



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

It is hard to imagine that we have reached the half way point of the school year already. Remember next week is our half term break, so hopefully the weather will be kind for us all to get out and about. I look forward to seeing you on the 19th February by 8:50am.

The after school clubs for next half term are listed in the box below. Multi-Sports group continues after half term, however if your child is not requiring the space, please let us know so we can re-allocate the space. Please note due to the type of activities, the ICT club is restricted to KS2 children only.

Reminders

- Owl Class will be swimming next half term – please remember your swimming kit on the first day back
- World Book Day is on 1st March – as last year, we are encouraging the children to come dressed as their favourite book character and where possible to bring the book with them to share. This is different to other dressing up days as there is no charge for this non-uniform day. The last few years, we have had such a variety of different characters – I wonder if I can guess the characters this year.
- Parents Evenings will be held on the 19th & 20th March – look out for the appointments just after half term.
- The Easter Service will be at 9:15am on Thursday 29th March (change to our normal time)

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.

Monday 19th February – School re-opens
OWL CLASS SWIMMING
Thursday 1st March – World Book Day
Wednesday 7th March – Owl Class – STEM workshop
Thursday 8th March – Junior Citizen – Year 6
Friday 9th March – PTA Film Night
Tuesday 13th March – Governor Committee
Thursday 15th March – Choir – Music concert in Oxford
Monday 19th / Tuesday 20th March – Parents Evenings
Wednesday 21st March – 7pm – Full Governors
Friday 23rd March – 2:30pm – Hedgehog Topic Event

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Isla Shrimpton, Juvanita Johnson
Squirrel Class: Maya Popa, Olga Edison
Fox Class: Zachary Fowler, Kodie Curtis
Owl Class : Leon Absolom, Tom Brooks

Attendance

Our whole school target this year for attendance is **97%**
This week's whole school attendance is

96%



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Hedgehog, Fox and Owl classes with no late marks this week!



PTA News

Many thanks to Laura Bristow for organising the book sale - we hope your children enjoy their new books as much as you enjoy some empty shelf space!

We are delighted that Emma Shrimpton has come forward to be our new Treasurer effective immediately. The PTA committee is very grateful to outgoing Treasurer Emma Ferry for all her work and efficiency over the last 2 and a half years. Thank you Emma.

Claire Andersson

After School Clubs Second Spring Half Term 2018

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

KS2 ICT Club Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm

Child's Name _____

Class _____

I give permission for my child to attend ICT Club on Thursdays after school.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

Date _____

THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

EASTER 2018

12th and 13th April 2018

WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD

About us

Established in 2013, *The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School* is for boys and girls aged 7–13 who love to sing. The singing school was established to give children the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

About the course

Based at Worcester College, Oxford, pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. This Easter, we will be exploring seasonal music to celebrate Spring and Easter.

Families are most welcome to come and listen to a mini-concert at the end of each day. Courses include whole-group singing, musical games and exercises to improve sight reading, small group vocal coaching and much more.

"How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have lots of fun and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days – all in the most beautiful surroundings." Bob Chilcott.

"Thank you for another fabulous course! His teachers have said they notice a real difference!"

"Thank you! Your course was the high-light of the holidays."

"My son loves your courses. It's the only thing he sets his alarm for."



We have regular courses in Oxford, Cambridge and Guildford. For more information and to book a space, please visit our website.

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Didcot Girls' School Choral Group, and
All Saints C of E Primary School, Didcot,
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