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Head Teacher's Messages

Cycle/Scooter parking bay is now open

We would like to thank PC Darryn Moulding for his assembly on Monday this week and to Ken & Jenny Sparrowhawk for officially opening our new cycle/scooter rack and for very generously paying for the whole of this area.

For extra security, please could we ask all parents to provide a secure lock for your child's bike or scooter. The gate to the area will be unlocked every morning and will be locked up in the evening.

Good luck to the eight children selected for the first of our cycling proficiency weeks, starting this Friday.

Attendance

Attendance across the school, for the academic year 2014-2015 stood at 96.38% and our target for 2015-2016 is for at least **97%**.

Last year, 247 sessions (123.5 days - two thirds of a school year) were lost through unauthorised absence and taken by 48 children, almost half of the school role. To ensure that your child maximises on their learning and achievement opportunities, **please take holidays and other activities, such as family visits, shopping days out, birthday celebrations and routine appointments out of term-time.**

In addition, please ensure your child arrives at school by 8.40 a.m., in time for registration, so that learning can start as quickly as possible, thus avoiding disruptions to other children who have already arrived and settled.

The following table illustrates how, over time, significant amounts of learning time can be lost when children arrive late to school:

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 Minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 Minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 Minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 Minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 Minutes	20.7 school days a year

Thank you for your support.

Collection of children

If your child is being collected by another parent, family member or friend at the end of the school day or from an After School Club, **please inform school of the arrangement in writing, via the school office**, either in advance or on the day, so that we can ensure the safeguarding of your child.

Future dates for your diary -

Friday 12th February – Term ends at 3.10 p.m. After School Club will be open as normal until 5.30 p.m.

Monday 22nd February – Term 4 starts.

Wednesday 24th February – Big Write, Big Talk day – see further information below.

Thursday 25th February – 2.45 p.m. Achiever Awards Assembly. Letters notifying the winners of Term 3 will be sent out next week.

Monday 29th February – Tolsey Class visiting Roald Dahl Museum. Separate letters will follow.

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character.

Thursday 3rd March – 3.15 p.m. FOBPS meeting

Monday 7th March – 9.00 a.m. Assembly – presentation by CCS and 123ICT to our winners of the recent competition.

Monday 14th March – 9.00 a.m. Governor Coffee Morning

Monday 14th March – 2.30 p.m. Parent Consultations. School closes at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 24th March – 9.15 a.m. Easter Service in the Church.

Thursday 24th March – School closes at **1.10 p.m.** for Easter.

Monday 11th April – Term 5 starts.

SATs week – 9th to 13th May 2016

Jenny Dyer

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

Warwick Class have been very busy Bear Hunting during the last two weeks! We have made maps, zig-zag books and acted out and sang the story, so we can retell a story without a text! The Bear has been 'hot-seated' to find out how he was feeling and what life is like as a bear; the children have created an amazing textured wall display.

The Bear Hunt maps and story linked well to our current Maths objective of understanding and using positional and directional language. We have also used the iPad mini and Bee-Bot robot to introduce the concepts of direction and distance.

Next week Warwick Class will be celebrating Chinese New Year which is always fun. We will be learning about this annual cultural festival, including how the story of the different animals came about, cooking, art and other traditions, linked to the celebration 'Kung Hei Fat Choi'.

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Everyone has been working hard in Maths this week. Topics have included using positional and directional language, finding right angles and discussing 3D shape properties, as well as simple multiplication and year one level fraction work. The children are gaining in confidence with their Maths skills and learning to work independently when not involved in guided teaching.

Our Literacy this week is focussed on reading comprehension and sharpening up our skills when talking about what we have read. We are also learning to talk about inference and use our own opinions more.

Year 2 Parents only are invited to join me for a meeting on **Monday March 7th at 3.20 p.m.** in the classroom to discuss **end of KS1** tests in May.

Big Write & Big Talk

We will be having a 'Big Write' and 'Big Talk' day across the whole school on **Wednesday 24th February**. **Children will need to bring in their slippers please.** During the half term week, teachers will be sending home preparation work for this day when all children, across the school, will spend the morning planning an amazing story to tell. During the afternoon, they will be hard at work, writing and telling their stories!

Mrs Zoe Duff

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

In Tolsey Class the children are thoroughly enjoying learning in a different environment during Forest School sessions. Many thanks to parents for wrapping their children up warm for the sessions and coping with the muddy clothes which go home!

During Literacy lessons the children have been developing their writing skills, by looking at how to use connectives, adverbial phrases and suffixes. They have produced super adventure stories, inspired by the Monsters Inc film. I was also very impressed by their poetry on monsters which was very powerful. During Maths they have started work on fractions and already confident on identifying and finding equivalent fractions; they are now adding and subtracting fractions. The class are really enjoying the challenge of fighting the Times Table Superheros. Keep up the good work!

