

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Remembrance Sunday – 11th November 2014

On Sunday 9th November, Burford Primary School took part in the 100th anniversary memorial service, which marked the beginning of the First World War. This was the first memorial service in which Burford Primary School participated and two children, Samuel Moore and George Khan, were chosen to lay the wreath in remembrance of those who had fallen. Both Sam and George (pictured below) took their role as ambassadors of the school very seriously and conducted themselves in a manner which reflected the importance of the occasion. We will continue with this tradition, every year, to mark this very poignant part of our history.



Children in Need – Tomorrow (Friday 14th November)

We will be supporting this charity by having a non-school uniform day tomorrow (14th November) in return for a small donation. Thank you for your support.

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations for Windrush, Tolley & Priory classes are on **Monday November 24th** from **2.30pm** onwards (sign-up sheets are up in your child's classroom). Please note the school will be closing for these three classes at 2.00 p.m. Our normal after school provision will be provided.

Christmas Panto – Wednesday 26th November

All the children will enjoy the start of Christmas celebrations by attending the Chipping Norton Theatre on Wednesday 26th November to see Mother Goose. A separate letter accompanies this newsletter.

Coffee Morning for Parents

This will take place on **Tuesday, 16 December at 9am**, in the school hall, after drop-off – it will be an opportunity for you to come and talk to governors informally about school matters. All welcome.

Head Teacher's messages cont/d...

Starting School in Reception Year – September 2015

Parents of children born between 1/9/2010 & 31/8/2011 must make an application to start school in September 2015. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2015. You can apply on line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Lost Property

One child has lost 3 school sweatshirts in the past month (which are named) – could you all please check your stock to ensure they have not been taken home by mistake.

'Thank You' to Karen Patterson

We would like to convey our thanks to Karen Patterson who jumped out of an aeroplane (with a parachute!) and raised £300 for our school's outdoor learning project. What a brave thing to do & what a fabulous amount of money raised. Thank you Karen.

School Website

Our 'new look' website is live. Thank you to all those parents who have made suggestions.

Jenny Dyer

Children in Need - Thank you

On Monday of this week, we organised a cake sale to raise funds for Children in Need. We would like to convey our thanks to everyone for helping us to raise £43.80. All the cakes sold out – even Pudsey the teddy bear had a bite! Phoebe Palmer and Timoney Pitt, Year 6

Warwick Class

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

Warwick Class have been talking about fireworks and bonfires and how they look, smell and sound using new and exciting vocabulary to describe. We had some wonderful colourful paintings and collages created using different painting techniques which are displayed around our classroom. To see what the Burford Bonfire looked like, before it was lit, we visited the Recreation Ground and there was much discussion about the 'Guy' on the top. Whilst there, we also had a lovely time on the park, as a reward for all our hard work in Term 1.

Warwick Class cont/d...

This week we have started our assessments to monitor the progress the children are making in phonics and maths - this allows us to put any interventions into place that are required and plan for the coming weeks. We have already started to think about our Christmas performance and this week the Reception children had their first singing lesson with Mrs Baigent.

Our text for the next couple of weeks is 'Owl Babies'; we have already shared the book and made some very cute pine cone baby owls.

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had a busy week so far completing our various assessments. Mrs Bennett and I are super impressed with the positive attitudes the children showed towards their tests. Lots of having a go and trying their best. We had an interesting day on Monday learning all about Remembrance Day and enjoyed showing our Fields of Flanders paintings during our assembly on Tuesday. Last week, we learnt the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot during our History sessions and enjoyed creating some Bonfire Night poetry which is displayed on the new school website.

In maths, for the past two weeks, we have worked hard to understand multiplication. The children have been problem solving using their times tables knowledge and building arrays to show an understanding of visual multiplication. Everyone should be practising their times tables at home; start with 2's, 5's and 10's and make sure children know them out of their usual order.

We are nearly there with casting for our Christmas performance and will send you costume details ASAP!

A Window on Another World Competition

Thank you for all your beautiful entries, we will be sending them off to Oxford University Press this week and gathering votes for our own school winners from the teaching staff. We will announce the winners via the next Newsletter and should hear from OUP in December. Good Luck everyone!

Achievement for All

Thank you so much to those who joined us for the parents' briefing session last night. We are very keen to get started with the programme and look forward to our first round of 'structured conversations'. We will keep you informed of our progress as we are all keen to make this a team effort with children, parents and staff, all working together to achieve great things for the future. - Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class the children have been working hard looking at their literacy targets and thinking how to 'up level' their writing. We have been using an animation to give us ideas for our own fantasy story, which we have written independently. In maths the children have looked at the relationship between multiplication and division and developing their mental maths' strategies in preparation for maths assessment.

Tolsey Class cont/d...

During topic work the children found out and shared their own experiences of Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day. They looked at the artwork of Georgia O'Keefe and produced beautiful poppy artwork in a similar style. We have also enjoyed finding out about what damages our teeth during science by carrying out an investigation. The children also learnt about food chains and could produce their own food chain.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you had a fantastic half term. The children in Priory Class have quickly settled back into the school routine.

