

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Firstly, I would like to give a warm welcome to our new families and children. All the children have settled back really well and look extremely smart in their new red polo shirts. It is so nice to hear from the members of public around Burford as to how smart all the children now look. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are named which will help the lost property bins to stay empty! Also, children will need to have a PE kit in school every day – please ensure they take it home on a Friday for washing and return the following Monday. Thank you all for your co-operation.

Communication with Parents/Carers

We will be continuing to use **Parent Mail** to send all newsletters & other correspondence out to parents and carers. There are still quite a number who have not yet registered – **this needs to be done for every child** you have in school. If this is the case, you should have received another letter this week asking you to do this. The code on your letter is unique; it will only be active for 8 weeks, so **please do not delay**. If you are encountering any problems, or would like some help, please bring in your letter to Mrs Hunt and she will be able to help and set you up.

Jeans for Genes Day

Every year we support this organisation by wearing our jeans to school, together with our school polo shirts & sweatshirts, for a £1.00 donation. This year, the event will be on Friday 19th September.

Music lessons by Oxfordshire County Music

The Oxfordshire County Music organisation is offering music lessons to learn musical instruments at Burford School – this is open to all pupils in Years 3 to 6 and also providing transport. Should your child be interested, please either pick up an application form from our school office or phone them on Oxford (01865) 740000.

Achiever Trophies

In addition to our fortnightly Gold Book certificates, we have introduced a new reward scheme and have two trophies per class inscribed with 'Windrush / Tolsey / Priory / Warwick Achiever', which have been supplied by FOBPS. Two children (1 boy/1 girl) will be chosen at the end of each term as the 'Class Achievers'. Therefore, 12 children in each class should receive the trophies over the course of the academic year.

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The trophies are awarded to those who have consistently worked hard and demonstrated exemplary behaviour, thus setting a fine example to their peers. They will be presented at Gold Book Assemblies and kept by those children at home until the next time they are awarded.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

**Class Teachers – Mrs Teresa Lock &
Miss Chrisanne Massetti**

We have had an amazing start to our new school year; all the children seem to be settling in really well and making lots of new friends. This week we have started our phonics sessions; these are short and fun and an important part of learning to read and write. We are also carrying out baseline assessments through observations, so that we can track the progress of each child during the academic year. We will be sending 'All About Me' books home this week so we can start the 1:1 sessions next week with the children, which helps us plan a personalised curriculum. Some of our activities are linked to the whole school topic 'Into the Wild' and this week we have been reading 'Walking in the Jungle' and discussing which wild animal we would like to be.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Mrs Bennett and I are pleased to report that we have a very well settled class indeed! We started our topic work by looking at wild landscapes such as the Australian Outback and the African Savannah. This week we started to study aboriginal culture - ask your children if they can draw and explain the aborigine flag!

In Literacy we are adapting the classic 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by looking at character description and planning strategies for storytelling. We are all being taught and reminded of the basics such as pencil grip, capital letters and full stops, as well as getting used to being a bit more independent with our writing and book management. In Maths we are looking at place value of numbers, ordering and sequencing. We will also be having a weekly session dedicated to problem solving using Numicon, a practical resource. Well done Windrush, I can tell we are going to have a great term!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey the children have made a fantastic start to the new term and show what a brilliant class they are going to be. They are already showing an excellent attitude towards learning and getting used to the new routines in the class and their new teacher! The Year 4 children are helping the Year 3s and myself learn the ropes in Tolsey and we are learning together how to make our class work well.

We have started our new topic which is 'In the Wild' and have started learning about 'The Wild West'; we will be finding out about the Pilgrims' journey to the new world and about Native American culture. In literacy our work is cross curricular and based around the Native American tale 'Grandmother Spider Stole the Sun'. In maths we are consolidating our knowledge of the place value system and working on our times tables.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

What a fantastic start to the term it has been for Priory Class. The children have quickly settled back into the routine of school and made me feel so welcome. It has been very enjoyable getting to know them, what wonderful children you have!

In Numeracy this week we have revised place value and are getting ready for calculation practise next week. In Literacy, we have already started to think about the upcoming Harvest Assembly at church. We have collected lots of words and phrases, from a variety of stimuli, which we will turn into a whole class poem.

What else have we been up to?

Timoney Pitt quoted – "I have enjoyed numerous things this week, including making a mini person, which Miss Forester uses to choose people for jobs. I have also enjoyed our pointillism art lesson. The Year 6 get to sit on the benches in assembly, which is great."

Kirsty Locke quoted – "In literacy we have also been playing speaking and listening games. We have had to think of an object and describe it to the class. They then had to guess what we were thinking about."

Burford Stars

Last week the stars were Sam Backhouse and Tristan Howard. This week they are Gabby Smith and Sam Blantz.

Fundraising for Outdoor Learning project

Please come and join us for a Cream Tea on Sunday 14th September – see poster for details at the end of this newsletter.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 18th September 2014
2.30 p.m.

Alexandra Wilson for her kind and caring actions helping our new children settle in to Warwick Class. Well done Alex.

Connor Brimblecombe for making a great start in his new class and being a good role model to his peers at circle time; keep up the good work Connor.

