



# DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 16th March 2018

## Headteacher's Thoughts

As I wrote my newsletter item early last week, I missed some of the exciting elements of the week. On Wednesday, Owl Class spent the day with the Year 5/6 class of St Blaise to experience a STEM day (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) sponsored by Newton Europe. It was a day to support their learning through the curriculum by asking them to think creatively through problem solving. It was great to be able to access this expertise. The Year 6 children carried on the adventure on Thursday afternoon by visiting the Oxford Fire Station to complete the challenging scenarios of Junior Citizen. This programme enables the children to experience real life situations and chances to make a 999 call as always, they are sworn to secrecy not to spoil for other year groups.

On Friday, the PTA held their popular Film night, which this time included two films for the various Key Stages. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

Next Friday is Sports Relief and the children are able to come to school dressed as a sports person – maybe someone from the Winter Olympics Curling team carrying their brush! We ask that if the children take part, they bring a donation of £1 to support this charity. We will also be doing some additional activities throughout the day.

Next Monday and Tuesday are the Spring Term Parents evenings – please make sure you have signed up on ParentMail and I hope to see you then.

Mr. Leigh

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

## Compassion

In worship we are thinking how we can show compassion and kindness to one another. We are recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with compassion.

*Compassion is about standing in someone else's shoes. In other words trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help*

### Future Diary Dates.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 7pm – Full Governors

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 2:30pm – Hedgehog Topic Event

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sports Relief

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Fox Class Visit – Hampton Court

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Hedgehog Class – Farmer Gow's

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm – Fox Class Topic Event

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2:30pm – Squirrel Topic Event

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 2:30pm Owl Topic Event

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 9:15am – Easter Service (Abbey)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm School closes for Easter**

### Achievements Book

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

**Hedgehog Class:** Jacob Hassall, Harley-Jay Sanders

**Squirrel Class:** Olga Edison, Jezreel Shijo

**Fox Class:** Joe Robinson, Cecily Gauden

**Owl Class:** Jacob Clewley, Brynmor Bennett

### Attendance

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

90%



### Punctuality Stars

Congratulations Squirrel Class with no late marks this week!



## **KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT**



**Congratulations to Annabelle King, Jacob Hassall & Hugo Margison – Kung Fu Reading Masters.**

### Parking around the school

At the moment, there are many challenges with parking in Queen Street which can cause traffic issues at the beginning and end of the school day. Therefore, if possible please could you either park on the High Street and come through the alley way or park near the recreation ground. This would certainly help with the congestion around school. Thank you.

### After School Clubs Second 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>KS2 Choir</b> - 3:30pm – 4:15pm  <b>KS2 ICT Club</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>



*"It's a great way to learn about other cultures and particularly for children to learn that others are like them but might look or do things differently."*



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*Joanna, Berkhamsted*

Dear Parent

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