During topic work, we have been looking at the history of comedy and enjoyed watching some clips of Laurel and Hardy and Charlie Chaplin. The children thought they were still funny today and could see comparisons with comedians they know, such as Mr Bean. They have created their own mimes in the style of Charlie Chaplin and can now all do the Charlie Chaplin 'waddle'!

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

In our Literacy lessons, the children have been very busy learning and revising different grammatical terms - they have learnt how to use noun phrases, prepositional phrases, adverbial phrases and relative clauses!

Priory Class cont/d...

On Friday mornings, the children have been taking part in a 'big write', writing a story of their choice; I have enjoyed reading these and been impressed with the children, working hard to include all the features we have learnt.

Further revision, consolidation and extension have once again been the focus for our numeracy lessons. We have been continuing to revise many different concepts and skills associated with fractions such as how to add, subtract, multiply and divide them.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were Sophie Wilson and Camille Duff. This week's stars are Oliver Traynor and Llinos Cooper.

Netball

A huge well done must go to our Netball Team who played in the Burford Partnership High 5 Tournament on Tuesday. All the adults were extremely impressed with their dedication and determination to play their very best. It was even more impressive because some of the team were the youngest children there, having to play against children that were a lot taller and older!

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 12th February 2016 9 a.m.

Otto Staveley for his increasing confidence at News time; Otto is asking and answering relevant questions and becoming aware of his audience. Keep up the great work.

Lyra Lake for managing the changes to her school day in a very grown up manner and increased independence in classroom activities. Well done Lyra, you are a star!

Madison McDowell Gilbert for making amazing progress with her swimming. Maddie swims in the main pool at the leisure centre and is swimming strongly, with confidence and most importantly with a big smile on her face. Both myself and her swimming teacher, Martin are very impressed! Great job Madison. -Mrs Duff

Alexandra Wilson for showing determination, confidence and concentration in the swimming pool. Alex is very natural in the water and really shone out as having progressed hugely. Both myself and Alex's swimming teacher, Sam, are so impressed with her achievements. - Mrs Duff

Thomas Elvidge for showing great enthusiasm during Forest School Sessions. Thomas shows good leadership skills and shares imaginative ideas whilst learning outdoors.

Miley Beck for showing great enthusiasm during Forest School Sessions. Miley enjoys working independently and with others during Forest School; always sharing his imaginative ideas.

Stanley Pitt for producing such detailed and interesting stories. I have been very impressed with the stories written during Literacy this term - you always work hard to engage the reader and they are a joy to read.

Tyler Bowman for producing some really good literacy work and presenting it well. Keep up the good work Tyler.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 12th February 2016 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Elsjé Grimes** for moving up to level 6 in her swimming. Well done Elsjé.

Congratulations to **Olivia Bazeley** for being moved up to D1 squad for Witney and District Swimming Club. Olivia is enjoying swimming four times a week and especially on a Thursday morning from 6am-7.15am!! She also entered her first swim open meet at Oxford just before Christmas and was selected for the first time to swim in a home gala last weekend, where she managed a personal best in 50m freestyle and also swam in two relays helping her team to finish third. Well done Olivia.

Congratulations to **Poppy Harris** for moving up in swimming to Stage 4. Well done Poppy.

Plea from Breakfast Club

Our children, who attend Breakfast Club, would really like to play with some new equipment. If you have any good quality board games and/or jigsaw puzzles you would like to donate, they would be most gratefully received. Thanking you in advance for any donations.

Sainsbury's Active Kids is back for 2016 – launched 27th January

Please help us get even more sports' and cooking equipment for our children by collecting the vouchers when you are shopping. There is a box in the foyer for depositing your vouchers.

FOBPS

Cook for Books

Well done Priory Class, you managed to raise £31.98 The next Cook for Books will be Friday 26th February and the turn of Warwick Class.

Wonderland Spring Ball

The date is fast approaching and we still have a few tickets remaining. Tickets cost £45 per person and include a sparkling reception, 3 course meal and live band. Plus, there is a fantastic raffle and a silent auction. If you wish to purchase a ticket, then please pop into the office or see Lizanne Harris at either drop off or pick up. It really is a wonderful night out and a great fundraising event. This year we are raising money to help redesign and redevelop the Warwick Classroom.

If you have already purchased a ticket and haven't yet returned your menu choices, can you please do so by mailing Lizanne@pingthing.co.uk or handing the form back to the office. Thank you.



Next FOBPS meeting

The next FOBPS meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd March straight after school in the meeting room off of the hall. The meetings are extremely informal and anyone is welcome. If you would like more information about the meetings or what FOBPS do, then please feel free to contact Lizanne Harris at lizanne@pingthing.co.uk.

FOBPS on Social Media

Our Facebook page has now been deleted and replaced by a FOBPS closed group. If you have not yet been invited to join the FOBPS Facebook group, then please inbox Lizanne Harris and she will add you as a member. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you