguins, asking friends for help and checking the lost and found office.

In Maths, we created a tally chart to show the children's favourite version of Puss in Boots - pantomime, DVD or book. Using this information we then created a bar graph. We have also created tally charts to show our favourite colours and favourite party food.

Practice for our nativity play is also in full swing, I am so proud of the children and how they are approaching learning the play. They have all worked hard to learn their lines and queues. You are in for a real treat next week!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

In Tolsey, we have had a very busy couple of weeks. We have written poems about teachers and their pets which were very funny. We have also been working out how to do formal methods of addition and investigating ways in which it is best to add. We have also been making calendars, Christmas cards and cards for those members of staff who are leaving.

We have had a wonderful term and would like to wish all the staff, parents and friends of Burford Primary School a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. Enjoy the break everyone and we look forward to more exciting learning next year.

Priory Class

Ms Nikki Latton

In Priory Class we are finishing our end of year assessments and I am very impressed by how hard the children have been working. We have also created some poems about what Christmas means to us and also thinking about others in the world who may not be as fortunate as us. In maths lessons we have been revising our methods of calculation and mental maths skills.

The children have enjoyed rehearsing for our Christmas Concert and I am impressed by the number of strong singers we have in Priory Class. The children are also working on an Art project where they have chosen their artist to study and are creating a piece of art in a similar style.

I can't believe this is my last term at Burford Primary and would like to thank all of the children I have taught for being such wonderful individuals. We have worked hard together and hopefully had some fun on the way. Keep working hard and I am sure your new teacher will be impressed by all that you do. Also thank you to parents and friends for your continued support. Have a good rest over Christmas and enjoy your family time together.