



DORCHESTER, ST BIRINUS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 14th September 2018

Headteacher's Thoughts

This year, your children may have mentioned, we have reduced our school rules down to three simple rules to help everyone remember them and this applies to everyone within school. The new rules are:

× Be ready × Be respectful × Be safe.

Within our assemblies and in class, we have been looking at these rules and considering what behaviour would be appropriate for each one – it has certainly generated some interesting discussions, which has been very enlightening and a worthwhile process.

This year, we are working closely with the County Attendance team to monitor the attendance across the school – please can I remind everyone that if your child is not in school due to illness that you have let the office know at the beginning of school. Thank you.

As a new venture for us, Fox Class will be learning to play the violin (as a class) each Friday afternoon, which is very exciting and I look forward to hearing the fruits of their labours. On the theme of music – there are still spaces available for anyone that wishes to learn the flute or guitar. Please let me know if you are interested.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Creativity

As part of our work on this value, we will think about God as Creator of the world. We will talk about what a great designer God must be and how powerful He is. We are reminded how important it is for us to make informed choices about looking after our world.

'For nothing will be impossible with God.' Luke 1.37

Future Diary Dates.

Tuesday 18th September – Oxford Academy to talk to Y6

Tuesday 18th September – Governors Resources
Committee

Wednesday 19th September – P & C Governor Meeting

W/b 24th September - 8 x Y6 Children on residential to
the Isle of Wight

Tuesday 25th September – Foundation Stage Eye Test

Wednesday 3rd October – Y6 PE morning at Wallingford

Thursday 4th October – 9:15am Harvest Service in the
Abbey

Friday 5th October – Foundation to Y5 – Flu Vaccination

Achievements Book

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

Squirrel Class: Rozalla Robinson, Mikey Ashley

Fox Class: Bella Clewley, Charlotte Bristow

Owl Class: Riley Wells, Melissa Obeng

Attendance

Our whole school target this year for attendance is **97%**

This week's whole school attendance is **97%**



Punctuality Stars

A great start to the term – no late marks this week – Brilliant news!



PE

PE for each class will be on Thursday and Friday each week with our new PE coaches – if your child wears earrings, please can you make sure they are able to remove them for PE or if in the first few weeks of having their ears pierced that they can place plasters over the earrings – this also applies to swimming lessons. Thank you for your help.

Reminders

Amenities Fund

At the beginning of the new school year, we ask each family in school if they would contribute £5 towards our Amenities Fund. The £5 per family is a voluntary contribution but it is one that we very much hope that you will decide to make. The money is used to buy all kinds of 'extras' for the children, the kind of 'extras' that we would have to think twice about if we had to fund them from the school budget. For example, we buy tissues for the classrooms, first aid kit items, squash, biscuits for visits, classroom and sports day stickers, etc. If you are willing to make this voluntary contribution, please complete the slip below and return it to school with the £5 donation. Cheques should be made payable to Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School.

End of School Arrangements

We are updating our records as to what happens to your child at the end of the school day *e.g. you collect them, someone else collects etc.* Please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

Family Donation to Amenities Fund

Child's Name:

Class: Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I enclose £5 as our family contribution to the school's Amenities Fund.

Signed:

Date

End of School Arrangements

Child's Name:

Class Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

End of School Arrangements 2015-16

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

General Consent Form for Fieldwork Activities in the Local Area of Dorchester on Thames

Child's Name:

Class Hedgehog/Squirrel/Fox/Owl

I am aware of the school's policy and practice of fieldwork activities in the local area. Provided the class is adequately supervised at all times, I am happy for my child to take part in these activities.

Signed: Date:

At present, I do not feel able to give my consent for my child to take part in such fieldwork activities.
