

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Outdoor Learning Project Update

Please find attached an update from Mrs Lucy Staveley regarding the Outdoor Learning Project. Please also come and have a look at the board in the school foyer showing all the recent and future developments.

World Book Day

We all enjoyed dressing up as a book character and a fantastic day was had by all the children (& staff!). I would like to thank Mrs Duff for all her hard work in organising the events of the day and to all the staff for ensuring the day operated smoothly. Thank you also, parents, for organising your child's costumes!

Comic Relief Red Nose Day – tomorrow (Friday)

We are all looking forward to seeing the children and staff wearing a funny wig or a crazy hairstyle in exchange for a £1 donation tomorrow. The crazier the hairstyle the better! Members of the FOBPS team will be on the gate collecting your donations.

Governor Coffee Morning

Please join PC Darryn Moulding and Mr John White next Tuesday (17th March) for our next coffee morning with the Governors in the school hall.

Please have a look at our Governors' Board in the school foyer with an update following our previous coffee mornings.

Future dates for Governor Coffee Meetings for your diary are:-
19th May with Rev Richard Coombs & Mr John White &
7th July with Zoey Khan & Jenny Dyer.

Friday 20th March – School Closed – Inset Day

As previously advised, a two day Paediatric training course has been organised for all staff to attend, so we need to use two inset days. The second day has been arranged for **Friday 20th March** when the school will be closed for children. We will, therefore, **not** be taking Friday 22nd May as an inset day, which is given on the original term dates & holidays for our school.

Monday 23rd March – Parent Consultations

Please remember to sign up for parent consultations on **Monday 23rd March** from **2.30pm** onwards (sign-up sheets are up outside your child's classroom). For those families involved with the Achievement for All Programme, separate appointments will be made, so you **do not** need to sign the sheet. Please note the school will be closing at **2.00 p.m.** Our normal after school provision will be provided.

Drinks in School

Please may we remind you that should your child(ren) bring in their own drink for use during the school day or at lunchtime, this must be water only - squash or fizzy drinks are not permitted. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Breakfast Club Play Co-ordinator Vacancy

Mrs Godfrey, who has been our Breakfast Club Co-Ordinator for the last seven years, will be leaving this role and devoting her time as teaching assistant in Warwick Class. We are grateful for all that she has done over the years and on behalf of the children and yourselves, would like to thank Mrs Godfrey for all her hard work and fantastic breakfasts. We need to appoint a new Breakfast Club Coordinator from the start of Term 5, 13 April; if you are interested in this position and require further details, please see either Mrs Hunt in the office or myself.

School Council

Members of the School Council are very keen to continue to collect 2 litre plastic bottles, in preparation for their greenhouse project. Could I ask that only **2 litre** bottles are collected and for them to be given to Timoney Pitt, so they can be centrally stored.

Work Experience

During the last week of this term, we will be having four Year 10 children rotating between our classrooms on work experience.

Achiever Awards Assembly

The winners of Term 4 will be presented their trophy and certificate in an assembly on Thursday 16th April at 2.45 p.m. Letters to those winners will be issued during the last week of term.

Message to all parents in Year 5

A future date for your diary is Thursday 23rd April at 3.20 p.m. at Burford Primary School when you will be given an opportunity to meet with the Head Teacher and staff from Burford School in preparation for your child's transfer to Secondary School.

Term Ends

Our end of term Easter service will take place at **Burford Church at 9.15am on Friday, 27th March** – all parents, family and friends are welcome to attend. Please note that term ends **at 1.10 p.m.** – **no afterschool club provision** will be available. We look seeing the children refreshed after the Easter break on **Monday 13th April**.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class had great fun travelling through Mexico learning all about Fiestas. We created Mexican folk art, built Aztec Pyramids and made Mexican masks. We also made Maracas and practised making Mexican music. The children discovered that Chocolate was discovered in Mexico, so we had to make some chocolate muffins to check if we liked it! In maths we were revisiting capacity and weight and in Literacy writing and following instructions.

Mrs Lock

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

The Windrush soldiers are doing their very best to march on through lots of coughs and colds, bugs and snuffles! We seem to have had our share of illness this term and hope for a healthier term after Easter!

We are however, still managing to learn and have great fun as ever. World Book Day was a huge success, everyone threw themselves into the characterisations tasks and really understood the point of the day.

