

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Happy New Year to everyone! It has been great to meet and talk with so many of you and your children during the first few days of my Interim Headship at Burford Primary School. The warm welcome from you, the pupils and staff has helped me to gain a good understanding of the current needs of the school. I am really pleased to be working with you all.

We are delighted to welcome two new staff to our team this term. Mrs Flower joins us as class teacher for Priory and is supported by Mrs Davis who joins us as teaching assistant.

My aim for the rest of the academic year is to help maintain continuity while building on the achievements of the school. I plan to communicate with you in a timely, effective way and I hope to ensure everyone in the school community feels included and has an understanding of what is happening.

I look forward to a successful term working with you all, maintaining our focus on the children and allowing them to achieve their maximum potential.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak with me, please make an appointment through the school office.

Lisa Austin, Interim Head Teacher

Assembly Themes

Our assembly theme this week is 'New Beginnings' and next week it is 'Goals/ambitions'.

Office Messages

Happy New Year to you all. Mrs Ralphs and I would like to thank you all for your lovely Christmas gifts we received – they were very much appreciated.

Reception year application – deadline approaching

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 **15th January 2020** – apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

School lunches

The amount to pay for this term in advance for school lunches is £63.80 via ParentPay – this is up to & including Friday 14th February.

Forest School

Forest School commences next Wednesday for Warwick & Windrush Children (excluding 29th Feb). Volunteers are required on a weekly basis to fulfil the adult/child ratio. Should you wish to help, please write your name down on the sign-up sheet located in Warwick Class. A letter will be out on ParentMail very shortly.

Free school meal / service family children

By Tuesday next week, please could I ask all parents to either pop into the office or email me to confirm that your family is either a Service family or that you are entitled to claim for free school meals due to your joint income being less than £16,190 per year. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 enjoying Universal Free School meals, we do still need to know if you should be receiving this entitlement and additional funding can be obtained.

Afterschool / Lunchtime Clubs

If any parent/carers/grandparents would be interested in running either a lunchtime or afterschool club for our children, we would be interested to talk to you. We already offer a lunchtime sports club, an art club and choir within school. It would be really good to offer clubs such as coding, chess, lego, needlecraft, woodwork, or alike. Anyone have such skills and some spare time please, we would love to know.

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

Welcome back to Term 3, where Chicken Pox appears to have swept through the majority of Warwick Class over the Christmas break. I hope that despite the chicken pox you have managed to enjoy Christmas with your families and enjoyed a restful New Year.

As you may have already heard, the children have chosen 'Paw Patrol' for their new topic and we are excited to learn all about the different jobs the pups do.

In phonics we continue to blend cvc words and our reading in class will reflect this. Please continue sound spotting and word blending in the books you enjoy sharing at home - if you're not sure the children will show you what to do! Shortly I will be sending home some short sentences for you to read at home with your child.

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Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

This week we kicked started our new topic 'What a Wonderful World'. We learnt the names of the seven continents and their location and painted flags from different countries around the world.

In English we have started to study a new story - Anansi the Spider - a traditional tale from Ghana. The children drew spiders and then hid them around the classroom! A friend then had to explain where the spider was using the sentence starter 'The spider is'. The following day, the children wrote these down. In addition we learnt a Ghanaian call and response song.

Maths has seen us finding one more and one less of a number, describing the properties of two digit numbers and comparing them.

With Forest School starting next week, Windrush Class would be grateful for volunteers to accompany us. A sign-up sheet is located next to Warwick Class.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

Welcome back and a huge thank you to everyone for the lovely gifts you gave me. I can now keep warm, smell good and eat a lot of sweet stuff! The children have been giving me updates on their holiday and are all settling back into their learning well. We have an exciting new topic this term which is going to be all about the continents of the world. The children have been introduced to it and are eager to learn more about each one. There will be a homework project sent home in the next few weeks and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Priory Class

Mrs Stephanie Flower

With this week's launch of our very first Burford Primary School Spy Academy, we are learning about the skills that any would-be undercover agent will need in order to have success. This includes skills such as being an effective listener, following instructions, being flexible and the art of going unnoticed - attributes that link beautifully with PHSE.

On Wednesday, we completed a questionnaire to ascertain our suitability to live a life of subterfuge (reading comprehension) and looked at key maths skills that any would-be spy might need, with a little bit of magic thrown in for good measure! The class text for the term - Stormbreaker, by Antony Horowitz - will provide a fantastic stimulus for our writing and, hopefully, lead many children to independently pursue the next book in the series, Point Blanc.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 16th January 2020 @ 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.

Rosie Green for her fantastic use of phonics. She loves reading and is independently applying phonics to her writing. You are awesome Rosie!

Toby Hayes for being able to do maths that is too tricky for Mrs Docherty! You are an awesome mathematician Toby!

Warren Thomas - For being amazing. You always demonstrate a fantastic attitude to your work and learning. Listening skills are great - your hand is always up to offer suggestions. Well done you!

Sophia Wilkins for writing great sentences about where a spider is hidden. She worked hard to make sure she used full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Keep up the good work Sophia.

Ethan Hind for making a huge effort and starting the new year really well. There has also been a huge improvement in the quality of his writing since September.

Johnny Thompson for always putting in good effort to his learning. He also listens and contributes well in all areas of the curriculum. He is a good learner and friend to many in the class.

Summer Wiggin for demonstrating a wonderfully positive and helpful attitude in our first week of the new term.

Isabella Prowton for her joyful attitude to learning and willingness to have a go.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 16th January 2020 @ 9.00 a.m.

Aashreya Gummadala has completed her Rainbows (girl guiding) certificate and moving onto Brownies from January 2020. Well done Aashreya.