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Head Teacher's Messages

Farewell & Good Luck to Miss Massetti

Miss Chrisanne Massetti will be leaving Burford Primary School at the end of this term as she has decided to further develop her business, working full time training and looking after dogs – 'K9 Playtime Academy'. On behalf of the children, staff and governors, I would like to extend our thanks to Miss Massetti for all the hard work and commitment she has given to Burford Primary School and wish her well in her new venture.

Christmas Performances

On Monday, 15 December, we will be having our dress rehearsals in the Church – Warwick & Windrush Children will be in church during the morning with Tolsey & Priory children watching. In the afternoon the Reception, Wrap Around Children and Windrush children will be watching Tolsey & Priory performing **so all children will need to be collected from church at 3.10 p.m. please.** If they are booked into After School Club on Monday, the staff will bring them back to school.

On Tuesday – **Warwick & Windrush** are performing at the Church at 2.00 p.m. Please **collect your child after the performance from the church** unless they are attending our After School Club. Tolsey & Priory children will be in school during the afternoon as normal. Tolsey & Priory children should return to church by 5.45 p.m. at the latest in their costumes. After the performance, FOBPS will be serving mince pies and mulled wine – thank you FOBPS.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

Please find in your child's book bags today, the menu for your child to enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch next Wednesday. On the reverse of the sheet, you will find the menu for next week too.

Nursery children are more than welcome to stay for the Christmas lunch on Wednesday at a cost of £2.00 and can be collected at 12.45 p.m. Nursery parents – please book in via the school office by Tuesday at the latest.

Guitar lessons next week

For those children who have guitar lessons with Julia Rowe, she will be coming in next Tuesday morning due to the Christmas lunch next Wednesday. Please ensure you bring your guitars in on Tuesday.

Carol Singing

On Saturday 13th December, a group of parents have arranged to sing carols (and a few other favourite songs from Frozen!) at the Tolsey on Burford High Street, to raise funds for the outdoor learning project. Ruth Reavley from the Burford Singers has kindly offered to lead us, backed up by music being organised by Pippa's dad. Kayde's mum is holding a cake sale at the Tolsey on the same day so it's hoped we'll team up with her and raise as much money as we can.

Head Teacher's messages cont/d...

The plan is to have as many children, siblings and parents as possible singing for about 45 minutes between 11.30 -12.15, so that everyone can remain enthusiastic and not freeze! We are asking that you arrive at 11.15 am, so that we can start promptly. Please come and support us and make it a really fun and festive fundraiser. We will have mince pies for you, so bring a flask with a hot drink for afterwards. Hope to see you there - please see Shelly, Pippa's mum if you have any questions.

Coffee Morning for Parents

This will take place on **Tuesday, 16th 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.

Contact Details in School

Please could we remind parents to let us know immediately when you change your contact numbers i.e. new mobile phones, etc. as it is extremely important that we can reach you immediately if your child becomes sick or is injured during school time. Many thanks for your co-operation on this matter.

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

School Ends

This term ends next Friday (19th) at 1.15 p.m. and therefore no afterschool provision will be available. May I take this opportunity of thanking you all for your support and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to starting the new team on **Tuesday 6th January 2015.**

Jenny Dyer

After School Club News

In After School Club children can choose to enjoy a variety of activities or just relax and unwind with their friends after their day at school. Recently we have been busy with different arts and crafts, cooking, den building and a very popular bingo evening! Check Out our new Notice Board in Reception ☺

We will be running some later sessions until **6:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday of next week**, to enable Parents and Carers to get some last minute shopping before the Christmas break. Please note places are limited and pre-booking will be required for these sessions.

Normal Club sessions run from 3:10– 4:10 and 4:10 – 5:30 p.m.
Mandy Rigby, (After School Club Co-ordinator)

Warwick Class

Class Teachers – Mrs Teresa Lock & Miss Chrisanne Massetti

We are now 'full on' all things 'Christmassy'; we have read and discussed the Christmas Story to link in with our Nativity which all the children seem to be very excited about and looking forward to taking up their parts.

In phonics we are now learning our phase 3 sounds which are mostly digraphs ('two letters, one sound') and we will be practising our writing in our Christmas cards.

The children are all working on getting marbles in the jar by making the right choices in the classroom in the hope we can celebrate being amazing with an end of term party (I'm sure they will fill it up).

The staff and children are all very sad to hear that Miss Massetti is moving on; we wish her well in her ventures and hope she will come back and visit us soon!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Performance next week and hope you all have a lovely Christmas break.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

We have had a wonderful term which has seen all of the children strive to achieve their own goals however big or small; Mrs Bennett and I are extremely proud.