In our Literacy lessons we have been reading a short story from another culture – Nyangara, the Fire Python. The children have completed different activities to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the story and characters. They have used this knowledge to perform a story telling to the children in Windrush. We are now concentrating on writing our own version. In Numeracy, we have extended our knowledge of written methods of multiplication and division and applied this to word problems.

Burford Stars

Last week the stars were George Wareing & Sholto Ross. This week they are Jenny Carter & Tristan Howard.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 20th November 2014

2.45 p.m.

Harry Wilkins for his great listening in our phonics sessions. Harry is enthusiastic and is making good progress in learning his sounds, well done Harry.

Eliana Pestana for progress in her letter formation skills. Wow Eliana, what beautiful writing you already have, keep up the good work.

Seth Harvey for good progress and in reading and for concentrating hard in class. Seth has also improved his confidence in swimming, lots of impressive moments Seth!

Isabella Prowton for making great progress in reading due to lots of hard work and practise. Very well done Isabella.

Kenya Morena Nogue in Year 4 for making an excellent start to her new school. Kenya is already making lots of friends and showing an excellent attitude towards her learning.

Anna Swann for outstanding behaviour and an excellent attitude towards her learning both at school and at home. Anna always produces beautifully presented homework and shows creativity in how she presents her work.

Llinos Cooper for working extremely hard in maths to secure her knowledge of written methods of multiplication.

Amy Buckland for being an outstanding member of Priory Class. She always works hard and completes given tasks to the best of her ability.

Golden Post Box

Congratulations to **Camille Duff** for greatly improving at competitive swimming, taking huge chunks off her personal best times for all strokes. She has recently gained her first County level time for the 200m breast stroke. Those early mornings are worth it Camille – well done.

Congratulations to **Jake Chandler** for passing his level 4 swimming grade. Well done Jake on mastering 'froggy' legs!

Well done to **Timoney Pitt** for completing 40 things before reaching 11¾.

FOBPS Newsletter

Cook for Books

The next 'Cook for books' will be held straight after school on Friday 14th November and it will be the turn of Windrush Class.

Hot Chocolate Friday

Last week's hot chocolate Friday raised an impressive £22.50. It was definitely needed as the weather has been so cold recently. The next one will be held on the 21st November straight after school.

Bags 2 School

'Bags2School' was a great success. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to rummage through your wardrobes and bring in all your unwanted clothing. We should have the final amount of what was raised in the next couple of days.

Burford Christmas Lights

As you may be aware this year we have teamed up with the Burford Town Council and the Burford SK8 park project, to greatly improve the 'Burford Christmas lights ceremony'.

The lights will be switched on, on Sunday 30th November at around 4pm. FOBPS in partnership with the SK8 park project will be selling hot chocolates, cakes and teas and coffees between 1pm and 3pm under our new marquee outside of the school. Please keep this date in your diaries and if you are able to help out on the day we would greatly appreciate it.

Christmas Bazaar

This year the FOBPS Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Friday 5th December**, straight after school until around 5pm. There will be a fabulous raffle, delicious hot dogs, plus lots of tea and cakes!

This year we are mixing things up slightly, instead of the teddy tombola there will be a book tombola, and a few other new games including the golden carrot and teacher tin knockout.

As always to make the Bazaar a success, we need your help. If you have any old books that your children no longer read and are still in good condition, could you please bring them in and hand them to either Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann.

You should have also now have received your raffle tickets to sell. We would really appreciate it if you could sell and return them to the office or a member of FOBPS **as soon as possible**.

The **1st prize** is a **luxury food hamper** including wine, chocolates, biscuits, Christmas Pudding plus many more yummy treats!

Remember...you've got to be in it to win it!!!

FOBPS Cont/d...

Non Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November, in exchange for sweets, chocolates and bottles for the Christmas Bazaar.

FOBPS on Social Media!

FOBPS has 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 13th November**, straight after school. This will be our AGM, so if are able to attend we would really appreciate it, and remember you have the option to put your children into After School Club for the duration of the meeting.

There are many different ways you can help, whether you have lots of time on your hands or would like to contribute as and when you're able to. We hold our meetings roughly every 6 weeks and are very relaxed with no obligation to attend each session. If you feel you can't commit to a large role, you may want to be involved in a smaller but equally important way (e.g. running a stall at the summer fair, baking for a cake sale). Or you can always support FOBPS events by simply turning up, it all counts

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

Community News

Free Flu vaccination being offered to children via your Doctors

Please be aware that your child could be applicable for a free flu vaccination if they fall into one of the below at risk groups. This is because flu (Influenza) can severely affect children in these at risk groups. It is possible to suffer from complications such as ear infections, bronchitis and even pneumonia, which could result in going to hospital for treatment. The risk groups include children with: Chronic respiratory disease including asthma treated with steroid inhalers or tablets; Children admitted to hospital with serious chest or breathing problems; Chronic heart disease including congenital heart disease; Chronic kidney disease; Diabetes, including diet-controlled; Chronic neurological disease, e.g. cerebral palsy or neuromuscular disease; Chronic liver disease; Immunosuppression due to disease or treatment. There is now a vaccine for children under 18's, given as a nasal spray rather than injection and is available at your GP Surgery. Please visit the [NHS flu vaccine webpage](#) for more information on whether your child is eligible.