

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Miss Lisa Austin and Mrs Clare Silvester

We hope this newsletter finds you well, despite the wet and windy weather and receiving the latest news that schools will no longer be reopening for all pupils ahead of the summer holidays. We are continuing to work on our planning for the rest of this academic year, and we will keep you updated. Next week we will be sending another survey for parents of pupils in **Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6** to support our planning for our existing "bubbles" after June 26th.

Although we are not currently open to all children, we remain here for you all and we will continue to support you as much as possible. Please keep in touch with us - we're in school all week, and continue to communicate with your child's teacher through the class email accounts. We all love seeing photos of the things you are doing and hearing your news!

Staffing update

Tolsey class have been incredibly lucky to have had Mrs Connor as their class teacher this year, however as you will know, her role within school has been temporary. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Connor in July as she has been such a wonderful asset to the whole staff team, and we know that Tolsey class have loved having her as their teacher.

We held a successful interview day in March, just before the school closed, and we are thrilled to inform you that in September we will be welcoming Mrs Rebecca Wilson to Burford as Tolsey class Teacher. Mrs Wilson is a highly experienced teacher; currently Middle School Lead at Glory Farm Primary School in Bicester. She is really excited to start, and we are all looking forward to her becoming part of the Burford family.

Details of transition arrangements for all pupils, including meeting Mrs Wilson, are being considered at the moment and we will inform you of any plans we are able to make, in line with Government advice, as soon as we are able.

Building works

The build project is moving on swiftly, and there are already big changes to what was the IT room, Windrush classroom and the staffroom. We will keep you updated on progress over this term, and we will share plans for how the space will be used from September soon.

Year 6 bubble closure

A reminder that the **year six bubble will be closed on 25th and 26th June** while Mrs Flower is absent from school as part of her work with NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics). We apologise for this unavoidable closure.

Critical-worker places

If you are a critical worker, and would like to request a place for your child at school, please email the school office for a request form. Further information regarding critical workers who can access schools can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Places are allocated based on the parents eligibility under the guidance linked above, and are dependent on capacity at school. We have remained open throughout the duration of the schools closure for the children of critical workers and we will continue to endeavour to do all we can to support these families.

School and community Art Project

It has been wonderful to see some of the first circles coming into school from the year groups that are back. This display will be fantastic when it is altogether, symbolising the unity between us despite our current separation. A reminder of your colours:

Warwick children- reds
Windrush children- oranges
Tolsey children- yellows
Priory children- greens
Staff- blues
Parents and wider family members- purples and pinks

Windrush Class

School and community Art Project cont/d...



Hear Mrs Silvester share the story 'The Dot' and give more details on the project here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsYVSUDH30I>

Messages from the School Office

We hope you are all staying safe & well. An update for you on Tolsey & Priory class residential trips – as you have probably realised these will not be taking place due to Covid 19 restrictions. We are expecting a refund from the Centre of all monies paid. As soon as these are received by us, we will immediately refund them to you either via ParentPay or by cheque for those who paid in cash.

Photographs of Classes & Year 6 leavers – we are working with our photographer and compiling these group photographs using the individual ones taken earlier in this academic year. Unfortunately we do have a few children missing as they were ill or indeed not on roll at that time. We will forward the proofs to you as soon as we receive them so you can place an order should you wish.

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Holly Docherty & Mrs Wendy Corless

Over the last couple of weeks we have enjoyed two more Julia Donaldson stories 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'The Princess and the Wizard' and we have been so impressed by all of the learning the children have done with them. We have seen some super snail spirals and have enjoyed hearing about and seeing photographs of the phonics and writing you are doing at home. Well done everyone!

Next week we will be focusing on one of our favourite Warwick class stories 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Good news, the caterpillars have been delivered so photos will be sent home soon! It will be great fun learning about the life cycle together both at home and in school.

Take Care everyone and stay in touch
Love Mrs D, Mrs C and the EYFS Team x

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Thank you very much for your emails, I really do love seeing the work the children are doing and hearing how they are getting on - I do miss them!

In English, the Year 2's have been using The Firework Makers Daughter as a stimulus for their writing. They have been learning how to write expanded noun phrases, how to use commas in lists and how to write character and setting descriptions.

The Year 1 children have been using the story 'Sayeeda the Pirate Princess' as a stimulus for their writing. They have been writing list poems, editing work by adding capital letters and full stops and writing their own pirate story.

In Maths, the Year 1 children have been learning how to count in 10s, 2s and 5s. As well as learning about measures. In Year 2 the children have been learning about fractions, odds and evens and money.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

A big shout-out to EVERYONE in Tolsey who has been doing their home learning on time, I am so impressed with the number of you that have been keeping up to date with it all.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions and are moving on to adding numbers together.

