

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Welcome back

A big welcome back to our new academic year. It was so lovely to see all the children refreshed and ready for school, all dressed so smartly in their school uniform. Also a big "welcome" to all of our new families joining our school – all the children have settled in so quickly.

For the safety of the children, could I remind all parents not to park directly outside the school gates, on the double yellow lines, when dropping off or picking up.

Outdoor Learning & Family Links Inservice Training (INSET)



The term began for staff on Tuesday, 1st September with a day and a half of INSET: Liz MacKenzie, Education Officer, from the Ernest Cook Trust, shared, and staff participated, in a range of practical and fun

activities, linked to different areas of the curriculum, to enhance teaching and make learning come alive.

The Family Links Nurturing Programme Inset, was delivered by Lead Trainer Rowen Smith - staff were introduced to the programme, which will provide a new scheme of work for our PSHCE programme, promoting emotional wellbeing, relationship skills and positive behaviour for our children, building on the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning programme (SEAL) previously used.

Miss Forester is now Mrs Beaney

Over the summer holiday, Miss Jessica Forester married Mr Andrew Beaney – it was such a beautiful wedding. Congratulations Jessica – enjoy married life!



Yvonne Stackhouse is leaving us

Yvonne Stackhouse, who joined our school back in January 2009, has decided to move to new pastures and will be leaving us on Friday 18th September. We are grateful for the support she has given to so many children over almost seven years and commitment to our school, especially through her contribution to Drama – she will be sadly missed.

Family Learning

A reminder that our Family Learning Sessions start on Thursday, 24 September at 9.30am – please book your place with Sally Hunt, in the Office, as soon as possible. There will be five sessions, focusing on how you can support your child's literacy at home – see poster at the end of the newsletter.

Head Teacher's cont/d...

Gold Book assemblies

Due to a change of swimming arrangements, to a Thursday afternoon for Priory & Tolsey children, Gold Book assemblies will now take on alternate **Friday** mornings at **9.00 a.m.** However, due to the pre-organised paddock opening on Friday 18th, the first Gold Book Assembly will take place on **Monday 21st September** at **2.40pm.**

Inset Day

As previously notified, the school will be closed on **Friday 25th September** for a Teacher Inset Training day.

Term Dates & Holidays (Revised Inset Day)

At the end of this newsletter, please find a revised set of term dates and inset days.

Head Teachers can no longer authorise any holidays or days off during term time and we are requested to encourage families to book holidays during non-school times. Statistics show loss of school days, relates to lower attainment levels for your children.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival has been arranged for **Tuesday 6th October** at **2.30 p.m.** in Burford Church.

Governor and Parents Coffee Morning

Following their success during the last academic year, we will be continuing with these sessions throughout the year. The dates, to be set at our next Full Governing Body meeting on 6th October, will fall on different days of the week, providing opportunity for more parents to attend. Please keep an eye out on the Car Park Notice Board or Governors' Board (opposite the office) for the published dates.

Parent Mail

A very efficient way of communicating to our parents/carers is through Parent Mail, via email or texting. We would encourage all parents to sign up for this. If you have more than one child in school, please sign up individually for all your children as we may send out communication items, which are only relative to particular year groups. For those not registered, letters were in your child's book bags yesterday – it is a quick & easy process. Should you require any assistance, please pop into the office and see Mrs Hunt, who will be able to help you.

Head Teacher's cont/d...

Jeans for Genes Day

On Thursday 17th September all children are encouraged to wear jeans with their school uniform tops & bring in a £1 donation to help make a difference to all those children in the UK who are affected by genetic disorders. Thank you for your support.

Paddock Official Opening

Following on from the tremendous fundraising over the last year, we are proud that all the works and play equipment have now been completed. To celebrate, the paddock will be officially opened on **Friday next week, 18th September at 10 a.m.** followed by tea/coffee & cakes – we really hope to see lots of parents and relatives joining us, as well as members of the local community, who have contributed to the project. You should have received a letter of invitation either on Parent Mail (for those registered) or in your child's book bags yesterday.

Plastic Bottle Greenhouse

Firstly, I would like to thank all the families who collected the 2 litre plastic bottles during the last academic year. It is with regret, however, that we are unable to proceed with the project, following information received and discussions with other schools, who had already erected such greenhouses; the bottles, due to the nature of the plastic, have a very short life and quickly become brittle and start to disintegrate. I can confirm, therefore, that we will arrange for all of the plastic bottles to be recycled.

