

Burford Primary School Newsletter



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Head Teacher's Messages

Governor Coffee Morning – Monday 14th March @ 9 a.m.

Please come and join our Governors, Andrew Salsbury & Richard Coombs, for an informal chat in the school hall.

Parent Consultations – Monday 14th March

Parent consultations start at 2.30 p.m. on Monday. **The school will be closing at 2.00 p.m.**, but the After School Club will be open from 2.00 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. and take place in Windrush Class.

Naming of Clothing – The children appear to be losing more and more items of clothing and not looking after their own property. Please help them by ensuring that all items of clothing are named, including PE kits please. Thank you.

Wychwood Estate Agents – Easter Colouring Competition

All the children have been given a template to colour, if they wish to take part in the Wychwood Estate Agents' colouring competition. The deadline is next Wednesday morning (16th), with the winners being announced in assembly on Monday 21st March. Please send in your entries into the school office.

Jenny Dyer
Head Teacher

Warwick Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Teresa Lock

The children were very enthusiastic about the Big Talk event; we heard some great ideas and creative language from even the youngest in the class! We will definitely be using this method again to encourage vocabulary leading on to written work for the older children.

Our chosen text this week is the 'Smartest Giant', a very popular choice; we have written a draft letter to the giant, made mini books and started to create some artwork linked to the story so far.

We are also using the text in Maths to compare two or more objects by height and length, such as the giant's shoes, tie and belt etc. Last week, the Nursery children practised 'one more' and Reception children practised 'one less' and problem solving, using Numicon.

Over the next two weeks, we will start to talk about the Easter story and why this festival is celebrated. We will also be making Easter crafts and cards, practising our singing for church and maybe our own little Easter party, if we manage to fill our marble jar!

Windrush Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Zoë Duff

Windrush Class have been enjoying some very messy Science investigations on slime! The changing state of liquids to solids has been a fascinating topic. We have tried two different recipes and are comparing the results of both slimes.

This week the children are carrying out assessments to see how they have progressed from the beginning of the school year. I am very proud of how well they are coping and how confident they are about their own abilities.

To support our testing, the children have been given project books to work on independently. This is giving them opportunity to create their own information books in their own style. The children are really enjoying using the various information books to gather their weird and wonderful facts!

Next week we will be preparing for Easter!

Tolsey Class

Class Teacher – Ms Nikki Latton

Tolsey Class are back from an excellent trip to the Roald Dahl Museum and enjoying finding out more about Roald Dahl and his work. In Literacy we are reading different Roald Dahl texts; watching films of his texts and comparing them. The children have also been creating super pictures of his characters, which are inspired by looking at the illustrations by Quentin Blake.

In Maths, the children are working on multiplication and division; some are using number tracks and Cuisenaire rods, whilst others are using a compact method. We are still busy working hard on our mental mathematical strategies for times tables and battling against the times tables super heroes.

We are designing our own 'Oscars' in topic work and will be making them using clay. In Science, we have been focussing on Electricity; the children created their own circuits and then drew diagrams of them, using electrical symbols. We have also thought of scientific questions, which we would like to investigate as part of 'The Big Science Event'.

Priory Class

Class Teacher – Mrs Jessica Beaney

Over the last two weeks, Priory Class has taken part in some very exciting activities. World Book Day provided much entertainment with the interesting and well thought out costumes. We also got to meet the author Jo Cotterill; she provided us with a very entertaining morning, reading out extracts from her new book and demonstrating how electricity works. The children were very excited and got to see some of their old friends.

In Literacy, we have been working on writing effective newspaper articles. We learnt about the different layout and language features needed and then tried hard to use these in our writing.

In Maths, we learnt about algebra and how letters can be used to indicate an unknown number. We have started to revise units of measurement and converting between them.

Burford Stars

Last week's stars were **Sophie Wilson** and **Sam Moore**. This week's stars are **Camille Duff** and **David Pittaway**.

Nature Club

We've had a lovely term at Nature club, greatly helped by Mrs Kettle and a team of committed parent helpers. After Easter, I will be taking a 'maternity' break from running nature club and we are looking for parent helpers to join the team for the Summer terms. We have two options for times – either Monday afterschool (3.15-4.15 pm) or a lunchtime slot (12-12.45pm), and it will be for children in Years Reception, 1 and 2. If you might be able to spare the time to volunteer, either weekly or on a rota basis, please please do consider helping. It's a lovely opportunity to give something back to the school and the children enjoy it so much, it would be a shame to have to stop. Please see Sally in the office or myself if you're interested. Thank you all.

Lucy Staveley

Community News

Brize Norton Primary School is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. 11.00 a.m. - 3.15 p.m. Monday to Thursday, combining 1:1 support, class support and lunchtime supervision.

Should you know anyone who is looking for employment within a school, the details, including the application form, are on their school website at <http://www.brizeprimary.org/about/vacancies>.

Gold Book Certificates

Awarded Friday 18th March 2016 9 a.m.

Dexter Toms for expressing himself so effectively on a daily basis, using a varied and rich vocabulary and showing great awareness of the listener. Dexter you are a Star!

Erin Hoare for taking account of other children's ideas and showing sensitivity to their needs and feelings; well done Erin, keep up the great work.

Isabella Prowton for showing determination in the swimming pool. Isabella is working hard to swim on her back with confidence and is trying very hard to make small improvements that boost her confidence each week. Keep going Isabella!

Grace Collett for working very hard on her writing which is now of a very high standard. Grace writes wonderfully and is beginning to use lots of description as well as correct punctuation in her writing.

Ronnie Wells for working hard in all areas of the curriculum and showing an excellent attitude towards his learning. Well done Ronnie.

Isabelle Lampard for producing an excellent piece of writing during The Big Write Day. Well done Isabelle.

Kayde Patterson for asking Jo Cotterill an interesting question. He wanted to know what her favourite book was and bravely asked in front many older children.

Camille Duff for having a brilliant attitude to education and all work completed. She always tries her hardest and provides thoughtful answers to questions asked. Your attitude to work will get you far in life. Well done.

Golden Post Box

Awarded Friday 18th March 2016 9 a.m.

Congratulations to **Poppy Harris** for passing stage 4 in swimming and moving up to stage 5.

Congratulations to **Isaac Harris** for passing stage 2 in swimming and moving up to stage 3.

FOBPS

Cook for Books

Well done Warwick Class, you managed to raise £34.50. The next Cook for Books will not be until Friday 6th May and the turn of Windrush Class. Reminders will be put in book bags nearer the time.

Wonderland Spring Ball

The time is now upon us and the Wonderland Ball is this Friday at the beautiful St John the Baptist Church. For everyone who will be joining us for this fundraising evening, please note this is a cash only event. Unfortunately, we do not have the facilities to take any form of credit or debit card on the night.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us set up on Friday after school, drop off and help clear up from 9am on Saturday morning. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers on the Friday and coffee and Berocca (for those who are hungover) will also be provided for volunteers helping on the Saturday morning.

As always your help and time is greatly appreciated.

Next FOBPS meeting

The next FOBPS meeting is yet to be decided, but will let you know when we have a confirmed date. 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