In English, we have been revising the use of apostrophes for possession and contraction. We have now finished The Indian in the Cupboard which seemed to be enjoyed by most children. Look out next week for the new book that we are starting...

Stay safe and well everyone and keep posting!

Priory Class

Class Teacher - Mrs Stephanie Flower

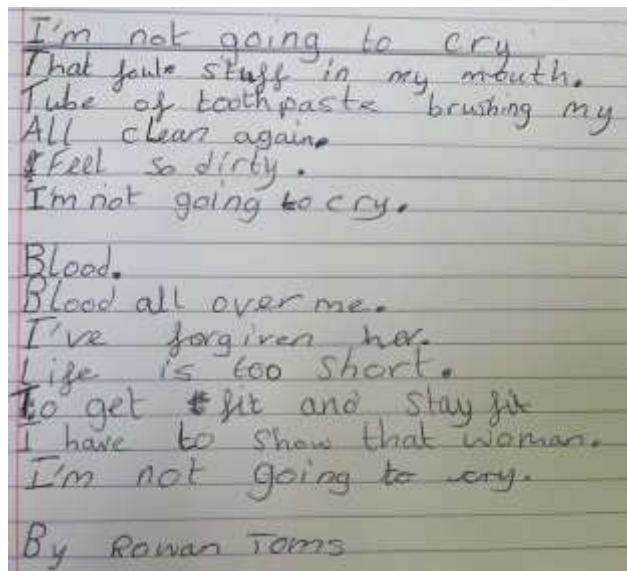
It's a fine balancing act between staying on top of home learning for year 5s when there's nearly a full complement of year 6s at school, but I have been so pleased with the way in which the year 6s have returned and adjusted to our rather unique ways of working. I have also been delighted by the ongoing commitment of those year 5s who continue to do all the work that has been set for them on Google Classroom: more grist to the mill for year 6!

Priory Class cont/d...

We are in the final stages of our class text, Pig Heart Boy, which we started last term. This book offers us the chance to consider some rather large moral dilemmas (great PHSE discussions) and has inspired some very powerful poetry (see two examples from the year 6s, below, who used the class text to create 'blackout' poems).

In Maths, we have focused on fraction-decimal equivalence and looked at how both ultimately relate to place value (tenths, hundredths and thousandths). This will lead us nicely into work on percentages next week, showing the relationship that exists between all 3 (brothers and sisters of the maths world!).


Next week, our year 6s will experience a 'virtual' transition meeting with Mr Cowley, Head of Year 7, from Burford School. We have all met Mr Cowley before and look forward to another conversation in preparation for secondary school. This will be followed up with a 1-1 meeting with Mrs Flower, so that even in the current situation, we do all that we can to ensure that our year 6s make a smooth and successful transition to secondary school in September.



I'm not going to cry
That foul stuff in my mouth.
Tube of toothpaste brushing my
All clear again
I feel so dirty.
I'm not going to cry.

Blood.
Blood all over me.
I've forgiven her.
Life is too short.
To get fit and stay fit
I have to show that woman.
I'm not going to cry.

By Rowan Toms



I'm not going to cry.
Can still taste that foul stuff
All clean again
Still feel so dirty
Only holding on by my finger tips
I'm not going to cry.

Been arrested
Wondering where she got the blood from
Wouldn't have killed some poor animal
I'm not going to cry.

Hit me with her bucket
It's still assault
Don't want anymore puss
I'm not going to cry.

Want to prove to everyone
Better than that
I've forgiven
Really have forgiven
I'm not going to cry.

Don't know what to do or where to go
Life is too short
I'm not going to cry.

Tamara

Gold Book - Workers of the Week 12th June 2020

Harry Lawton for learning to ride his bike without stabilisers - we are so proud of you Harry!

Zander Ford for some super writing he has done at home with mum - well done Zander!

Eliza Ford for working really hard on her learning. Eliza has been writing sentences, learning her key words and making planets to name but a few. Good job Eliza.

Bella Williams for being on fire in maths! She has worked hard to learn the 2 times table.

Jeremiah Kallimel - Jeremiah has been excelling in his home learning by putting on quizzes and videos to share with the rest of the class.

Austin Elvidge for completing his home learning on time and responding to marking really well.

Abigale Rigby for her willingness to have a go and embrace the challenge, even when it takes her out of her comfort zone.

Scarlett Hanks for her continued commitment to keep up with the home learning and the huge impact that this will have on her learning, next year.