



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 20th July

Headteacher's Thoughts

A few months ago, Fox class entered a Poetry Competition organised by the Somerset Literacy Network. Each child created their own mini-beast poem and I am pleased to announce that Jake Sullivan-Webb came joint 3rd in the Lower KS2 category, winning a poetry book. Sian Wilson, Axl-Zayvier Taylor, Sasha Jasinskaite and Riley Wells were commended for their poems. Well done to Fox Class for all their efforts.

We are having our **Movie Day** on Tuesday 24th July, which should be an exciting day of activity and we are hoping that the children will come in dressed as their favourite movie star or maybe the director! We all enjoyed our day as a King or Queen last year. I hope to be flying in – just to give you a hint of my character!

The Leavers' service and the end of term service have been combined again and will be at the **Abbey at 9:30am on the 25th July**. The Year 6 children, who will be sharing their memories of their time with us as we wish them well in their new schools, will lead this service. I do hope you can join us for this special service. The service is open to **everyone not just Y6 parents** as it is our end of year service. The governors are organising some refreshments after the service for us all to share some time together at the end of the term.

Each year, we have to monitor the attendance across the school very closely particularly if attendance falls below 90% as this can have a detrimental effect on the children's learning. We would ask that we are all mindful of this over next year – I will send out the term dates with Wednesday's newsletter to avoid any potential holiday clashes during the school year.

There is an opportunity for more children to learn the fife, flute or clarinet (from Year 3 upwards) next year – if your child is interested please ask me for further details.

Isle of Wight Residential – for the children who are attending the residential in September, please can I remind everyone that the balance for this trip needs to be paid and the parental consent form needs to be returned to school by the end of term.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Respect

During collective worship, we will be learning about **respect for people** because you admire something about them, **respect for other people's feelings**, wishes and rights as well as **respect for the environment**. We will learn that we can't expect to be respected unless we show respect.

'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them'
Matthew 7:12

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 23rd July – 1.30pm & 6pm – KS2 Play

Tuesday 24th July – MOVIE DAY!

What character will you be?

Tuesday 24th July – 6pm – PTA Disco

Wednesday 25th July – 9:30am – Leavers Service in the Abbey

2pm – End of Term – school closes for the summer.

Tuesday 4th September – INSET DAY

Wednesday 5th September – New Term starts

Achievements Book

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

Hedgehog Class: Mikey Ashley, Anushka Arun

Squirrel Class: Marcie Bennett, Zachary Obeng

Fox Class: Shannon Pottinger, Joe Robinson

Owl Class: Theo Beaman, Charlie Bell

Attendance

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

94%



Punctuality Stars

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



KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT



**Congratulations to Mylo Budd and Poppy Line
– Kung Fu Reading Master.**

KUNG FU READING MASTER – BLACK BELT

– 2nd Degree



Congratulations to Rose Chadney and Isla Shrimpton

