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Head Teacher's Messages

End of Term 1

Tomorrow (Friday) is the end of Term 1 – we finish at the normal time of 3.10 p.m. Our afterschool club is running as normal until 5.30 p.m. We hope you all have a good week off and return on Monday 2nd November fully refreshed and ready for the build up to Christmas!

Achiever Awards Assembly

Please come and join us for this term's Achiever Awards Assembly on **Wednesday 4th November at 2.40 p.m.** Letters announcing the achievers have been sent out.

Competition Alert

The children attended an assembly last week during which PC Darryn Moulding invited them to participate in a competition of designing a poster to raise awareness of road safety in the community. The competition is open to all primary schools in West Oxfordshire and winning entries will receive a bicycle (7 bicycles were awarded last year)! All entries must be on A4 paper; the closing date is Friday 6th November and should be returned to class teachers or the office.

Swimming lessons – Tolsey & Priory

We have reviewed the rota for swimming lessons, so please note the following changes – Priory Class will now swim in Terms 1 (Sept), Term 3 (Jan) and Term 5 (April) and Tolsey class will swim in Term 2 (Nov), Term 4 (Feb) and Term 6 (June). The change is to allow for an improved balance of dance & gym activities across the year, as part of the PE curriculum.

Drop off for school

Could we ask please that parents say goodbye to Tolsey & Priory children at the school gate, in the morning, so that children can go in to school and focus on their learning as quickly as possible.

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class have been busy continuing with their autumn explorations, which fits nicely with our forest school sessions. Last week we read 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson and then made stick people, experimenting with different ways of joining the sticks. This week we made salt dough hedgehogs in school and hedgehog homes at Forest School.

In maths we have been exploring with Numicon and starting to learn about the different shapes and ways in which we can use them to help with counting, representation and problem solving.

It has been a long term and the children have coped really well; we hope you all have a nice break and come back ready for the Christmas Term which is always exciting in Warwick Class!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Windrush Class are really enjoying their science lessons where they are learning how to investigate and test. Last week they were making gas, using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to produce carbon dioxide inside a balloon. Seeing the balloon inflate in front of their eyes was quite amazing! The children tested how quickly they could make the balloon inflate, by altering the measurements of ingredients.

In literacy we are just coming to the end of our story telling work based on Little Red Riding; the children have sequenced the story, re-told as a traditional tale, re-structured the story, analysed the characters and used adjectives to describe the settings. Lots of active literacy is helping to improve the children's planning and writing of sentences and paragraphs.

In maths we have been working on hundreds, tens and units at all different levels. We have made our lessons fun, interactive and memorable; the children especially enjoyed the Chewits game; it's very handy that they come in packs of 10!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class, the children are busy working on performance poetry. They had great fun creating some super poems and enjoyed performing them, accompanied by percussion instruments, as well as reading to other classes.

In maths we have been measuring Rapunzel's hair to find out which 'baddie' cut off the most! The children showed great accuracy using a ruler and are becoming confident converting units of measure.

We have been busy working on Sound in Science and are enjoying working practically on sound investigations. During R.E. we have learnt the story of Joseph and are enjoying gymnastics in P.E.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

An update from Kingswood - Huge congratulations and well done must go to all the children that have joined us for our residential week away. Great fun is being had by all and I am sure that you will enjoy hearing all their wonderful stories on their return tomorrow. The children are facing a variety of challenges and are learning many new skills.

Priory Class cont/d...

I hope that these experiences have taught them that no matter how scary or impossible something may seem, there is always a way to overcome fears.

Before our exciting week away, the children wrote 'trickster' stories for a younger audience. These stories centred round a cheeky little character who loved to play tricks on others; unfortunately, the trickster always got found out in the end! The children had great fun turning these into books for Warwick and Windrush children.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were Sacha Boast-Finley and Sam Moore

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 6th November 2015 9 a.m.

Otto Staveley - For his super progress in phonics and starting to read simple words, well done Otto you have worked really hard.

Tea Mackie - For her original ideas both in the classroom and at Forest School in designing and making 'Stickman'. Tea persevered, trying many different ways of joining before she was happy with her end results. Keep up the great work Tea.

Scarlett Hanks for trying really hard to set an excellent example with both her behaviour and her work. Scarlett enjoyed being on the rainbow last week which was a celebration for excellent writing. Keep up the great work Scarlett!

Isaac Harris for outstanding writing, Isaac concentrates really hard and is producing fantastic writing. Keep up the amazingness Isaac!

Lola Barrett for making a huge effort to improve the presentation of her work and for showing greater independence.

Caitlin Townsend for making a huge effort to improve the presentation of her work and for showing greater independence.

George Khan for producing a fantastic model of an African village. He presented his work to the class and was able to talk, in detail, about its construction and his inspiration for making it. Well done George.

Sacha Boast for producing an excellent piece of music inspired by Africa. Well done Sacha.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 6th November 2015 9 a.m.

Well done to **Jake Chandler** on a fantastic effort in your first 'contact' rugby tournament – you played really well and got to the semi-finals with your Under 9's team mates.

Congratulations to **Zachary Mead** who joined the Go Ape tribe at Forest of Dean and conquered tree top junior.

FOBPS

Cook For Books

Well done Warwick Class you managed to raise £32.20.

The next Cook for Books will be Friday 13th November and will be the turn of Windrush Class.

Christmas Cards

Your children's Christmas card order forms have now been sent out in their book bags. If you wish to order the cards can you please return the completed form to the school office or a member of the FOBPS team by Monday 2nd November.

Hot Chocolate Friday

We will be selling hot chocolates straight after school on Friday 6th November.

Save the Dates

Friday 4th December – This will be when we hold our annual Christmas Bazaar. If you would like to get involved or help in any way please speak with Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann.

Friday 11th March – This will be when we hold our Spring Ball in the beautiful St John the Baptist Church. Tickets will cost £45 and will be on sale in the early part of December. The theme this time around is The Mad Hatters Tea Party so if you would like to be involved or help with decorations etc. please see Lizanne Harris or Louisa Swann.

FOBPS on Social Media!

Don't forget to give us a 'like' on **Facebook** 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 next FOBPS meeting 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



Family Learning at



Burford Primary School

Keeping Up With the Children Course

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(Every Thursday for 5 weeks)

Time: 9.30-11.30am

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