This week is assessment week. Mrs Bennett and I would like to say a huge well done to all for their mature approach to a very busy and different style to their week. We are seeing some great results which are the fruits of their labour since September. Well done children, you are doing an amazing job.

Mrs Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class the children have been working very hard in preparation for assessment week. We have been looking at all areas of maths and using and applying our maths' skills to different problems.

In literacy we really enjoyed World Book Day and wrote some super stories with a cliff hanger! Some of us wrote about, 'The night the library came alive'. During topic work we are finding out about the Celts and have started our Science work on materials.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Miss Jessica Forester

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you (on behalf of myself and the netball team) to Mrs Bennett and Katie Bennett. Without their hard work and dedication the netball team would not have got through to the 'Oxfordshire Sainsbury's School Games'. Thank you!
I would also like to say thank you to all the parents that attended the SATS parents' evening held on Monday.

As this week as been assessment week, we have been focusing on the best approach to take when answering questions in test situations. I have been impressed with the maturity and behaviour of the children. They have really done themselves proud this week.

Burford Stars

The stars during the last week of term were **Timoney Pitt** and **Ceara Townsend**. This week they are **Ethan Learoyd** and **Sholto Ross**.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Thursday 19th March at 2.45 p.m.

Scarlett Hanks who has been an outstanding pupil over the last two years and a joy to have in Warwick Class.

Alexandra Wilson for the consistent effort she puts into all the activities in Warwick Class; Alex always does her best, keep up the great work.

Ava White for outstanding effort and attainment during assessment week. Ava is super focussed and an outstanding role model to others approaching the same tasks. Ava is doing an amazing job of getting herself prepared for Key Stage Two. Keep up the great work Ava!

Julian Schulz for improving his writing, by listening to advice, applying his next steps and practising independently. I am really pleased to see such an improvement on paper and in levels of confidence! Good job Julian, keep up the impressive effort.

Isabelle Lampard for always making excellent contributions on the carpet and her increasingly good attitude towards her learning.

Corey Toms for making excellent progress in literacy. Corey shows talent and enthusiasm in poetry.

Timoney Pitt, Camille Duff, Emily Mardle, Phoebe Dixon, Phoebe Palmer, George Wareing, Luke Johnson, Oliver Traynor & David Pittaway for working together and supporting each other to win the West Oxfordshire District Finals for Netball. Well done Team BPS.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Thursday 19th March at 2.45 p.m.

Congratulations to Olivia Bazeley for passing her Stage 7 swimming. Well done Olivia.

Congratulations to Thomas Elvidge for passing his Stage 4 swimming. Well done Thomas.



Sainsbury's

Active Kids

Eat well • Move well • Live well

Last year we were able to get 6 sets of catering equipment for the children to use. This included wooden spoons, bowls, graters, scales, whisks, baking trays and cake tins. We also exchanged our vouchers for a paddock kit which includes cane, string and tarpaulin. Thank you for all of your collecting.

Please collect vouchers at any Sainsbury's store and online between Wednesday 28 January and Tuesday 5 May 2015.

FOBPS Newsletter

Cook for Books

Well done Warwick Class, you managed to raise £42.00 for your Cook for Books.

This now puts the totals so far at:

Warwick = **£83.00**

Windrush = **£47.00**

Tolsey = **£40.00**

Priory = **£33.00**

The next Cook for Books will be on Friday 24th April and will be the turn of Windrush Class.

Red Nose Day

Don't forget this Friday is Red Nose Day and all the children and teachers will be getting involved by coming to school wearing a funny wig or a crazy hairstyle in exchange for a £1 donation. The crazier the hairstyle the better.

There is also a cake and balloon sale after school on Friday. You should have already received a cake donation plate, we would be really grateful if you could bring in your cakes on Friday morning and leave them in the meeting room by the hall.

Thank you all in advance for your donations, it is greatly appreciated. For every £1 donated, a child in Ghana will be able to receive school books for a whole year. It really is a great cause.

Rags 2 Riches

You should have already received your bags for Rags 2 Riches and their first collection will be on Tuesday 24th March.

Rags 2 Riches will accept baby clothes, children's clothes and also adult clothes. They will also accept cuddly toys, bedding and house hold linen including bath towels. Please ensure that all donations are clean as they are shipped directly to third world countries. Thank you.

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 date of the next FOBPS meeting has yet to be confirmed. Once we know the date, we will let you know so if you want to come along, you would be very welcome. 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 chair of FOBPS directly at louisa@theswanns.com or Lizanne Harris at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk