



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4th May 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

I mentioned the brilliant Spring Fair in last week's newsletter and I can now share we raised **£782.55**, which is a fantastic amount – thank you again to the PTA and to everyone who came to support us.

On Monday, I was invited by John Howell, our local MP, with a few other local small school headteachers to meet Nick Gibb MP, the Minister of State for Schools, to talk about the challenges facing small schools and the current budget cuts which are affecting all schools around the country. It was very interesting to visit the Houses of Parliament, but also have the opportunity to discuss issues with a government minister, who appears to be a champion of small schools. Hopefully it will make a difference!

A quick reminder for the children going to the Isle of Wight in September (some Y5 children) please can I remind you to continue to pay for this trip as we have now paid the final instalment. Thank you.

We have to regularly monitor our absences, therefore it is important that we are notified on the first day of absence either by phone or on Parentmail to ensure that the absence is correctly marked and not noted as unauthorised. Thank you for your co-operation.

This afternoon is our annual May Dancing, the children and the teachers have been busy learning the dances. I know they will be brilliant and I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Friendship

Throughout our assemblies we will be looking at all aspects of friendship and how we should help friends through good and bad times.

We will learn how to trust our friends and how Christians trust God. We will think about how friendships develop and how true friendship lasts forever.

*"A friend loves at all times."
Proverbs 17:17*

Future Diary Dates.

Week beginning 14th May – Y6 SATS

Thursday 10th May – Cllr Hibbert-Biles to visit school

Tuesday 22nd May – 6pm – Musical Evening

Friday 25th May – 3:15pm – End of the first half term

Monday 4th June – INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th June – Back to school

Monday 11th June – Owl Class swimming starts

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Patience Curtis, Max Jasinskaskas

Squirrel Class: Nola Kelly, Bella Clewley

Fox Class: Riley Wells, Rebecca Green

Owl Class: Leona Shijo, Charlie Bell

Attendance

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



Punctuality Stars

Congratulations to Owl and Squirrel Classes with no late marks this week



KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT



**Congratulations to Rose Chadney & Cressida Kilby-Birch
– Kung Fu Reading Masters.**

Message from Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Didcot and Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Team's will be holding a 'Cover it live' online chat session on Wednesday 16th May at 1900-2000. We will be looking to discuss and answer any questions or concerns you have surrounding you child's use of the internet and advice on how to monitor and protect them from harm. All questions can be anonymous and all you need to do is log on with the following link

<http://thamesvp.coverpage.coveritlive.com/> we look forward to hearing from you.

Festival of Voices

This year's Annual NAPE Festival of Voices is on Thursday 21st June in Dorchester Abbey.

The festival is open to children in KS2. This is a very popular and oversubscribed festival and we are very lucky to get 20 places for our children to attend the concert. If your child would like to take part in the Festival of Voices and is willing to commit to the afternoon rehearsal and concert, please complete the permission slip below.

Spring Fair

Thank you to all Parents and Teachers for their fantastic support at the Spring Fair, we raised a grand total of **£782.55 !!**

If you didn't get a chance to see the super shopping bags featuring your child's brilliant portrait, we will have them on sale today at the May Dancing. £5 each or £8 for 2.

Tea Room 12th May

The PTA is running the Abbey Tea Room next Saturday to raise money for the school. Would any parent be available to help from 2pm until 5pm as we are a couple of people short? If not, could you bake us a delicious cake (whole cakes preferred)? Please come and see us and enjoy tea, scones and cake.

Claire Andersson

After School Clubs First Half Summer Term 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Multi-sports (Ignite Sport - Free) 3.30pm- 4.30pm	KS2 Choir - 3:30pm – 4:15pm	KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm-4.30pm KS2 Athletics Club with Mr Bristow 3:30pm – 4:15pm	KS1 and KS2 Lego Club 3:30pm – 4:15pm	Ignite Sports - Free Hockey Club 3.15pm- 4.15pm (Please note children must be picked up by 4.15pm)

Festival of Voices Concert 2018

Child's Name:

Years: 3 4 5 6

My child would like to take part in the Festival of Voices Concert on Thursday 21st June.

I give permission for my child to attend the afternoon rehearsal and evening concert.

Signed: _____

Date: _____