



# DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Headteacher's Thoughts

We had a special treat in Tuesday's assembly with World Beats Music demonstrating the versatility of the guitar by playing a range of music from Ed Sheeran to Spanish classical guitar music. The children certainly enjoyed the music and I know several of the KS2 are keen to start/continue lessons.

The Pupil Parliament met on Wednesday morning to discuss and prepare for Sport Relief - which will be here before we know it. I know they have come up with some great ideas to share and I wonder what activity will be selected. For those who are not aware, the Pupil Parliament is an opportunity for all the children in school to be able to share their views and opinions on certain topics within mixed age groups. Each group is led by a member of Owl class (with a teacher) – it is also a great way for the children to get to know each other.

There has certainly been a variety of bugs around at the end of last term and the beginning of this one; please can I remind everyone that if your child has been sick they should remain off school for 48 hours to ensure the bug is not shared with the rest of their class. Thank you.

At the end of the newsletter, I have attached the term dates for next year (2018-19) for your information to assist you with any planning of holidays etc.

Mr. Leigh

### Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Hope

During our collective worship, we will be learning about the value of hope. We will think about the hope in God's promise 'that love and goodness have, and will ultimately, overcome all evil and that his hope is manifested in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ'. We will also think about hopes for the future for ourselves and others.

### Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 6pm – Governor Committees  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 7pm – Full Governing Body  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 3:15pm School closes for Half term



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens  
OWL CLASS SWIMMING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Junior Citizen – Year 6  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Choir – Music concert in Oxford  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – P & C Governor Committee

### Achievements Book

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement book this week.

<b>Hedgehog Class:</b>	Delilah Budd, Patience Curtis
<b>Squirrel Class:</b>	Charlotte Bristow, Mylo Budd
<b>Fox Class:</b>	Louise Clements, Daniel Brooks
<b>Owl Class :</b>	Theo Beaman, Alex Grant

<p><b><u>Attendance</u></b></p> <p>Our whole school target this year for attendance is <b>97%</b></p> <p>This week's whole school attendance is</p> <p style="color: red;"><b>96%</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Punctuality Stars</u></b></p> <p>Congratulations to Hedgehog class with no late marks this week!</p> 
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**After School Clubs First Spring Half Term 2018**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Multi-sports (Ignite Sport - Free) 3.30pm-4.30pm	No Clubs	<b>KS2 Drama Club</b> 3.30pm-4.30pm  <b>Art Club</b> 3.15pm-4.15pm(maximum 20 children)	<b>KS2 Choir</b> - 3:30pm – 4:15pm	Ignite Sports - Free Hockey Club 3.15pm-4.15pm <b>(Please note children must be picked up by 4.15pm)</b>

**STARGAZING 2018 – 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

As you may know every year the Oxford Astrophysics Department open up to the General Public for an afternoon/ Evening of Arts & Crafts/ Sun Spotting / Star Gazing and General Astronomy.

This year the date is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018! We will open to the General Public from 2pm- 9pm, but we would like to offer you the opportunity to come along from 1pm for a relaxed hour to explore all we have on offer. This will include a Planetarium, Arts & Crafts and hopefully some Sun Spotting (Weather permitting). There will also be lot of stalls on offer and general Astronomy related activities – which will include telescopes with advice from the local amateur groups.

If this is something that you would like to participate in please let me know, ([Leanne.odonnell@physics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Leanne.odonnell@physics.ox.ac.uk)) We can provide a guide if you like or you are free to wander around.

You will of course be more than welcome to stay however long you wish during the day.

If you have any questions or require any additional information or have any suggestions on things we can do to help you get the most out of the day please do not hesitate to contact me ([Leanne.odonnell@physics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Leanne.odonnell@physics.ox.ac.uk)).

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### Jungle Exploration

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Kidmore End War Memorial Hall

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Sacred Heart Parish Hall Henley

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Benson Youth Hall

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Woodcote Village Hall

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## TERM DATES 2018/2019

<u>Autumn Term 2018</u>	Total School Days
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September - <b>Inset Day</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	33
Half Term: Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (School closes at 2pm)	38
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December - <b>Inset Day</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December - <b>Inset Day</b>	
Christmas Holiday: Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	
<u>Spring Term 2019</u>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January - <b>Inset Day</b>	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	29
Half Term: Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (School closes at 2pm)	30
Easter Holiday: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
<u>Summer Term 2019</u>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	23
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
Half Term: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - <b>Inset Day</b>	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July (School closes at 2pm)	37
Summer Holiday	
Total school days	190