Olivia Lampard for settling brilliantly into our class and school. Olivia is already making lots of friends and showing us what a superb learner she is.

Caitlin Townsend for slotting into our class brilliantly. What a great addition to Year two you are Caitlin. Well done for an excellent start!

Isabelle Lampard for making an excellent start to the new term. She has already made lots of new friends and is showing a super attitude towards her learning.

Kyla Mackie for showing an excellent attitude towards her learning and outstanding behaviour. Kyla is an excellent role model to the younger children who have joined the class.

Sholto Ross for outstanding effort in all the work he has produced. He is a great role model within the class and for the whole school! Keep up the good work.

Ceara Townsend for settling in so quickly – it's like she has always been here!

Golden Post Box

Congratulations to **Olivia Bazeley** for passing her primary RAD Ballet exam with a distinction. Also, well done for passing her Stage 6 swimming.

Well done to **Eleanor Marshall** for achieving her Stage 3 certificate in swimming.

Community News

The Burford Skate Park Group, a Community Group raising funds to provide a Skate Park. We are organising a **Family Fun Activity Day on Saturday 13th September 2014, 12.00-4.00pm**.

There will be lots of activities and sports for all ages of family to join in from football & rounders to giant garden games and croquet, barbeque, tea & cakes or have a bounce on the bouncy slide. For a more relaxing option bring a picnic, deckchairs or blanket and watch all the action. If you are able to donate a raffle prize or some cakes that would be fantastic and we would be very grateful. We are also looking for some old golf clubs to borrow if anyone has any. Please see Louisa Swann at school or contact Rachael Conlon 01993 822607. Thank you.

PARENTING TEENAGERS

Sometimes it feels like our teenage children are living in a different world. But in October there will be a six week course to help us make the most of the teenage years, and not just survive them! The course is based on the belief that it is possible for parents to retain a guiding hand in their teenagers' lives, while learning to give them the space they need to stretch their wings and fly. It will help parents identify those areas where they are strong and those where they wish to improve, including :

Communication— understanding their world and picking up the signals

Foundations—encouraging a healthy self esteem

Boundaries and battlefields

Security, sex and substances

Consumerism, cash and cyberspace

Who is it for? - For parents, step-parents and anyone caring for 11-18 year olds. Anyone is welcome to attend, whether you go to church or not, whether you are parenting by yourself or as a couple. The venue is St John the Baptist, Burford and the course starts 1st October. More information and application details at www.burfordchurch.org or from Nicola Coombs (nmcoombs@btinternet.com).

Richard and Nicola Coombs

FOBPS Newsletter

Autumn Ball – Friday 26th September

The date of our Autumn Ball is approaching fast and tickets are selling out. We have a limited number left, so if you would like to join us for a fabulous evening then please speak to Louisa Swann or the School Office.

For those of you that have already reserved tickets but have not yet paid, can you please give the money to Louisa Swann or the school office by Friday 19th September.

The menu has now been finalised too, so please pop into the office to make your choice or see Louisa Swann for a menu sheet.

We still have some sponsorship places available, so if you, or the company you work for would like to find out more about being a sponsor, then we'd love to hear from you!

The Ball will be raising much needed funds to help with the Paddock project (you may have noticed the project plans at the school entrance.) We now have our own donation page so if you are feeling generous and would like to contribute, you can do so by visiting <http://mydonate.bt.com/events/fobpsball/185073>

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Cook For Books

It's back! The first Cook for Books will be held on Friday 10th October after school on the veranda. It will be the turn of Warwick Class so please look out for cake donation plates in your child's book bags.

Halloween Party

Save the Date... We will holding our annual Halloween Party on Wednesday 22nd October. If you would like to help out at this event then please speak to Nicola Chandler or Lizanne Harris.

Bags 2 School

The next Bags2School will be collected on Wednesday 5th November at 9am. The blue collection bags will be put in your child's book bags nearer the time.

FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS have got an account on **Facebook**, so please remember to 'like' us. We keep you informed on upcoming events and give feedback on recent ones. You can find us at www.facebook.com/BurfordPrimarySchool or use the link to our Facebook page from the **school's website** – just look under the 'News' tab and then the 'Social Media Page' link at the bottom. The amounts raised at events and photos will be posted on to FB for you to see and share!

FOBPS Meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on **Thursday 16th October**, straight after school.

If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann, Lizanne Harris or Rachael Barton and we can tell you more about it.

Our meetings are very relaxed so feel free to pop along whenever you want to!

Please do let us know if you think you can help or want to get involved with FOBPS

If you would like to contact **FOBPS by email**, feel free to email the co-chair of FOBPS directly at louisa@theswanns.com



CREAM *tea* IN THE GARDEN

Sunday 14th September

10am – 5pm

Please join us, in support of Burford Primary School's Outdoor Learning Project, for a *Splendidly Scrumptious*

Cream Tea at K.A. Davies & Son's open garden, on the left hand side by the entrance to Burford car park.



We'd love your help...

If you'd like to join the team and help on the day, please contact Laura Davies on 07816 527531 or the school office.