Oxfordshire Parenting Forum

Please find a website link below for Oxfordshire Parenting Forum's latest newsletter, which we hope you will find interesting. Highlights of this issue include:

- Save our children's centres – the news that more than 40 children's centres across Oxfordshire are facing the axe is very worrying.
- Details of an exciting new outdoor project for grandparents and their toddler grandchildren.
- A report on their recent AGM

There are still places available on their forthcoming seminar, ***How can we support parents and carers to empower their children to stay safe online?*** which takes place at The Cherwell Centre, Norham Gardens, Oxford, on Wednesday 16th September. The speaker is Jo Brown, Anti-Bullying Coordinator with Oxfordshire County Council. Full details can be found on page 5 of the newsletter.

<http://oxfordshireparentingforum.blogspot.co.uk>

Jenny Dyer

A reminder from Mrs Duff - Literacy Coordinator

Please make sure you are encouraging your child to read each and every day. Reading is the key to all aspects of your child's education being successful and enjoyable. Practising daily makes all the difference, whatever the age and stage of your child. Yellow reading records should be filled in by your children if they are in Year two upwards. We will do all we can to support your children's success and progress in reading with your partnership and support at home.

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Welcome to a new term in Warwick Class. We are really proud of all the children who seem to be settling in well; some have even been on the 'Rainbow' already! We are spending our first few weeks getting to know each other with our topic of 'Marvellous Me'. The children have painted self-portraits, made 'Marvellous Me' boxes and talking about their families and what they like to do in their home life.

In our Maths time, we have been finding and capturing shapes in the environment to make a display in the classroom from the photographs the children have taken.

Mrs Lock and the Warwick Class Staff

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Welcome back everyone! The children have astounded us with their mature approach to getting back into the swing of things. The year one children seem to have slotted in without any problems at all. We are easing them gently but feel they are settling unusually quickly...Mrs Lock and her team clearly prepared them very well!

This week and last we have been focussing on story telling, story structure and features. We have used an old favourite to use as a base; The Gingerbread Man! We had to be sure to choose a very well known tale! We've looked at the characters, the settings, possible alternative characters, plots and story mapping.

As I write we plan to make some Gingerbread men, hopefully they were delicious! Our cooking will be incorporated into our maths lessons where we will look at weights and measures and mathematical comparative language.

Mrs Bennett and I would like to thank our families from last year for their kind thoughts wishes and gifts. You really did spoil us and we were really touched by your thoughtfulness.

Look in book bags for: Homework (Y2), Swimming information, Missions (to be practised at home) and reading books!

Mornings in Windrush Class

Thank you for a great start to the new routine. The children are coming up the stairs independently and we will soon be training them to change their own reading books. I am on my own on Friday mornings so there will not be a member of staff on the gate. Please pass non-urgent messages through the office or write me a note.

Mornings will soon get busier with phonics and handwriting sessions starting at 8.45, therefore please try to regularly get your child into school on time. Many thanks - Mrs Duff

Mrs Zoe Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

Welcome back to a new year in Tolsey Class! The team would like to thank parents for all the kind messages and gifts at the end of last term. Welcome to our new parents and we look forward to getting to know you and your children over the year.

The children have made an excellent start and have worked together to create their own class agreement which will help us to create a super learning environment. We have started our new topic 'Once Upon a Time' and have gathered ideas on what we would like to learn.

In literacy we have started looking at Traditional Tales and have read the story 'Rapunzel' by The Brothers Grimm and then a retelling of the story called 'Rapunzel - A Groovy Fairy Tale'. We have compared the two stories, retold it and created character descriptions. In maths we are working on place value and the children showed particular enthusiasm for 'the nasty game'!

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

What a great start to the new school year it has been for Priory Class! The Year 6 children are looking super smart in their shirts and ties and are already enjoying the responsibilities of being the oldest children in the school. All of the children have quickly settled back into the school routine and are busy learning about our new topic Once Upon a Time.

In topic, we have been learning about different types of African masks and researching different designs. We plan to use this information as inspiration and create our own masks in the styles researched.

During our Literacy lessons we have been researching, drafting and editing an introductory page for a non-fiction text on Africa. We should all be able to explain where Africa is located, how big it is and tell you if it is a continent or country – so please do ask us!

In Numeracy we have been revising place value and working with numbers up to a million!

