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Head Teacher's Messages

Miss Lisa Austin and Mrs Clare Silvester

We are almost there- we have almost crossed the finish line on what has been one of the strangest academic years we could have ever imagined. There is only one more week of home learning to go before you can finally settle into a new routine of summer holidays. Over the last few months we have worked in ways we have never worked before, solved problems we have not had to consider previously and yet the enthusiasm, positivity and general sense of 'can' from the staff at our school has been exceptional. There is a strong, dedicated team here and we are so grateful for all that they are doing to keep Burford Primary School going in such a fantastic way.

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of positive feedback from parents around the end of term plans- we cannot wait to welcome back your children for one special day with their teachers and friends; we are sure it will be very memorable and will really help bring closure to this academic year and a sense of excitement for September.

A reminder that all existing bubbles close on Wednesday for the academic year (Warwick- 12pm, Year 1 12:15, Year 6 12:30 and Keyworker 12:45). And with these bubbles closing on Wednesday, marks the end of their academic year.

We have been so impressed by the children's response to the new systems in school and they have adapted so well to the new ways of working. We will see most of these children back in September, but we must bid our Year 6 children a fond farewell as they leave our school for new adventures at secondary school. They are a credit to the school- the way in which they have returned and kept up with core learning, engaged so well with transition work and enjoyed the last few weeks of being here shows the wonderful characters they are and the respect and love they have for their school. We couldn't be prouder of them- they are ready for the next stage in their school career, but we will miss them!

Plans for September

We are currently working on our plans for September, and we will write to you next week with more detail. Please be assured that **all children will be returning to school**, full time (there will be a period of settling in for Warwick class- details will be sent home shortly) and although things will remain quite different at school there will be more similarities to what the children are used to than what we are currently delivering. **Children will be required to wear school uniform** from September. We have been informed that many uniform providers are asking for orders to be placed much earlier this year so please bear this in mind! **There will be staggered drop off and pick up times**, but we are working these to ensure each class has the same amount of learning time, and they will have the same number of hours in school as they have always had. We are making plans to **provide wraparound care, however this is unlikely to open in the first week**. The children will experience a **rich, broad and ambitious curriculum**, which will provide catch up opportunities as well as a focus on building resilience and moving forwards together as a whole school. We are very excited to share our curriculum plans with you in due course.

We will send a separate letter next week regarding September plans, and within this letter there will be a link to a survey where you can ask questions. We will then complete a FAQ document which we hope will be a useful way of answering any questions you may have.

End of Year reports

Your child's end of year report will be sent via ParentMail in a PDF format today. If you would like a paper copy please email the office and we will print one for you- we have chosen to email them as we are sure you can appreciate the high postage cost needed to send these documents home! Within the email you will also find an editable feedback form. In the absence of being able to see you, it would be so useful to have your feedback via this form; please return it to the school office via email. Thank you, and we hope you enjoy sharing this report with your children at home and celebrate their hard work and achievements this year.

School Art project

The display board is ready for your circles! We have had some lovely ones in so far- when more children return to school on Thursday and Friday please bring in your circles if you have them as we'd love to start getting our display up!

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



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

We really couldn't be prouder of Warwick Class children and how they have settled to the different ways of working over the last few weeks, whether it be at home or in school. It's testament to you all as parents that they have done as well as they have and we thank you for this.

Although your children haven't been able to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom if they are moving to Year 1, please rest assured that the usual transition work has been going on behind the scenes between myself and Mrs Beaney who is very much looking forward to September.

For those of you moving into Reception the classroom will look different too and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back. Information on the September transition is on its way.

Take care everyone and stay safe over the summer.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

With this being the final newsletter before the summer, Windrush Team would like to thank you for all of your support over the last year. It has been a strange year and your kindness and understanding has been very much appreciated. Over the week, the Year 1 children have been writing their own non-fiction text about a made up creature and they have written their own poem. During these units the children have learnt about onomatopoeia, rhyme and how to layout non-fiction texts. In Maths, they consolidated their knowledge of coins and began to work on fractions - finding a half and a quarter.

The Year 2 children have finished their work on the Firework Makers Daughter and looked at a new story 'The Odyssey.' Using the Odyssey as inspiration they wrote a non-fiction text about the Battle of Troy. Maths saw them consolidating their knowledge of measures and time.

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Hilary Connor

Tolsey children have almost finished their latest guided reading book and we have been investigating the characters, writing newspaper headlines and looking at love and loss. The book has been an emotional journey but I think that everyone has enjoyed it.

In Maths we have been looking at graphs and angles of triangles. It has been lovely to see the videos and pictures of the children who have been sending things in. I am very proud of all the children who have been completing the learning and sending it in. It is also lovely to get messages from students. I am really looking forward to seeing the children who are coming into school next week.

Priory Class

Class Teacher - Mrs Stephanie Flower

In our penultimate week of the term, it is with a heavy heart that we prepare to say goodbye to our current year 6s. I don't think it matters how long you spend with a class – it's simply too easy to get attached: a peril of the job! I know that I've said it before, but I have been so impressed with the way in which the year 6s have returned to school and managed their learning. They knew we had core curriculum content to cover, and I've watched that learning materialise in ways that they will – hopefully - remember. With our work around transition now complete, we have been spending additional time looking at 'moral dilemmas' - a final chance to consider situations and how they might respond to these.

Priory Class cont/d...

In lieu of other activities, we have organised a leavers' party for the year 6s on The Paddock next Tuesday night, involving pizzas and a movie. Good weather is imperative, so keep your fingers crossed for us! When Wednesday arrives, our bubble will close at lunchtime and we will bid our final farewells to our amazing, and definitely secondary-ready year 6 cohort, and will set about preparing to welcome back our wonderful and greatly missed year 5s over the following few days.

Gold Book - Workers of the Week **10th July 2020**

Lila Wiggins for learning to ride her bike without stabilisers, well done Lila!

Dexter Gibney for being such a kind friend and for writing his own name and using the letter formation rhymes, well done Dexter!

Rupert Gage for doing a fantastic job in all areas of his home learning. He has been working hard on his letter formation, sentence writing, mental maths and spelling! Great job Rupert.

Georgie Leach for writing an interesting non-fiction text on a flying cat. It was pink with bright blue wings and furry legs! It also liked to eat flowers. Well done Georgie.

Harry Chambers for working really hard on his maths and making really good progress in the subject.

James Lampard for working really hard on his handwriting during this lockdown period.

Year 6: **Maddie McDowall Gilbert, Lewis Batty and Eliza Shore** - All three year 6s have shown a very consistent, flexible and hard-working approach to their learning since returning to school after half-term. Well done.

Year 5: **Lily O'Brien** – I am so proud of Lily's hard work at home. Even though I can't see her, I instinctively know that her confidence is growing with every passing week.

Community News

Please save the date!

An ex-parent is organising a children's activity week in the first week of August (Mon 3rd - Weds 5th Aug) for children in Burford and Fulbrook. It will take place on the Recreation Ground in Burford and there'll be lots of great things on offer for children of all ages - forest school, art, sports etc. It will all be free of charge (kindly funded by the Burford Festival) and with small groups and Covid precautions in place.

She is just finalising the timetable and hope to send it out next week for parents to book.