



# DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th March 2018

## Headteacher's Thoughts

It was certainly an interesting end to the cold spell on Friday, when most of the schools in Oxfordshire were closed and as quickly as it arrived by the end of the weekend it was all gone again. I hope you were able to enjoy the snow – I did hear about the exciting tales on Monday from snow ball fights to snow people.

Parents Evenings are fast approaching on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March, therefore on Monday, the appointments will appear on Parentmail, please make sure you log in to reserve your time. The time slots will be between 5 – 7:30pm on Monday and 3:30 – 6pm on Tuesday.

Following our recent request for Parent Governors, we received one nomination for the vacancy in this term therefore no election was necessary. We welcome Mr A Kelly to the Governors and I look forward to working with him. There will be two more vacancies coming up this year – so I will be resending the nomination forms after Easter. I would also like to take the opportunity of thanking Mrs Sadler, who steps down as a Governor this term; she has been a great support to the school over the last few years, particularly being part of the Governor team that worked extremely hard to prepare for Ofsted in 2015. I would add my personal thanks for providing me with the challenge but providing great support, which I have appreciated.

We have recently restarted Piano lessons in school and there are 4 spaces after Easter, if your child would like to start, please let the office know.

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.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Governor Committee

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Choir – Music concert in Oxford

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

### Achievements Book

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

**Hedgehog Class:** Jeremiel Shijo, Lori-Mae Garricks

**Squirrel Class:** Jerome Jojy, Poppy Line

**Fox Class:** Jake Sullivan-Webb, Angelina Sirjajeva

**Owl Class:** The Whole Class for a fantastic STEM day at ST Blaise!



## Y6 and Foundation Stage School Photographs

On Monday (12<sup>th</sup> March) Foundation Stage and Year 6 children will be having group photos taken. Please send your children into school looking smart and wearing the correct uniform. Thank you.

## Head Lice


We have had a case of head lice reported in school this week. Please check all of your family's hair and treat as necessary.

Thank you.


<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>93%</b></p> 	<p><b><u>Punctuality Stars</u></b></p> <p>Congratulations to all classes with no late marks this week!</p> 
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## 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 <b>(Please note children must be picked up by 4.15pm)</b>




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# MUSIC OPEN DAY

Sunday 11th March



For children aged  
2 – 7 years

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