We can't wait to show off our singing and acting skills along with Warwick Class next Tuesday in church at 2pm. We hope you enjoy our twist on the Christmas tale; Mrs Bennett is very clever indeed, writing and directing this year's offering! Thank you so much for all the wonderful costumes you have provided; the children will all look brilliant!

Please make sure your little people have a good rest over the holidays; reading is the main priority when you get a chance.

Thank you for all your amazing support, we have another great class with fab parents!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

During literacy lessons we have been working on humorous poetry and the children produced their own set of 'Ghoul School Rules' and had fun creating rhyming couplets. During maths we worked on place value and are getting faster each week on the times tables challenge!

The children are working very hard getting ready for Christmas. They produced lovely Christmas decorations for the Christmas Bazaar and many thanks to those who bought them. We have been busy practising for our Christmas performance, enjoying craft activities and learning how to use Batik with Mrs Wilks. The Year 4 children had a great time at a dance workshop at Burford Secondary School and learnt how to do a 'Hakka'. They were particularly scary in their final dance and I was very proud of how well behaved they were on the day.

I have had a super start to the school year teaching a new year group and would like to thank all the parents for their support and for supporting their children in their learning. The Tolsey team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

Last week, in Numeracy, Priory Class tackled probability, ratio and proportion! We looked at recipes written for two, then using the information we worked out the ingredients needed for varying numbers of people. Some members of Priory found ratio and proportion tricky to understand, but worked hard during the lessons. Probability was interesting with the class having lively decisions on whether events really were impossible.

In Literacy we wrote an explanation text explaining why a creature was extinct. Children could write about an imaginary animal; as a result, there were lots of interesting texts involving unipigs, spiderpigs and vampire rabbits! All children worked hard on these texts and should be proud of their end result.

With Christmas fast approaching, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Burford Stars

Last week the stars were Phoebe Dixon and Sam Backhouse. This week they are Ceara Townsend and Emily Mardle.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded **Friday 19th December 2014**

9.00 a.m.

Nathan Bradley for showing increased concentration and patience during speaking and listening activities, keep up the good work.

Harrison Davies for his enthusiasm in all that he takes part in and always tackling things with a smile, well done Harrison.

Ellie Marshall for making a huge effort with her writing. She has worked hard to make it neater and to produce more. I really enjoy marking your work Ellie, very well done!

Isabella Prowton for always trying her very best with all areas of her learning. She has also improved her confidence with swimming and is now more than happy to get her hair and face wet as well as jump in! Great job Isabella!

Kayde Patterson for outstanding behaviour at the Year 4 dance workshop at Burford Secondary School.

Lola Barrett for an excellent attitude towards her learning in literacy and also in her maths sessions with Mrs Townsley.

Joe Newport – For always completing his homework to a very high standard. He has been concentrating on writing stories that not only include his spelling words but different sentence openers as well! Well done Joe.

Tyler Bowman – For working extremely hard to practise and improve his handwriting. The extra practise is paying off – Keep it up!

Golden Post Box

Congratulations to Sam Moore (who ran 2 miles) and Henry Moore (who ran 1 mile) in the Cornwall Hospice Care Santa Fun Run on Saturday. Well done boys for getting lots of sponsorship and speeding around the course.

Well done to both Jessie and Tristan Howard for passing their grading and have been promoted to blue belt.

Well done to Henry Moore, Lewis Batty, Ellie Marshall, Pippa Dapiton-Bush and Sammy Staveley who have all be invested into Burford Beavers.

FOBPS Newsletter

Burford Christmas Lights

FOBPS in partnership with the SK8 Park Group, held a fundraising event on Sunday 30th November on the same day as the turning on of the Burford Christmas Lights. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting us by buying hot chocolate, cakes, teas and coffees and takeaway soup with a roll.

And it looked like you were having fun in our marquee on the sweetie and gift tombola stalls and buying laser finger lights! The event raised an impressive £350!

Christmas Bazaar

Last Friday was the day of our lovely Bazaar. The smell of delicious hot dogs and burgers filled the air and the hall was an enjoyable refuge away from the cold, to enjoy lots of tea and cakes!

This year we mixed things up slightly, instead of the teddy tombola there was a book tombola, and a few other new games including the golden carrot and teacher tin can knockout. And as always, there was the bottle tombola and a fabulous raffle!

We were very grateful to have so many extra helpers – it made a huge difference to both the setting up and clearing away, as well as running the actual Bazaar! So thank you all and we hope you enjoyed wearing your rosettes!!!

And thanks to the support of so many of you parents, grandparents and guardians, who came along and spent your hard earned cash, the event raised over **£1100!!!**

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 11th December**, straight after school. Please 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. Or if you'd like to simply be included in the mailing list for the minutes of our meetings, then just let us know. 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