Burford Stars

Stars last week & this week are **Luke Johnson & Jade Mapplethorpe**.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Monday 21st September at 2.40 pm.

Dexter Toms - Dexter has been a superstar helper during our first week of term, being helpful to both the grown-ups, and with our new children, keep up the great work Dexter.

Lily Batty - For showing sensitivity to others needs and being very kind and helpful to the children who are new to our school; thank you Lily.

Jack Green for asking excellent questions in order to know how everything works. Jack has settled really well which is down to his own independent approach. Well done Jack, I'm super impressed!

Zachary Mead for settling into his year two role quickly and maturely. Zach has already produced a high standard of work and is showing that he is a conscientious learner. Keep up the impressive work Zachary! - Mrs Duff

Anna Swann for outstanding attitude towards her learning. Anna has shown particular focus in maths and produced a high output of work.

Sammy Staveley for outstanding attitude towards his learning. Sammy is always on task and showed good teamwork when retelling stories and a high output of work in maths.

Reece Townsend - for being fantastic in his first week at Burford Primary School. You have quickly settled into the class and worked hard on all tasks set. Well done and keep up the good work.

Jade Mapplethorpe for writing an interesting introductory page for a non-fiction text about Africa. Well done Jade.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Monday 21st September at 2.40 p.m.

Anna Swann was awarded two trophies at the Minster Lovell Cricket Club presentation. One award was for participating in the first girls' cricket team in Minster Lovell and the other was for being Team Player of the Year. Well done Anna.

Congratulations to **Jake Chandler** for a fantastic first season playing for Langford Cricket Club. His coaches were very impressed and he received a medal for his achievements. Well done Jake.

FOBPS

Welcome back to all parents, teachers and children and big welcome to new families. I hope you all have had a lovely summer holiday and have come back ready to learn and ready to help raise lots of money for our school. It is only a short newsletter this week as we haven't been back that long.

I will be posting on our Facebook page a list of all FOBPS events for this academic year, so please look out for that and if you feel you can help out in any way with the events please let me know.

Now onto the events that are happening in the upcoming weeks:

Rags 2 Riches

The next Rags 2 Riches will be collected on Wednesday 23rd September at 9am. Please look out for the collection bags in your child's book bag next week. You can always use black sacks if one collection bag is not enough. Remember the more clothes we send off the more money we raise.

Cook For Books

It's back! The first Cook for Books will be held on Friday 9th 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 nearer the time.

FOBPS cont/d....

Christmas Cards

I know it's a little early to be thinking of Christmas, but in the next week or so the children will be designing their very own Christmas cards which you will then be able to purchase and send out to family and friends. The order forms should be sent out to parents at the beginning of October.

FOBPS on Social Media!

If you didn't know already FOBPS have a Facebook page, so please remember to 'like' us and we can 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

A date for the first FOBPS meeting of this academic year has not been confirmed yet, but we will let you know as soon as we have a date. If you'd like to come along to future meetings, then please come and chat to either Louisa Swann, or myself 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 lizanne@pingthing.co.uk.

Burford Primary School terms and holidays 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October (3.10 p.m.) Term 1
(Warwick Class opens on Friday 4th Sept to allow for home visits)
Friday 25th September **Inset Day**
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October **Holiday**

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December (1.10 p.m.) Term 2
Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January **Holiday**
Monday 4th January – inset day **Inset**

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February (3.10 p.m.) Term 3
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February **Holiday**

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 24th March (1.10 p.m.) Term 4
Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April **Holiday**

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th April – Friday 27th May (3.10 p.m.) Term 5
Monday 2nd May **Bank Holiday**
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June **Holiday**
Monday 6th June – inset day **Inset**

Tuesday 7th June – Wednesday 20th July (1.10 p.m.) Term 6

Teacher available for work days – Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September; Wednesday 2nd September, Friday 25th September, Monday 4th January, Monday 6th June,

Bank Holidays

25th & 28th December Christmas Holidays; 1st January – New Year Bank Holiday; 25th March – Good Friday; 28th March Easter Monday; 2nd May – May Day; 30th May – Spring Bank Holiday.



Family Learning at

Burford Primary School

Keeping Up With the Children Course

GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES

It's free!

Find out how you can support
your child's Literacy
learning at home

Starts: Thursday, 24 September 2015

(Every Thursday for 5 weeks)

Time: 9.30-11.30am

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